Did you know…
The University of Iowa is growing its own energy?

What is Miscanthus?

- **Dedicated energy crop.** Miscanthus is a hardy, non-invasive perennial grass that can be used as fuel. One planting can remain productive for 15 years, maybe more.

- **Powering the UI campus.**
  We are on track to plant 2,500 acres of miscanthus to produce 22,500 tons of sustainable and renewable fuel for the UI campus annually.

- **Growing the local economy.**
  The UI’s miscanthus fields are planted and managed with the help of local growers and agricultural service providers. The UI Biomass Program is an opportunity to re-direct $10M in out-of-state fuel spend each year back to Iowa suppliers and growers as part of our long-term biomass strategy.

Come watch UI’s energy crop grow!
Planted in 2015, the 41-acre UI Green Energy Field near the Hawkeye Commuter Lot is expected to produce almost 300 tons of biomass each year. Harvest typically occurs in January or February.

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