

From energy cropping to pellet appliances: a three year cooperation between Sweden and China

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An overview of the project

- Started in 2000
- Financed by Beijing Laowan Bioenergy Technology Cooperation
- Focused on agriculture, environment and energy issues in arid and semiarid region in northern China
- Aimed at develop a full bioenergy production chain

Production chain

Energy
crop



Pellet
fuel



Stove
Boiler



Heating
Cooking



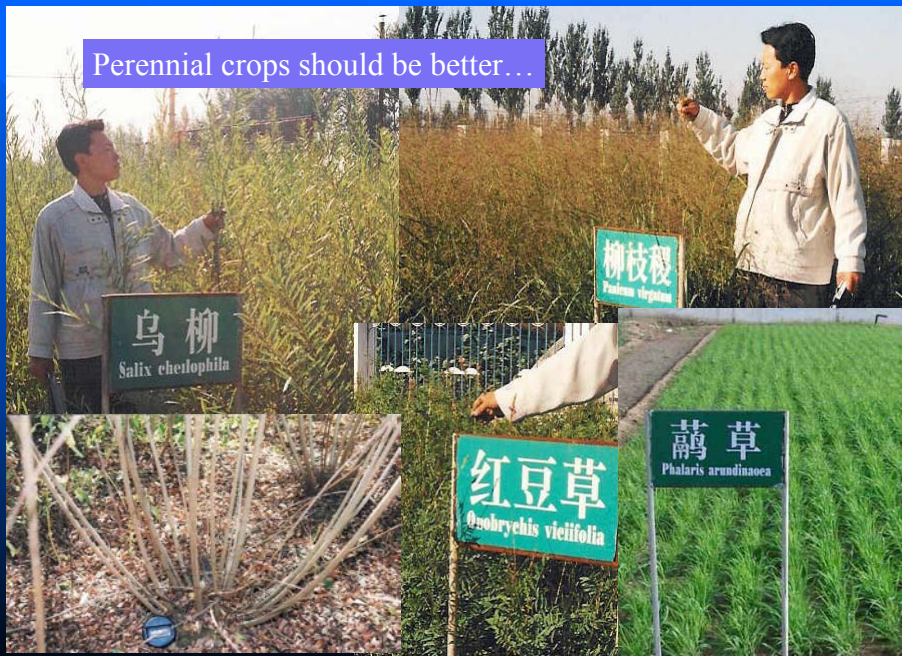
Does China have to cultivate energy crops ?

- Energy crop cultivation can be integrated into the scheme of soil conservation and re-vegetation

Soil erosion from farmlands is a part of story...



Perennial crops should be better...



"Delayed harvest" technique will be very effective in protecting soils!



Energy cropping will provide employment opportunities



We are working on upgraded
fuels such as pellets, not virgin
biomass

Pellet is a sort of densified biofuel that is
easy to transport and good for clean
combustion




Sintering was a big problem
caused by our straw pellets

We have tried very hard to solve it...







We are just beginning, much
work remains to be done...

Let us work together !