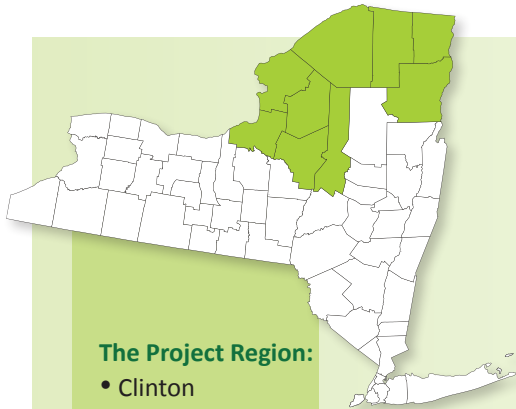




## Call for Acreage



### The Project Region:

- Clinton
- Essex
- Franklin
- Herkimer
- Jefferson
- Lewis
- Oneida
- Oswego
- St. Lawrence

### Project Details

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency is investing funds to encourage the growth of shrub willow as a renewable energy source in Central and Northern New York. Critical to the project is a collaboration between ReEnergy and the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) in Syracuse. USDA, ESF and ReEnergy are conducting an outreach program to educate local government officials, agricultural leaders, farmers and landowners about the opportunity to grow willow and providing other support to growers.

The willow biomass crops can be grown on underutilized, marginal or otherwise available farmland and used as fuel for biomass-to-energy facilities that are operated by ReEnergy Holdings.



### USDA Farm Service Agency

The funds will be made available from the USDA's Farm Service Agency, which helps renewable energy companies and farmers manage the risk of developing new crops like willow for power, heat and fuel. The USDA's Farm Service Agency will provide up to 50 percent reimbursement of willow establishment costs, annual rental payments, and a biomass purchasing contract with ReEnergy for the program term of 11 years.

*Interested?* The sign-up deadline is September 25, 2015.

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[www.esf.edu/willow](http://www.esf.edu/willow)



To assist landowners with more information on willow and the opportunities of the BCAP program, SUNY-ESF, ReEnergy, and USDA FSA will be hosting a series of events in the project region. Events will provide an overview of willow biomass crops, the logistics and economics of production, contracting with ReEnergy to sell the willow biomass for renewable biopower, and enrolling acreage in the program through your local USDA FSA office. Meetings will be held at both indoor locations with slideshow presentations and Q&A sessions, and at willow production sites for interactive discussions in the field. Events will be held at various locations in Jefferson, Lewis and Oneida Counties on both **September 9<sup>th</sup>** and **September 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us for one more of these events! SUNY-ESF can also provide one-on-one consultations with interested landowners. There will be two informational webinars hosted online by the NEWBio Project on September 9<sup>th</sup>, see details attached.

Wednesday September 9

**12:00 - 1:30**

USDA Farm Service Agency  
21168 NY-232 Watertown, NY 13601

**2:00 - 3:00**

Willow Field Location #1  
Approximate street address:  
16102 Middle Rd Dexter, NY (then follow signs for bioenergy event)

**5:00 - 6:00**

Willow Field Location #2  
Approximate street address:  
4166 Sweeney Rd Constableville, NY 13325 (then follow signs for bioenergy event)

**6:30 - 8:00**

USDA Farm Service Agency  
5274 Outer Stowe St  
Lowville, NY 13367

Monday September 14

**12:00 - 1:30**

Booneville Municipal Building Conference Room  
13149 NY-12 Booneville 13309

**2:00 - 3:00**

Willow Field Location #3  
Approximate street address:  
7393 E Ava Rd Boonville, NY 13309 (then follow signs for bioenergy event)

**5:00 - 6:00**

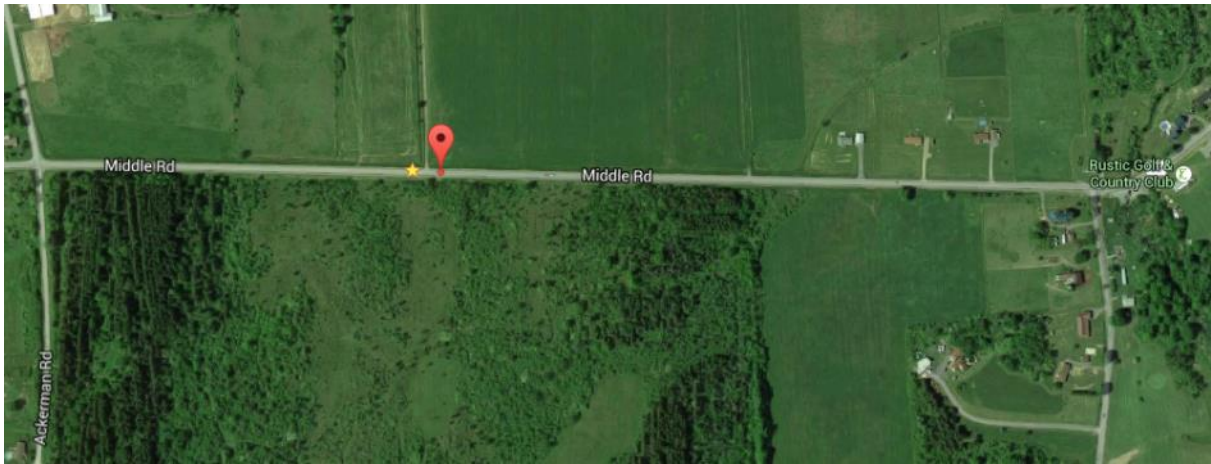
Willow Field Location #4 (northeast corner of Bellville Henderson Central School lot)  
Approximate street address:  
7943-8773 NY-289, Adams, NY 13605

**6:30 - 8:00**

USDA Farm Service Agency  
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Willow Field Location #1 - Approximate: 16102 Middle Rd Dexter, NY



Willow Field Location #2 - Approximate 4166 Sweeney Rd Constableville, NY 13325



Willow Field Location #3 - Approximate: 7393 E Ava Rd Boonville, NY 13309



Willow Field Location #4 - Approximate: 7943-8773 New York 289, Adams, NY 13605

# BCAP Informational Webinars Offered on September 9, 2015

## *NEWBio Webinar*

September 9, 2015

### **BIOMASS CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Aloterra Energy, LLC and ReEnergy Holdings LLC Outline BCAP Incentives for New Land Enrollments**



#### *What will you learn?*

NEWBio industry partners Aloterra Energy LLC, based in northeastern Ohio, and ReEnergy Holdings LLC in upstate New York are among the project area sponsors who qualify for a recently announced \$7.7 million allocation toward the establishment of new acreage in existing BCAP project areas. BCAP, or the Biomass Crop Assistance Program, was reauthorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and provides financial assistance for growing new sources of biomass for energy or biobased products within designated projects areas. The new enrollment incentive targets the establishment of an additional 10,500 acres of shrub willow, giant miscanthus, and switchgrass for energy. Landowners may enroll for biomass establishment and maintenance payments for these four sites through September 25. Aloterra is actively recruiting new landowners to join its project, hoping to plant 3,000 more acres to supplement its existing 4,000. ReEnergy is aiming to approximately double the current willow acreage from about 1,200 acres to 2,500 acres.

#### *Presenters:*

Jon Griswold and Courtney Spencer  
[Aloterra Energy LLC](#)

Mike Buckley and Sarah Boggess  
[ReEnergy Holdings LLC](#)

Virginia Green  
[USDA Farm Service Agency](#)

#### *Who should participate?*

Landowners, producers, and growers interested in biomass establishment and maintenance payments

#### *Session(s) Details*

September 9, 2015  
Noon to 1:00 pm Eastern Time  
Duration: 01:00 (hh:mm)

September 9, 2015  
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Eastern Time  
Duration: 01:00 (hh:mm)



Aloterra Energy recently completed work on a new facility in Ashtabula, OH that will process miscanthus into fiber packaging products.



A commercial willow field near the ReEnergy Lyonsdale biopower facility in Northern New York State.

Attend the live webinars at <https://meeting.psu.edu/bioenergy> - sign in as a guest.  
Please join the session 10 minutes prior to start