
Forest Stewardship Mill Tour

Green Circle Bio Energy

Jackson County, FL

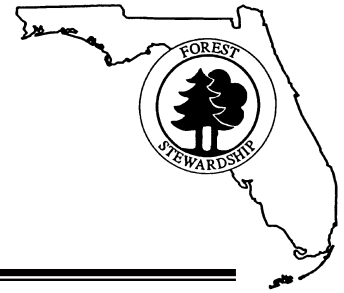


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Date: *Thursday, November 12, 2009; 9:30 am – 12:00 pm CT; Green Circle Bio Energy in Cottondale, FL (directions on back).*

Activity: The Green Circle Bio Energy facility in Cottondale is the world's largest wood pellet plant. It started production in May 2008 with an annual capacity of 560,000 tons. The pellets are supplied internationally to the power generating industry for co-firing in coal based power plants. Central heating companies are another sector supplied. The wood to supply the plant is harvested from private and public forests in northwest Florida and southern Alabama. This program will include a tour of the pellet plant, a discussion about the local wood market and how bio energy is impacting it or will impact it, lunch and a tentative harvest demonstration (to be announced). Be prepared for indoor and outdoor walking, rain or shine.

Register: We'll meet and greet at 9:30 AM CT at Green Circle and the tour will begin promptly at 10 AM. A sponsored lunch and market discussion will take place at the Jackson County Agriculture Center after the tour. This program is free but you must preregister. **Call the Jackson County Extension Office at (850) 482-9620 to register. Attendance will be limited so please call soon!** Questions about this or other Forest Stewardship Program activities can be directed to Chris Demers at (352) 846-2375 or by email at cdemers@ufl.edu. Please share with others who may be interested.



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Directions to Green Circle Bio Energy
2500 Green Circle Pkwy, Cottondale, Florida 32431

- From I-10, take Exit 130, Cottondale, US Hwy 231 exit.
- Go **south** on Hwy 231 one mile.
- Turn **right (west)** on **Green Circle Parkway** (appears **Farren Ranch Road** on some maps).
- You will come to the scale house and a guard will direct you where to go.

