

# **Biomass Production Energy from Forestry - the role of the Scottish Forestry Grants Scheme**

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## **FC Scotland**

- support to industry (**FREDS**)
- advice (woodfuel officers)
- ***grants (SFGS)***



## **SFGS**

- **introduced in 2003**
- **expansion grants (including SRC)**
- **restocking grants**
- **stewardship grants (including S11)**
- **farmland premium grants**



## **Short Rotation Coppice (SRC)**

- willow or poplar
- introduced October 2005
- all-inclusive, flat rate
- £1000 a hectare
- end user supply contract
- must meet environmental standards (EIA)



## **S11 Pilot (Developing Farm woodland Energy)**

**Pilot introduced in 2005 to help:-**

- support farm diversification**
- encourage renewable energy**
- develop supply chain**
- economic management of farm woodlands**
- grants paid for operations which support the local production of wood energy**



## **S11 Pilot (cont.)**

- Grants (up to 40% of actual costs) paid for:-**
- improving the harvesting, processing and marketing of wood**
  - promoting new outlets for supporting farm diversification**



## **S11 Pilot (cont.)**

- 23 potential applicants
- total funding £400,000
- max funding per scheme £60,000
- judging deadline February 2006
- 5 year business plan



## **SEERAD Energy Crops Scheme**

- **45 euros/ha/yr for growing energy crops (including SRC) under contract for energy purposes on any land other than set-aside**
- **additional to FCS grant aid**



## **Useful publications**

**FC practice note 7 - Establishment and management of short rotation coppice**

**FC Guideline note 2 - Short rotation coppice in the landscape**

**Any questions...?**