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ASABE Revises Biomass Terminology and Definition Standard

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN— The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has revised its standard on biomass terminology and definitions to include additional terms and definitions.

The revised standard, ANSI/ASABE S593.1, Terminology and Definitions for Biomass Production, Harvesting and Collection, Storage, Processing, Conversion and Utilization, was revised based on positive feedback from the standard users, along with intensified government interest and mandates regarding the production of bioenergy, biopower and bioproducts from biomass. The original standard was developed five years ago to provide uniform terminology and definitions in this general area of the overall biofuels industry.

A copy of the document can be ordered by contacting ASABE headquarters directly at: martin@asabe.org. ASABE members and those with site-license privileges to the ASABE online Technical Library, at www.asabe.org, can view an electronic copy of the standard in about 6 weeks.

ASABE is recognized worldwide as a standards developing organization for food, agricultural, and biological systems, with more than 225 standards currently in publication. Conformance to ASABE standards is voluntary, except where required by state, provincial, or other governmental requirements, and the documents are developed by consensus in accordance with procedures approved by the American National Standards Institute. For information on this or any other ASABE standard, contact Scott Cedarquist at ASABE, 269-932-7031, cedarq@asabe.org. A current listing of all ASABE standards projects can be found on the ASABE web site at <http://www.asabe.org/standards/proposed.html>.

The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers is an educational and scientific organization dedicated to the advancement of engineering applicable to agricultural, food, and biological systems. Founded in 1907 and headquartered in St Joseph, Michigan, ASABE comprises 9,000 members from more than 100 countries. For further information about the Society, or for an electronic copy of this news release, contact Dolores Landeck at ASABE, 269-932-7039, landeck@asabe.org.