Switchgrass among topics at bio-energy meeting

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FLORENCE — Making energy from plants in South Carolina is the topic of a statewide conference in Florence.

The Thursday event is sponsored by Clemson University and focuses on the types of plants that can be used for bio-energy.

There will also be a review of the federal farm bill and the opportunities it offers for farmers who grow bio-fuels.

State Agriculture Commission Hugh Weathers will also address the meeting at Clemson's Pee Dee Research Center just outside of Florence.

Participants will be able to tour Clemson’s switchgrass research plots. Switchgrass is a grass that is used for bio-fuels.