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Farm fields near Ames, IA, 12 June 2008.
Source: Ames Tribune, 13 June 2008.

“The survey by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship shows that an estimated 2.3 million acres — about 10 percent of Iowa’s cropland — has suffered severe erosion damage, which is defined as the loss of 20 tons or more of soil per acre.”

-- Associated Press, 30 July 2008



Promote perennial grasses as a nutrient management strategy

	Practice	% Nitrate-N Reduction [Average (Std. Dev.)]
Nitrogen Management	Timing (Fall to spring)	6 (25)
	Source (Liquid swine compared to commercial)	4 (11)
	Nitrogen Application Rate	Depends on starting point
	Nitrification Inhibitor	9 (19)
	Cover Crops (Rye)	31 (29)
Land Use	Perennial – Land retirement	85 (9)
	Living Mulches	41 (16)
	Extended Rotations	42 (12)
Edge-of-Field	Drainage Water Mgmt.	33 (32)*
	Shallow Drainage	32 (15)*
	Wetlands	52
	Bioreactors	43 (21)
	Buffers	91 (20)**



Minnesota



Wisconsin



Indiana



Iowa



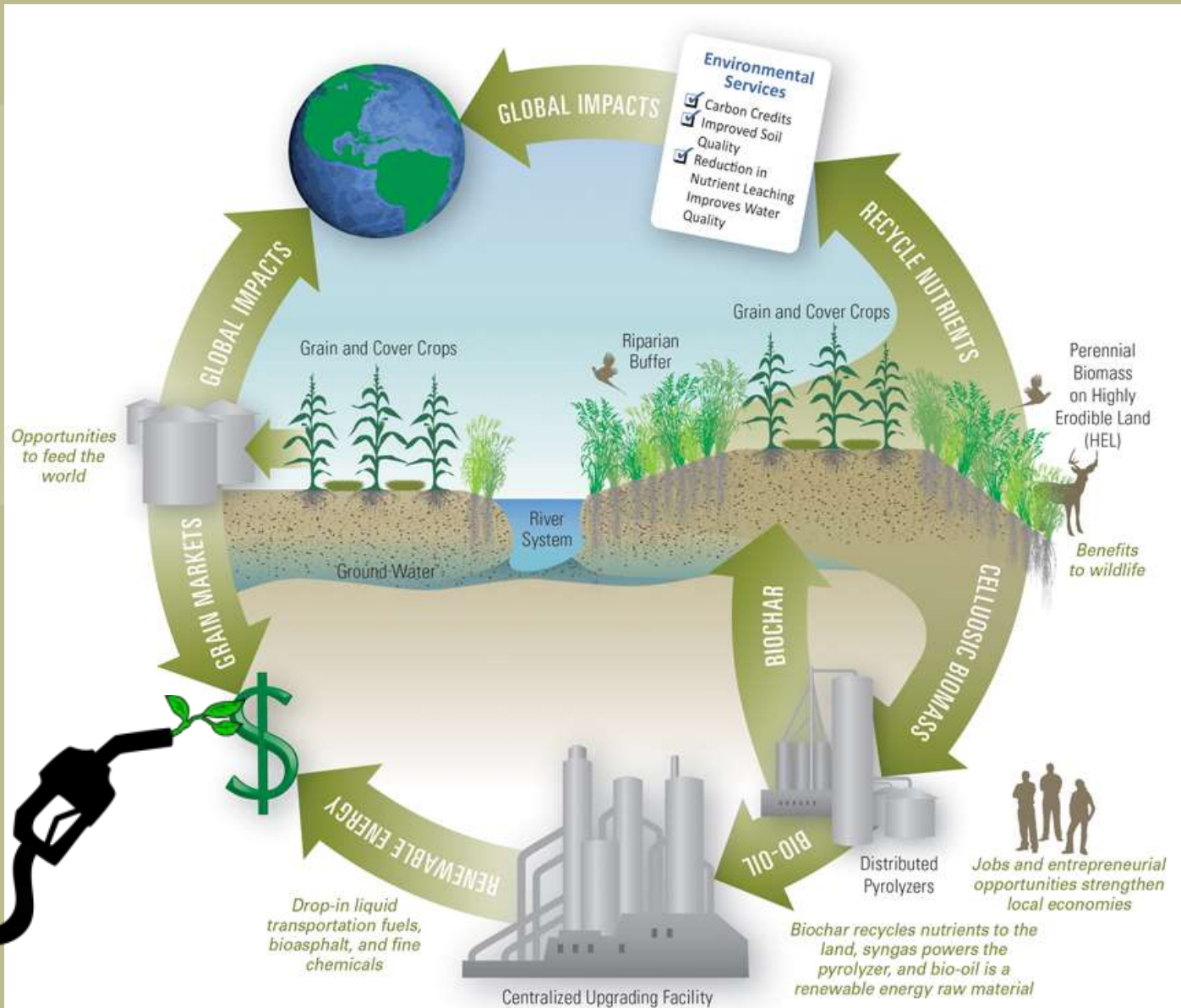
Nebraska

**Logistics
Agronomy
Economics
Processing
Extension**

**Plant Breeding
Agronomy
Education
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“Corn States with issues.”

CenUSA Vision



CenUSA Extension

Audiences:

- Farmers
- Industry leaders
- Extension Educators
- Non-farm public/youth



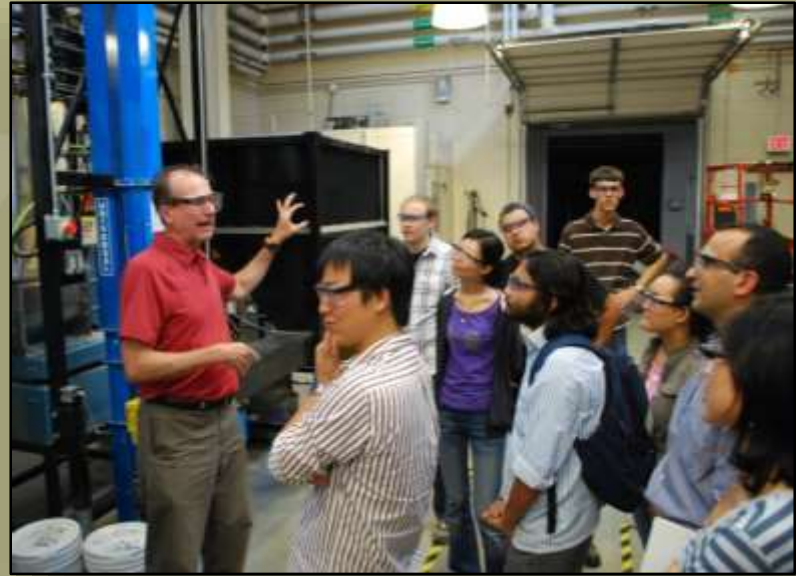
Goals:

- Awareness & knowledge gain
- Stimulate adoption



CenUSA Outreach

- Workshops
 - Field days
 - Conferences
 - Media events
 - Networking activities
 - Exhibits
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- On-line learning modules
 - eXtension articles
 - Curriculum/iPad app
 - Videos
 - Webinars
 - FAQs
 - Fact Sheets



Educational Materials



Competition for Land Use: Why would the rational producer grow switchgrass for biofuel?

Keri Jacobs, CenUSA Co-PD

April 29, 2014

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Webinars

A screenshot of a webinar slide. The main title is "Competition for Land Use: Why would the rational producer grow switchgrass for biofuel?". The presenter is Keri Jacobs, CenUSA Co-PD. The date is April 29, 2014. There is a small note at the bottom about funding from the USDA Business Institute of Food and Agriculture. On the right side, there is a sidebar with various controls and a search bar.



Fact Sheets

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Switchgrass Stand Establishment: Key Factors for Success

Successful establishment is critical to the long-term economic viability of a switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum* L.) stand. But switchgrass establishment is not difficult if precipitation is timely and four

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A fact sheet from CenUSA Bioenergy. The title is "Switchgrass Stand Establishment: Key Factors for Success". It discusses the importance of precipitation for successful establishment. The authors listed are Rob Mitchell, a Research Agronomist at USDA-ARS in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Susan J. Harlow, a Freelance Journalist affiliated with the University of Vermont. There is a small image of a switchgrass field at the bottom right.

Outreach for Youth



Meet C6



CenUSA Resources



Conference Info



*2014 Extension Energy and
Environment Summit*

Conference Website
www.2014e3.org

Grupio App Instructions
www.2014e3.org/app

eXtension CenUSA
<http://goo.gl/4kFkVD>

CenUSA Bioenergy
www.cenusa.iastate.edu

Meeting Educational Goals

Perennial Grass Field Day Survey

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Location _____ Date: _____

Presenters: _____

Dear CenUSA field day participant,

You are being asked to respond to this survey because you participated in a CenUSA field day. The goal was for you, the participant, to increase your knowledge and awareness of perennial grasses and bioenergy opportunities. Please take 5 minutes to complete this survey to let us know if you value the information. Your input will be used to improve bioenergy Extension and Outreach education.

The survey is completely voluntary and anonymous. You may skip questions you are not comfortable answering and withdraw from participating at any time. Your responses will not be linked directly to you by name; all data will be combined. Responses will be used in summary form only. There is no risk involved in responding to this survey. Thank you for your input.

BEFORE CenUSA Field Day				My level of understanding or skill regarding ...	AFTER CenUSA Field Day			
NONE	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH		LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	SAME
				Establishing perennial grasses				
				Stand measurement of perennial grasses				
				Herbicide use in perennial grasses				
				Positive environmental effects of perennial grasses				
				Energy created from perennial grasses				
				Insects and diseases relevant to perennial grasses				

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... and justice for all

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Perennial Grasses for Bioenergy **Survey Results**

Ranked interests:

Economic benefit

Increasing yield potential

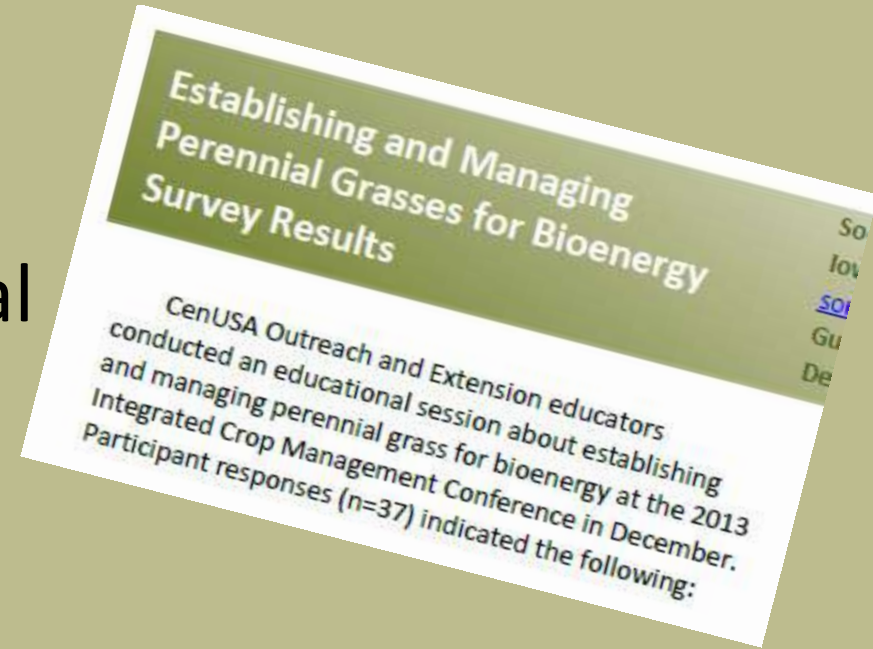
Land conservation

Intentions:

Want to learn more

Would consider on marginal land

Wait for market



Integrated Agricultural Landscapes for Profit & Risk Management **Survey Results**

Increased knowledge:

- Available resources from CenUSA
- Soil constraints for corn stover harvest
- Using yield maps for bioenergy decisions
- Economic opportunities

Interested in:

- Biomass harvest
- Marketing
- Economic benefit

Integrated Agricultural Landscapes for Profit & Risk Management Survey Results

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CenUSA Outreach and Extension educators conducted an educational session about integrated agricultural landscapes for profit and risk management at the 2013 Integrated Crop Management Conference in December. Participant responses (n=46) indicated the following:

- Intention**
- 56% want to implement integrated agricultural practice.
- 12% would like to learn more about integrated agricultural practice.
- 8% will still not implement integrated agricultural practice.

Decision Tool

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/crops/html/a1-29.html>

Switchgrass Following Pasture/Hay											
Ag Decision Maker -- Iowa State University Extension and Outreach											
See AgDM File A1-29, Estimated Cost of Establishment and Production of Switchgrass in Iowa for more information on Switchgrass production in Iowa.											
Enter inputs in shaded cells											
	Expected Yield	6.00	tons/acre			8.00	bales/acre, rounded to nearest bale				
	Bale Size	1500.00	pounds/bale								
	Expected Stand Life	7.00	years								
		Price per unit		Units Year 0	Cost in Year 0	Units Year 1	Cost in Year 1	Units Year 2	Cost in Year 2	Units Year 3+	Cost in Year 3+
Land Charge	\$ per acre	\$77.00		1.00	\$77.00	1.00	\$77.00	1.00	\$77.00	1.00	\$77.00
Pre-establishment Cost for Field Preparation											
Brush Mowing	\$ per pass	\$10.00		1.00	\$10.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Disking, Tandem	\$ per pass	\$14.20		2.00	\$28.40	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Soil Finishing	\$ per pass	\$14.60		2.00	\$29.20	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Herbicide Tolerant Crop in Previous Year	\$ per acre	\$268.85		1.00	\$268.85	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Winter Cover Crop (Oats)	\$ per acre	\$31.39		1.00	\$31.39	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Total Cost for Pre-establishment and Field Preparation					\$367.84		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Pre-harvest Machinery Operations											
Disking, Tandem	\$ per pass	\$14.20		0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Soil Finishing	\$ per pass	\$14.60		0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Fertilizer Spreading	\$ per pass	\$5.00		0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	1.00	\$5.00	1.00	\$5.00
Spraying Chemicals	\$ per pass	\$7.55		0.00	\$0.00	2.00	\$15.10	1.00	\$7.55	1.00	\$7.55
Drilling, grass seed	\$ per pass	\$16.05		0.00	\$0.00	1.00	\$16.05	1.00	\$16.05	0.00	\$0.00
Total Pre-harvest Machinery Operations					\$0.00		\$31.15		\$28.60		\$12.55
Operating Expenses											
Soil Test	\$ per test	\$8.00		0.00	\$0.00	0.20	\$1.60	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Seed Cost (pure live seed)	\$ per lb	\$15.00		0.00	\$0.00	5.00	\$75.00	0.50	\$7.50	0.00	\$0.00
Fertilizer											
Nitrogen (N)	\$ per pound	\$0.44		0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	60.00	\$26.40	60.00	\$26.40
Phosphorus (P)	\$ per pound	\$0.43		0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Potassium (K)	\$ per pound	\$0.41		0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Annual Lime (including its application)	\$ per ton	\$29.00		0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Herbicide											
Pre-emergence (Facet L)	\$ per ounce	\$0.21		0.00	\$0.00	32.00	\$6.72	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Post-emergence (2,4 D L)	\$ per ounce	\$0.20		0.00	\$0.00	32.00	\$6.40	32.00	\$6.40	32.00	\$6.40
Total Operating Expenses					\$0.00		\$89.72		\$40.30		\$32.80
		Interest rate									
Interest Expense on Pre-harvest Machinery Operations and Operating Expenses	8 month loan	5%			\$0.00		\$4.03		\$2.30		\$1.51
Harvest Machinery Operations											
Swathing	\$ per acre	\$14.20		0.00	\$0.00	1.00	\$14.20	1.00	\$14.20	1.00	\$14.20
Baling	\$ per bale	\$12.60		0.00	\$0.00	4.00	\$50.40	8.00	\$100.80	8.00	\$100.80
Windrowing	\$ per acre	\$12.90		0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Moving to Storage	\$ per bale	\$3.30		0.00	\$0.00	4.00	\$13.20	8.00	\$26.40	8.00	\$26.40
Total Harvest Machinery Operations					\$0.00		\$77.80		\$141.40		\$141.40
Total Cost of Production					\$444.84		\$279.70		\$289.60		\$265.26

Liberty Switchgrass

- High-yielding specifically created for bioenergy use
- Target yield = 6-7 tons biomass per acre
- Lifespan 10+ years

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/crops/html/a1-29.html>

Liberty – 10 year Timeframe

- 5-7 tons biomass per acre
- Total cost \$1,921.38
 - not including land cost
- Breakeven price before land: \$33.71 per ton
- Given average land charge for improved pasture (\$77 per acre), breakeven price with land = \$47.22 per ton

Public – Master Gardeners

Biochar 'Survey'

Please Give Us Your Opinion

Based on what you learned about Biochar today, if it were available on the market, would you be interested in applying it to your garden?



Vote by dropping a glass marble in the appropriate vase.



Public - Youth

C6 Game





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*C6 BioFarm: A Sustainability Game
for Learning the Role of a Bio-based
Economy*



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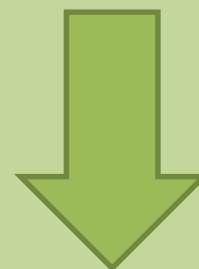


C6 BioFarm



Background

- Start Point: learning about biochar and the implications of large volume biochar production from switchgrass. (Purdue-developed curriculum delay led to C6 as interim)
- Educational objectives broadened to the carbon economy, transition from petroleum-C economy to bio-C economy. Old to new C
- STEM learning goals and links to learn about the importance of the initiative
 - sustainability from economical, environmental, and social standpoint
 - need to build resiliency into agricultural systems based on natural variations (weather, markets, political, etc.)
- Created C6 BioFarm to implement into classrooms





Goal of C6 BioFarm

- Educate youth about the role of carbon in the bioeconomy through an interactive game on biomass production using agricultural practices, consequences, and technology that:
 - requires real life farming decisions (crop insurance, cropping decisions, fertilizer & pesticides);
 - ranks players on economic, social, and environmental impacts of their decisions that focus on long term viability and efficiency after 3 years of play;
 - is supported by an iBook and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) lessons that provides content on biomass production, processing, products, and STEM careers;
 - has career videos that feature youth, interns, and professionals linked to the bioeconomy.



Results to date UPDATE

Reach: over 3,000 students: Ag Context for CenUSA Region
Use of C6 BioFarm to inform youth about ag production, bioenergy, and show them possible careers in these fields.

- 4-H, FFA, and K-12 science students will gain knowledge of biomass production, biofuels production, and carbon and nutrient cycling by participating in youth activities (measured by pre/post surveys and open-ended questionnaires)
- Youth will gain knowledge about STEM careers by participating in 4-H, FFA, and K-12 as classroom experiences (indicators measured by pre/post surveys and open-ended questionnaires).



START YOUR “GREEN-CARBON” PIGGYBANK!

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WHAT IS CARBON?

AN ELEMENT



OLD (FOSSIL)
CARBON



NEW (RENEWABLE)
CARBON



CARBON IS THE BUILDING BLOCK OF
EVERY LIFEFORM AND MOST FORMS OF ENERGY



CARBON FLOW

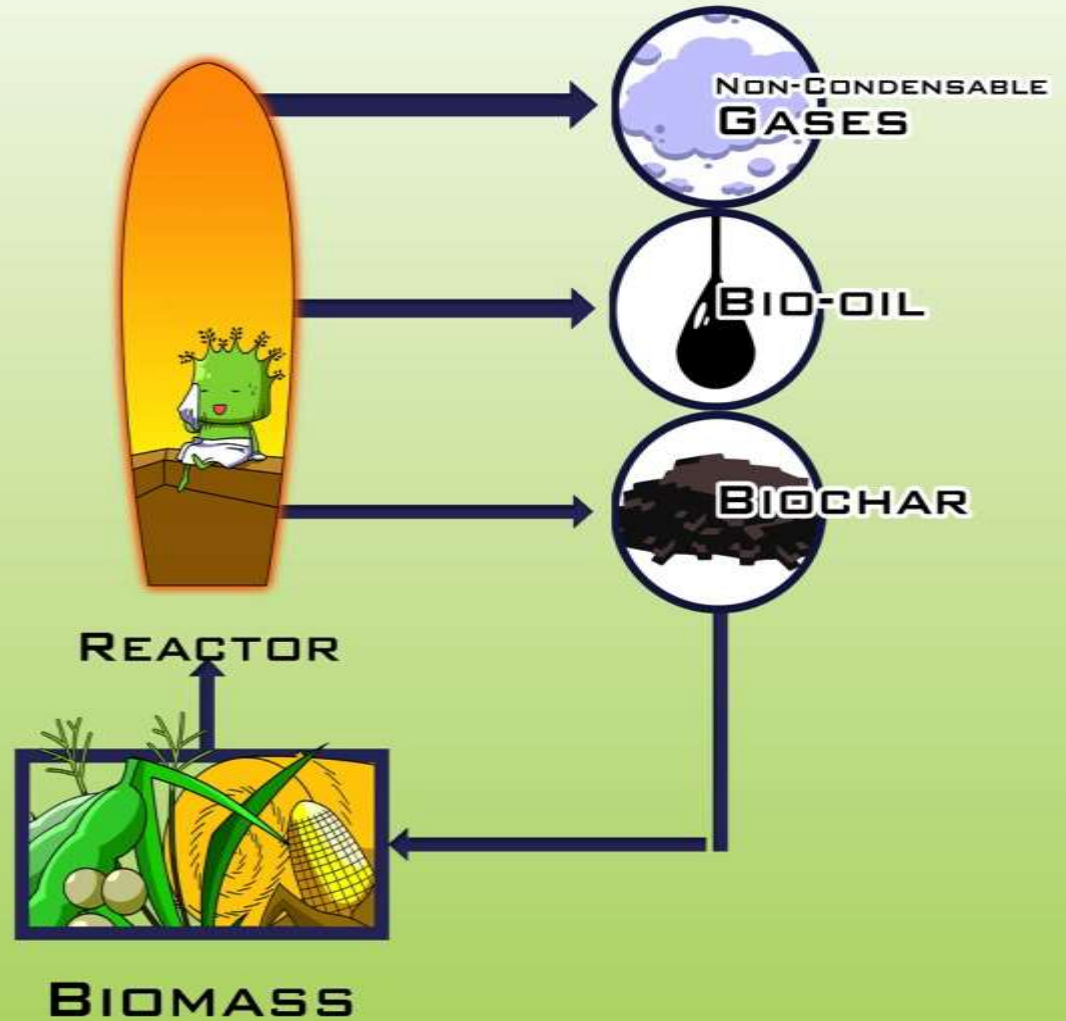
PART OF A GLOBAL SYSTEM

COMBUSTION



VS

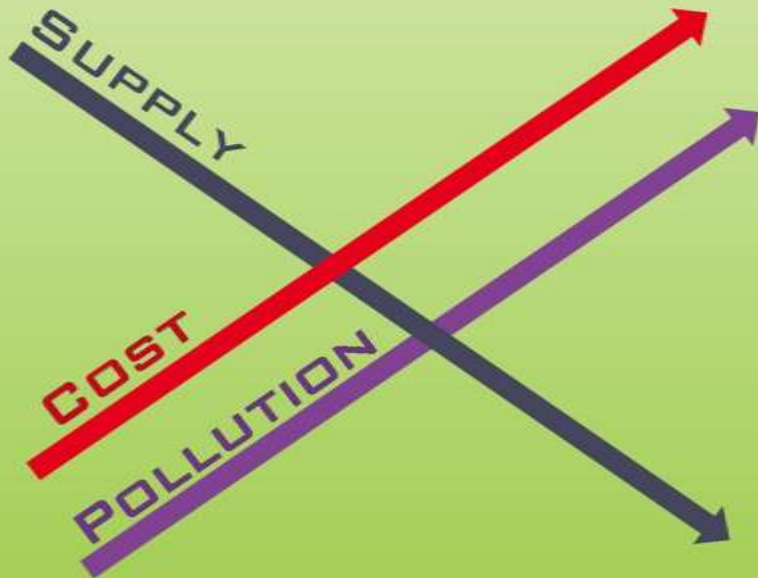
PYROLYSIS HEAT + BREAKDOWN



CHANGE THE CO_2 EQUATION WITH BIOMASS



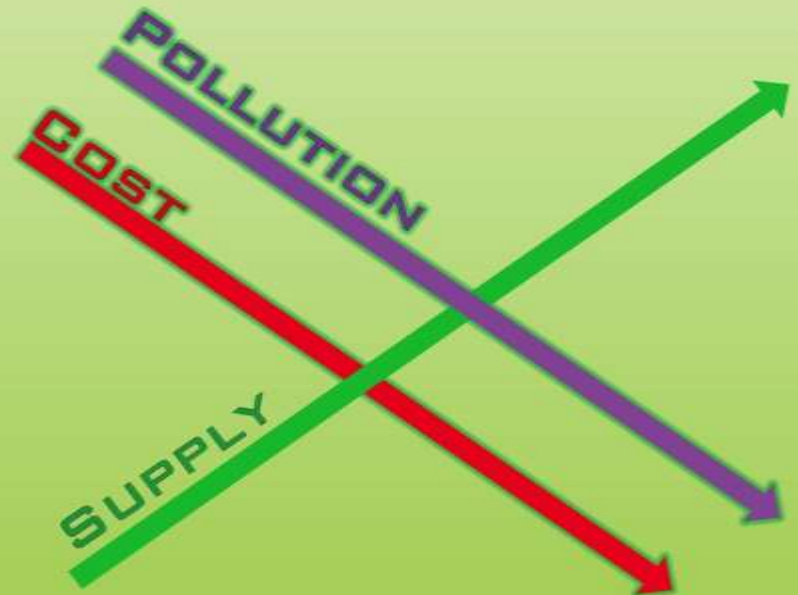
PETROLEUM ECONOMY



VS



BIOECONOMY



BIOECONOMY

MAKING BIORENEWABLES INTO REAL-WORLD BUSINESS

FEEDSTOCK
COLLECTION



PRODUCT
DISTRIBUTION



RESEARCH



PROCESSING
PLANT

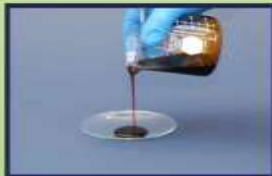


BUSINESS



OUTREACH AND
EDUCATION

PRODUCTS



BIO-OIL



BIOCHAR



SYNGAS



BIOASPHALT



1ST
GENERATION
BIOFUEL



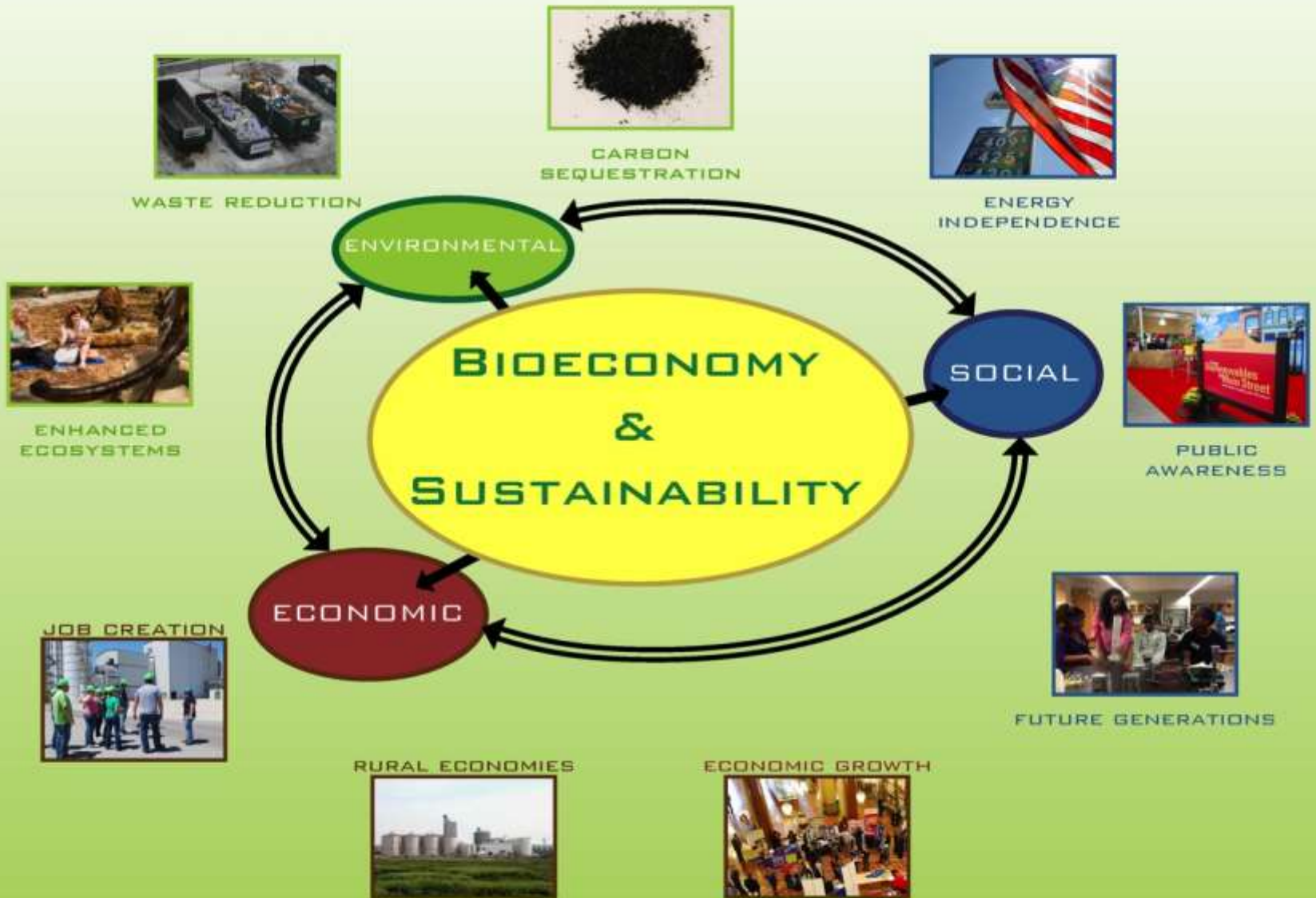
2ND
GENERATION
BIOFUEL



BIO
PLASTICS



BIODIESEL



THE BIOECONOMY WANTS YOU!

WHERE WILL YOU FIT?



POTENTIAL CAREERS:

ENGINEERS:

AGRICULTURE, BIOSYSTEMS,
CHEMICAL, CIVIL, COMPUTER, CON-
STRUCTION, MECHANICAL.

SCIENTISTS:

BIOLOGISTS, BIOCHEMISTS,
CHEMISTS, GENETICISTS,
MICROBIOLOGISTS

PRODUCERS:

AGRICULTURAL LENDERS,
AGRONOMISTS, FARMERS,
FARMING EXPERTS, FARM
EQUIPMENT SALES,
FERTILIZER/SEED
CONSULTANTS, PLANT
BREEDERS

MANY MORE:

BUSINESSPEOPLE,
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C6 BioFarm Portfolio

- Learning for middle school and high school students about:
 - Bioenergy
 - Agricultural Production
 - Carbon
 - The Environment
 - Agricultural and Bioenergy Careers
- **iPad game download on App Store**
- **YouTube Channel: CenUSA C6 Game**



Career Videos

- [Technical](#)
- [Insurance](#)
- Financial
- Ag Production
- [STEM Educator](#)
- Bio-based Dupont plant engineers



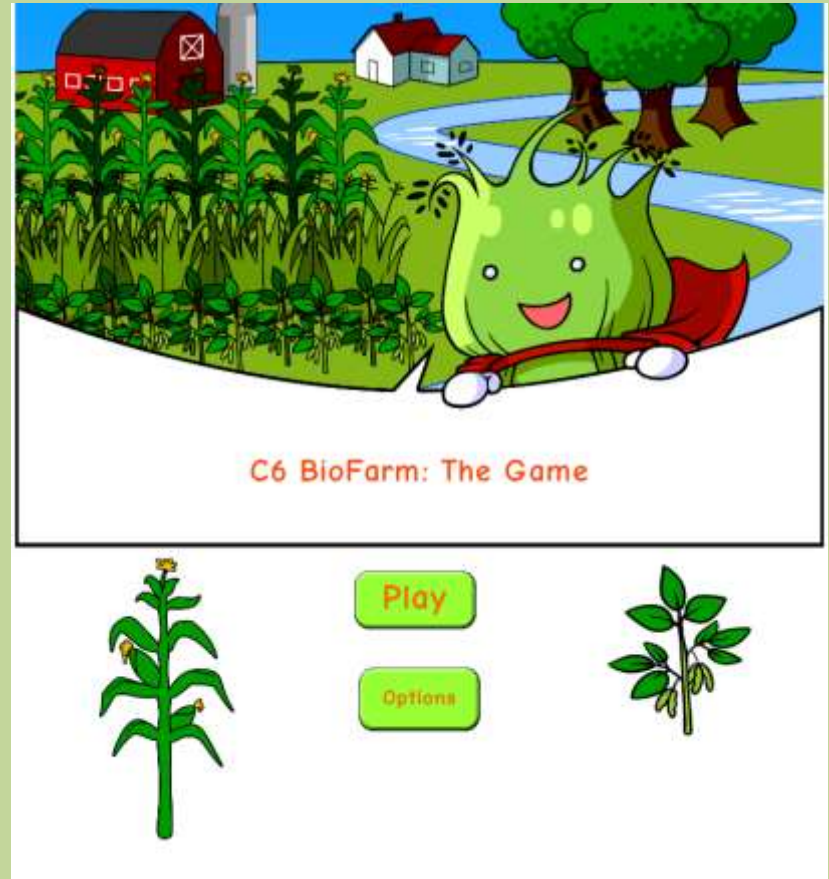
Conceptual Frame

- Carbon's role in the economy
- Carbon source options
- Source option ramifications
- Pyrolysis and the science and engineering processing
 - bio-products
 - Biochar
- Carbon economy
- Production to products
- Sustainability: social, environmental, economic
- Associated careers



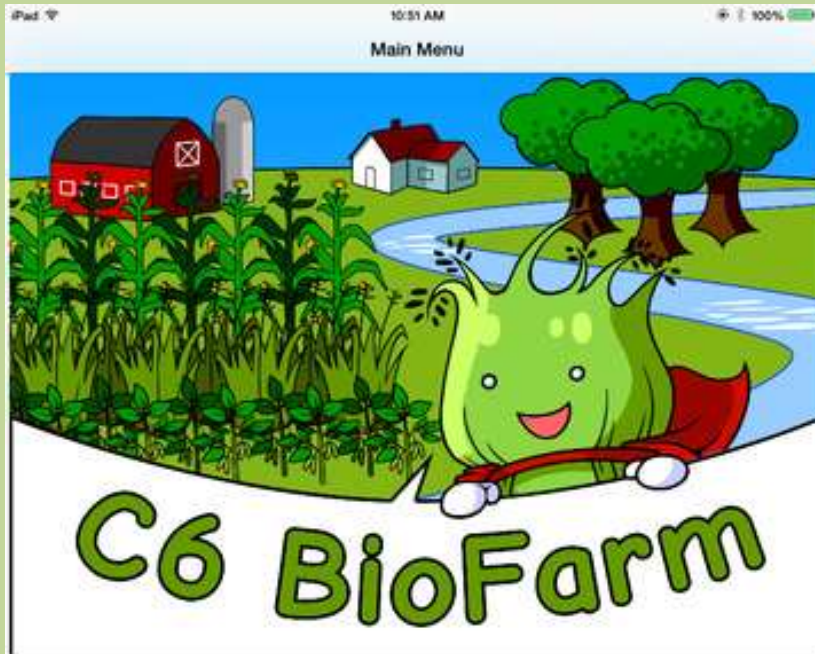
C6 BioFarm

- An ag-based game linked to curriculum and iBook.
- Suite of learning materials that:
 - focuses on STEM content and ag practices
 - allows player to make choices and understand the realities of replacing petroleum Carbon with bio-based carbon.





iOS



Play

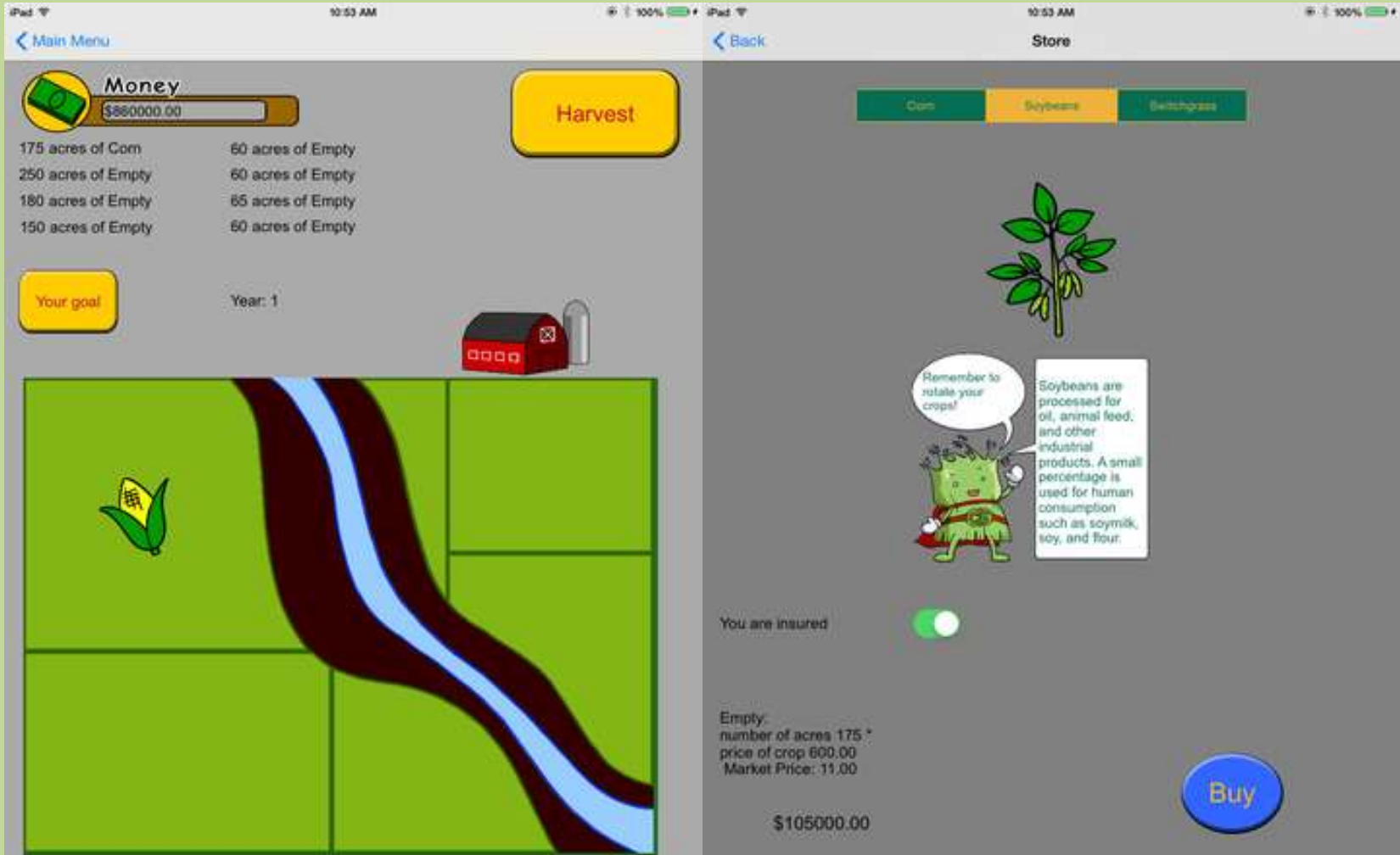
Options

Credits





iOS





Game Flow

Game Play

- Year 1

- 1 Select the crop you will plant in each field.
- 2 Calculate cost for each field using the planting costs table on Page 1.
- 3 Select yes or no for Insurance (Factor this decision into your planting costs)
- 4 At the end of the cycle fill in the yield, using a random number generator to identify the yield modifier factor number (for all fields).
- 5 Determine final yield = $(yield/acre) * yield\ modifier\ factor$
Crop insurance factor modifier = .75
Use number generated from random number generator and apply to table on the bottom.
- 6 Fill in price/unit for each crop in each field that is supplied by game leader.
- 7 Profit = $final\ yield * price/unit - planting\ costs + field\ profits\ total$
Add or subtract from account balance

Random acts of fate



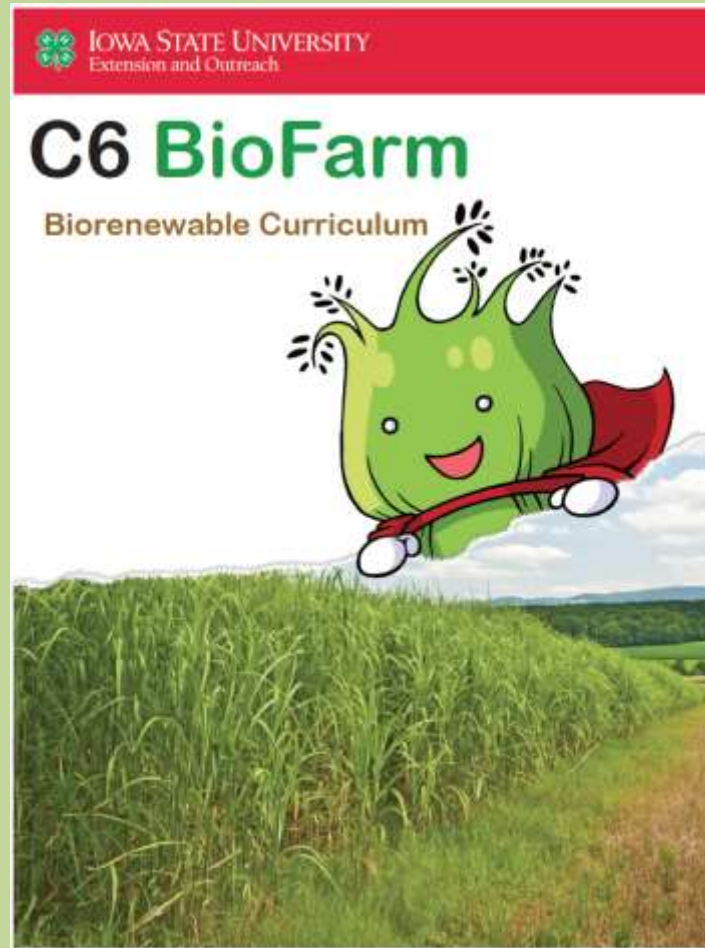
Yield Modifier	Modifier Number
1-600 have a good year! Full Yield	1
601-760 drought	.6
761-868 excess moisture	.7
869 - 884 - flooding	0
885 - 896 - late frost	.6
897 - 944 - hail damage	.5
945 - 952 - insect and pests	.6
953 - 960 plant disease	.4
961 - 972 wind damage	.7
973-975 tornado	.7
976 - 980 someone drives through the field, Dukes of Hazzard style	.8
981-985 crop circles	.9
986-990 freak snowstorm	.4
991-995 lightning causes a fire in the field	0
996-1000 a combine lights on fire	0





C6 BioFarm Curriculum

Iowa 4-H Reviewed and approved








Overview

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page Introduction

C6 BioFarm was created with a goal of teaching middle and high school youth about the importance of creating a renewable energy based world.

Biofuels are projected to provide 27% of the world's transportation fuels by 2050. As such, it is important that we educate today's youth about the fuels that will be a part of their future consumption practices. By teaching youth about biofuel use and production, they will become better informed as future consumers and citizens. Additionally, they will be more aware of career opportunities in the biorenewable energy industry.

In this curriculum, biorenewable sources of energy are referred to as new carbon, while nonrenewable energy sources are called old carbon. Through this curriculum and set of learning tools (including a [C6 Biofarm \(Paw\) game](#)), youth learn more about old and new carbon as well as discovering the benefits of creating fuel sources from new carbon, how new carbon is grown, where new carbon is located, and more.

Each lesson in this curriculum is designed to teach young people about a specific subject matter related to biorenewable energy. Lesson guides contain background information on the topics covered as well as hands-on activities, links to online resources and content, and ideas for how to implement different parts of the lessons in your classroom.

Each lesson also implements specific educational standards from the [Next Generation Science Standards \(NGSS\)](#), as well as the [Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Cluster Standards \(AFNRCCS\)](#) and the [Common Core State Standards Initiative \(CCSS\)](#). We have indicated which standards are met by each activity within each lesson, as well as how students will meet those standards.

We are passionate about creating content that integrates easily into classroom application. With this goal in mind, we organized the content of this curriculum into lessons and made teacher's guides for each lesson, and activity within it.

The curriculum is designed to be usable as an online document, or easily printed with a home printer or copier, in color or greyscale. You can download and/or print the entire curriculum, including this prefix and the appendix, or just access specific lessons or activities as needed through our [C6 BioFarm](#) website at:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/content/c6-biofarm



Curriculum Guide

OVERVIEW

Curriculum Guide

How to Use this Curriculum

The introduction of each lesson of the **C6 BioFarm** curriculum contains several sections intended to provide teachers with helpful information for implementing the lesson in the classroom.

Each lesson's **Title** and **Icon** appears at the top of the first page and in the header of each subsequent page.

The **Lesson Overview** explains what the lesson seeks to accomplish and how it will do so.

The **BIG IDEAS and Learning Objectives** text box explains the big ideas addressed in the lesson and how those translate into specific learning objectives.

The **Standards** text box indicates what NGSS, AFNRCCS, and CCSS education standards are met by each activity included in the lesson as well as which Learning Objectives (LOs) is accomplished by each activity.

The **Lesson Outline** guides users step by step through implementing the lesson with images of each activity guide for your reference.

The **Time Requirements** text box provides anticipated time needed to prepare and implement each part of the lesson.

The **Key Words** text box lists vocabulary words for the lesson.

Each lesson of the **C6 BioFarm** curriculum contains several pages designed for easy replication in grey scale including:

a **KWL (What I know, What I want to learn, What I have learned)**

various **Lab Directions**

and **Activity Sheets** for students to complete.



Many **C6 BioFarm** lessons also contain **Overheads** that teachers can prepare to project and use during group activities.

C6 BioFarm lessons contain between one and three activities, each with its own **Activity Guide**. Activity guides contain:

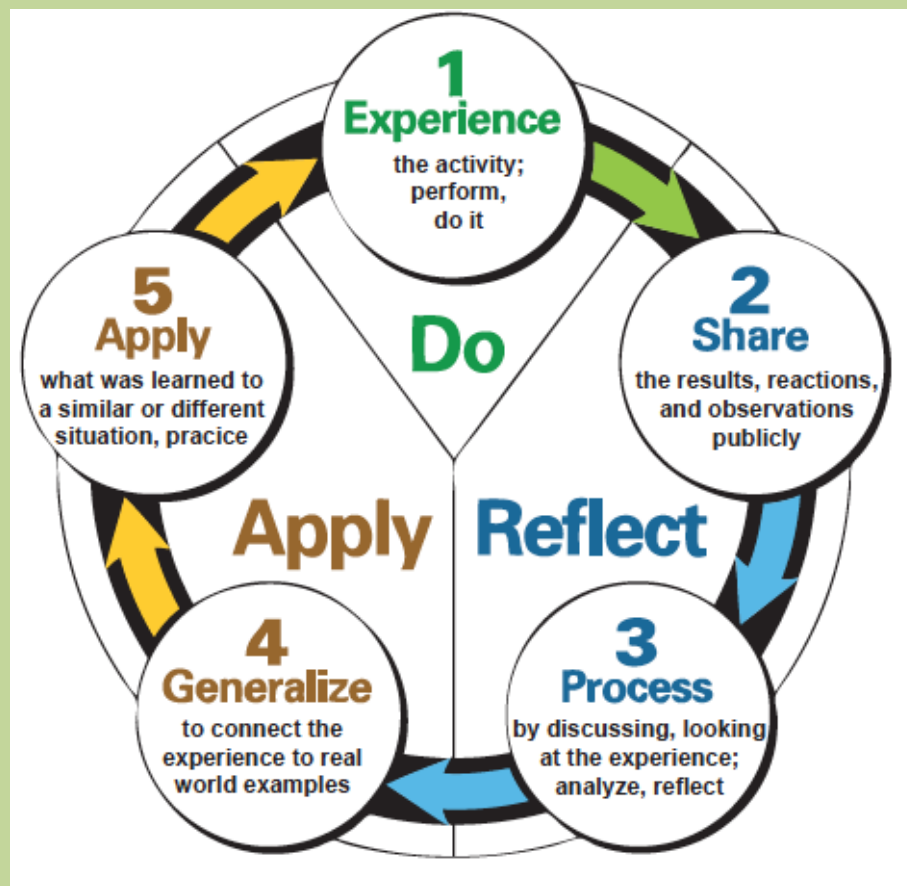
- A **Title** at the top, and in the header of each subsequent page
- **Background** information, including links for more information
- **Directions** for facilitating the activity
- A **Materials** list of supplies you will need to complete the activity
- A list of **Handouts & Overheads** used in the activity
- A list of **Online Resources** needed for the activity or that provide helpful background information
- A description of the **NGSS Based Concept** addressed by the activity
- **Big idea** bubbles that illuminate what types of answers a question is trying to elicit
- **Links and Images** of online resources used in the activity
- And **Discussion Guides** with a suggested questions or points to bring up during class discussions.



Each lesson in **C6 BioFarm** concludes with an **Educational Standards** section that details how each activity applies to the standards and what students will do to meet them.



4-H Experiential Model





Sample Lesson

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/content/c6-biofarm>

- Carbon: What and Where is Carbon?
- Lesson 1, Activity: Where is Carbon

What and Where is Carbon

Lesson 1 Overview

Carbon is one of the most abundant elements in the universe and one of the most abundant elements on Earth. Carbon is in the air we breathe, the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and so many more places. Carbon is everywhere, and its structure makes it critical to life and energy on our planet. Carbon makes up 17% of the human body and 40% of plants. Lesson 1 will emphasize the chemical structure and components of carbon, fossil fuels, new and old carbon, and how carbon is harvested and used within the bio-renewable realm.

Lesson 1 consists of three main activities:

Carbon Comparison	Students practice identifying products containing carbon and distinguishing those typically derived from old vs. new carbon.
Carbon in the Energy Cycle	Through discussion and viewing a short video, students learn carbon's role in the energy cycle and how old vs. new carbon affects carbon in the atmosphere.
Fermentation Lab	Students perform a lab experiment illustrating how enzymes effect the rate of fermentation converting plant starches into ethanol and CO ₂ .

Here are the **BIG IDEAS** and **Learning Objectives** for Lesson 1

BIG IDEAS	Learning Objectives (LO)
1. Carbon is an important resource for living things and our economy	Students will define carbon and be able to understand its chemical structure and physical role for life and within the environment.
2. Carbon-based energy has many different sources and useful forms	Students will categorize energy sources between old carbon and new carbon.
3. Energy and fuels that humans use are mostly derived from natural resources	Students will be able to identify energy and fuels derived from natural resources.

Lesson 1 meets educational standards for both the [Next Generation Science Standards \(NGSS\)](#) and the [Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Cluster Standards \(AFNRCCS\)](#).

See the [Educational Standards](#) section at the end of this lesson for a detailed table of how standards apply.

Standards Summary

Carbon Comparison

NGSS
MS-ESS2-1 — [Link](#)

AFNRCCS
CS.02.02 — [Link](#)
NRS.02.04 — [Link](#)
NRS.02.05 — [Link](#)

Learning Objectives (LO)

LO1 See BIG IDEAS text box
LO2 See BIG IDEAS text box

Carbon in the Energy Cycle

NGSS
MS-ESS2-1 — [Link](#)

Learning Objectives (LO)

LO1 See BIG IDEAS text box
LO2 See BIG IDEAS text box

Fermentation Lab

NGSS
HS-ESS2-6 — [Link](#)
MS-LS2-3 — [Link](#)

AFNRCCS
NRS.02.01 — [Link](#)

Learning Objectives (LO)

LO3 See BIG IDEAS text box



Where is Carbon

- Show students the examples of new and old carbon. The examples can be shown as one group or two groups (one group of new carbon and one group of old carbon). Without giving them any hints, ask them to write down what is similar and different about the items. Think about where they came from, uses, textures, looks, and more.

WHAT IS CARBON?

AN ELEMENT



OLD (FOSSIL)
CARBON



NEW (RENEWABLE)
CARBON



CARBON IS THE BUILDING BLOCK OF
EVERY LIFEFORM AND MOST FORMS OF ENERGY



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