

## EVENT DESCRIPTION

### RES-e Regions

**Title:** Energy night for farmers

**Date & location:** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006, Tidaholm

**Organiser:** FöreningsSparbanken Skövde, Hjo, Tibro, Karlsborg, Tidaholms Sparbank, LRF, LRF Konsult and the RES-e Region project

**Number of Participants:** about 100

#### Short description:

An evening event for farmers in 6 municipalities about energy in agriculture was organised. The event gave presentations on subjects like wind power, biogas and hemp as well as RME, see the program below. The evening was concluded with a panel discussion with the speakers with questions from the audience.

#### Background:

Based on the focus on biogas CHP on farm within the project we decided to, instead of arranging one large seminar, have a series of presentatians and events in cooperation with farmer groups and related organisations. This decision was based on the fact that it can be hard to get farmers to travel long distances and also that the farmer association could get us valuable contacts as well as channels for the promotion of biogas.

The high energy prices have given many farmers a large interest in producing energy. The energy evening was meant to be an appetizer for the farmers to look at different options in energy production.

#### Aim & programme:

The event was an open invitation to the members of LRF and no participant list was produced. The aim was to inform the members about the possibilities of producing energy on the farms.

- **Better economical situation in becoming energy producer** - *Dag Hallen, LRF Konsult, Karlstad*
- **Biogas** - *Maria Hammar, STEM/Kanenergi Sweden AB*
- **Hemp as energy** - *Stina Jonsson*
- **Rape-seed oil** - *Håkan Sigurd*
- **Enercon Windpower** - *Torgny Appelqvist*
- **Subsidies and support** - *Karin Steen*
- **Financing** - *FSB/Tidaholms Sparbank*

#### Results, follow-up:

LRF has followed up the members signing up for different interest areas during autumn 2006. The highest interest was about wind power amongst the participants but some of them have also been interested in biogas CHP. Some of them have used the hotline in the project for this purpose.