WP 1.3 Identification of market demand for non-food crops

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Renewable resources in non-food applications As old as humanity! Flax: 5000 B.C.

Hemr Sisal	o Strings	Cotton
Wool	Reed	Glues
Putty	Jute Rubber	Coir (coconut)
	Textil Leather I	Paper
	Linoleum	inen Paints









Recent developments

Research questions

What is the size of the present non-food market
What is the size of the present food/feed market

What are the present demands for non-food/food crops



Background

Beyond Agrification

- Analysis of 25 years policy and R&D
- Non-food applications
- Netherlands extended to other EU countries
- ENFA project and ministry of Agriculture

Supply driven approach failed

 Markets do not develop just because a resource/material can be used for a certain application



Bos et al., Beyond Agrification... BioFPR (2008)







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Market demand biobased products

Present market size of biobased in non-food/non-feed products in EU-25

 \rightarrow 250 Billion € (excl. confidential data)

→ Est. 400 billion \in including confidential data

Present market size of food + feed products in EU-25 → 460 Billion €

Largest potential for growth in building blocks (240%)



Methodology

Use the Eurostat production data of 2005 for EU-25

EU-25 is representative for the global market potential for biobased products

Estimate the percentage of biobased components in the manufactured goods (in €)

Estimate the potential to increase the percentage of biobased components (in €)



Eurostat data on manufactured goods

 In 1970, the «Nomenclature générale des activités économiques dans les Communautés européennes» (NACE - General Industrial Classification of Economic Activities within the European Communities) was compiled.

It is a classification covering the whole range of economic activity.



Biobased products...

 NACE contains over 4000 Products in 503 Classes, 222 Groups, 60 Divisions

 Coarse selection: 936 potentially biobased products (Non-food and non-feed)

Final selection: 780 products

 \rightarrow Further divided into 3 groups



What can we do with biomass?



Free sugars

Starch

Natural oil

Protein

Cellulose

Lignin

Hemicellulose

Specialty ingredients

(1) Biomass -> food

(2) Biomass -> feed

(3) Biomass -> energy (heat, power, fuels)

(4) Biomass -> separation to materials

(5) Biomass -> separation to substances

(6) Biomass -> fragmentation to building blocks



Classification non-food applications (Bos, van Rees, 2004)

Green resources supply us with:

- Materials:
 - fibres for paper, fabrics and composites
 - wood for timber and energy
- Substances:
 - starch for plastics, glues and additives
 - bio-oil for paints, inks and transport fuels
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 - ethanol for fuel and plastics
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Materials from biomass



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Chemical building blocks from biomass





The logics of this classification

- Materials from biomass:
 - Mostly old established applications and relatively simple processes
 - Can be big (f.i. Paper industry), but also a lot of SME
- Substances from biomass:
 - Often using relatively simple chemical conversions
 - Partly in present food industry (f.i. AVEBE), also SME
- Chemical building blocks from biomass:
 - Mostly combination of white biotechnology and chemistry
 - New products and processes
 - Focal point of the chemical industry
 - Biggest potential for biomass applications



Different crop choice!!

(Eurostat 2005)

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What do we have and what needs to be collected?

- We have:
 - Present (2005) market demand, in €, in EU-25 for nonfood applications

Needs to be collected:

• Present data on energy (and food and feed) market

Needs to be done:

• Translate the data towards commodities and crops



Work for the coming months

- Translate the data from the Eurostat analysis to commodities and to crops (A&F)
- Translate additional data on the biofuel market size towards commodities and crops (CRES)
- Provide additional data on the food and feed market size (in terms of commodities and crops) (NAGREF and INIA)
- First draft will be presented in Madrid







