

# RADIO ROUNDUP

a collection of features, oddities,  
and helpful tips



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## ENERGY NEWS AND NOTES

THE KEY TO FINDING CLEANER ENERGY SOURCES COULD BE IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD. IT'S GRASS, AND EXPERTS SAY THAT TURNING CERTAIN VARIETIES OF IT OR OTHER PLANTS INTO WHAT'S KNOWN AS BIOFUELS COULD LIMIT THE EFFECTS OF GLOBAL WARMING. BIOFUEL IS A TERM DESCRIBING ANY PLANT SUBSTANCE THAT CAN BURN AND BE USED AS FUEL. COMMON BIOFUELS INCLUDE SUGARCANE AND A PLANT KNOWN AS SWITCHGRASS, WHICH A U-S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STUDY FOUND COULD REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY NINETY-FOUR PERCENT COMPARED TO GASOLINE. BUT IT SEEMS THE GRASS MIGHT ALSO HELP FARMERS PULL MORE VALUE FROM THEIR FIELDS. IT GROWS WELL IN POORER, LESS PRODUCTIVE SOILS. AND A DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND U-S-D-A STUDY FOUND THAT THE U-S COULD DISPLACE OVER THIRTY PERCENT OF GASOLINE DEMANDS WITH BIOFUELS WITHOUT REQUIRING ANY ADDITIONAL CROP ACREAGE. THAT MEANS BIOFUEL CROPS DO NOT HAVE TO REPLACE EXISTING CROPS, AS SOME CRITICS HAVE MAINTAINED. TO LEARN MORE OR TO VOICE YOUR OPINION ON BIOFUELS, VISIT [BIOFUELS-AND-CLIMATE--DOT--WORD-PRESS--DOT--COM](http://BIOFUELS-AND-CLIMATE--DOT--WORD-PRESS--DOT--COM).