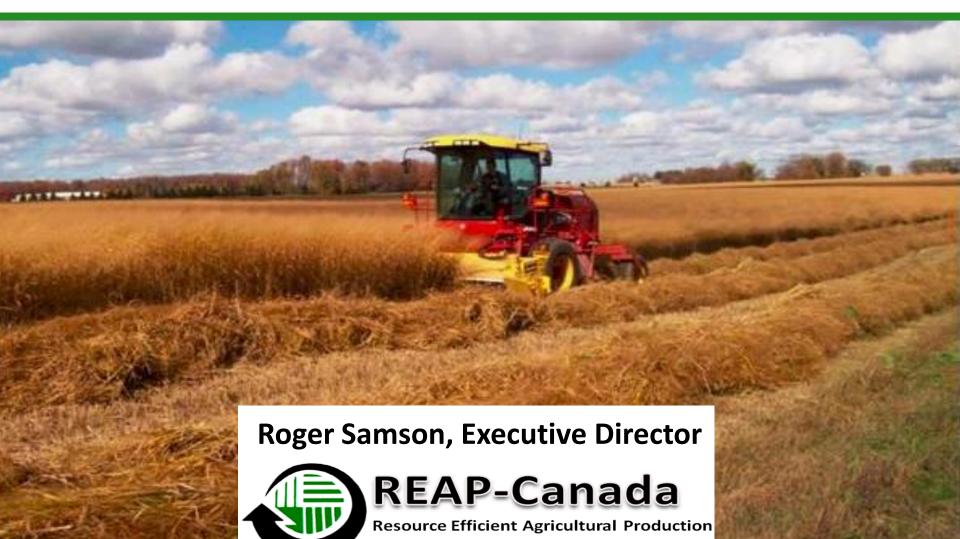
Scaling Up Switchgrass : A perennial herbaceous biomass crop

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Overview

REAP-Canada a 25+ year field experience in Eastern Canada developing perennial biomass crops for the bioenergy and bioproducts sector

- Main reasons: Unlimited supply, improved quality and high sustainability
- Constraints we have had to overcome to commercialize



Factors Influencing Farmers Decisions	
to Grow Perennial Biomass Crops	

	Positive Influence		Negative Influence
•	Profitability of growing the crops is good	•	Uncertainty about yields/price
•	Farmers looking for better income for their marginal crop land	•	Establishment: High cost / high risk / long period to establish
•	Has diverse market applications	•	Negative revenue streams during the establishment phase

