Heating with Biomass
Win-Win for Local Economic Development and Energy Security

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Benefits of Biomass
• Improved National Energy Security
• Increased Economic Growth
• Broad-based Environmental Benefits

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Wood #1 Growing Fuel

Key Points
• 65% Growth in PA, NY, OH, & MI
• 12MM Wood Energy Appliances & Stoves in 2005
• Most Affordable Renewable Energy Option for Most Americans
• New EPA Certified Stoves & Fuels

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SAFE FOR GREEN HEAT
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Residential Appliances
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Institutional Opportunities

Campus Woodchip Heating System
Heating Capacity: 2.35 MW (8MMBtu/hr)
Annual Wood Fuel Use: 1,200-1,400 tons
Annual (Year) Savings: $2MM (2010)
Cost (Year) Installed: $4.3MM (2002)
Thermal Output: Hot water

Mount Wachusett Community College, Gardner, MA

Wood Pellet Heating System
Heating Capacity: 149 kW (0.5MMBtu/hr)
Annual Wood Pellet Use: 45 tons
Emissions Equipment: Flue gas recirculation
Year Installed: 2007
Thermal Output: Hot water

Harney County District Hospital, Burns, OR

Commercial Applications – Poultry CAFO
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Wood Pellet Fuel Producers in 2011

Wood Pellet System Flow Chart--inflow
Pelletizing to Final Product

Sawdust Trailer Unloading
Rotary Dryer

Pellet Mills
Raw Material for Pellets Sustainable?

- Kiln dried byproduct from wood operations…cabinets, flooring
- Green sawdust from primary sawmills
- Sawmill “paper chips” from sawmills
- Whole tree/microchips directly from the forest

Our Plants
American Wood Fibers = 4 Generations of Experience