

# NNYADP Project Success Stories

Practical Research & Results  
for NY Farmers, NY Communities

*in Clinton, Essex, Franklin,  
Jefferson, Lewis & St. Lawrence Counties*



## Emerging Farm-Based Business: Bio-Energy

The federal government wants 36 billion gallons of renewable transportation fuel in production by 2022, with grass as a principal biomass source. Research at the NNY Cornell Willsboro Farm is identifying the best grasses and optimum management for profitable locally-based energy enterprise.

The Northern New York Agricultural Development Program was the first to fund switchgrass field trials that sparked a farm-community entrepreneurial partnership. Left: Tom Lee is seen with Cornell Extension Research Associate Hilary Mayton at Lee's Madrid farm where he grows and process switchgrass into briquettes to heat a 30,000-sq-ft apartment complex in Waddington, NY.

### NNYADP Research Economic Value is Vital to NNY Economy

**“The State funding that supports on-farm research in Northern NY is vital to assuring its economic value to the regional economy.”**

— *Clinton County dairy farmer Joe Giroux,  
NNYADP Co-Chair*

### NNYADP Research Produces Real-World Results

**“Northern New York Agricultural Development Program on-farm trials provide farmers with real-world experiences and data specific to our climate, our soils, and our shorter growing season.”**

— *St. Lawrence County dairy farmer Jon Greenwood,  
NNYADP Co-Chair*

## Emerging Farm-Based Industry: Maple

### Opportunity to Grow to \$10 Million/Year

Research shows that Northern NY's maple production sector has the natural and human resources to grow into a more than \$10 million/year industry.

Current Northern New York maple industry revenues are more than \$5.5 million annually.

NNYADP research and outreach have already spurred a 26% increase in the number of taps in the region (2005-2010), adding more than \$1.1 million in farm-gate revenue.

