



Growing Biofuel on the Southside

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State officials say a Halifax County crop and future biofuel looks very promising. Representatives from the Department of Agriculture walked the fields there Monday afternoon. Also in the crowd, the owner FDC Enterprises.

It's an Ohio-based company that planted the switchgrass this summer. Officials say Virginia is years ahead of the rest of the country in planning for switchgrass production. They say some sites are struggling because of the drought, but most of the area is pretty impressive.

Ken Carter, USDA - "We were able to get growth in one year where traditionally it's taken two to three to four years. So we're really excited about what's happening here in Halifax County."

Using switchgrass as an alternative energy is the goal, but officials say these grasses could be used for hay as early as next year.

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