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## **Agriculture's Profit Potential Through Energy**

### **POET's Berven presents Biomass and Ethanol Opportunities**

North Dakota Farmers Union (NDFU) will be hosting two informational seminars on March 9th. At 9:00 a.m. in Minot and at 1:30 p.m. in Jamestown, Doug Berven of POET will discuss how farmers, ranchers and rural North Dakota can profit through the future of energy. The event in Minot is at the International Inn and the event in Jamestown will be held at the Gladstone Inn, both are free of charge and open to the public.

“North Dakota Farmers Union would like producers to have the opportunity to learn how renewable fuels can provide a great opportunity for profit in the agricultural sector,” said NDFU President Robert Carlson. “Mr. Berven has a great amount of knowledge in biomass, cellulosic and ethanol energy and can demonstrate to farmers and ranchers that the future of this country’s energy production can also enhance farm income.”

POET is a company that has 26 plants in seven states and the largest ethanol producer in the world, with 1.54 billion gallons produced annually. POET eliminates millions of imported oil barrels and replaces them with renewable domestic energy, which brings hundreds of millions of dollars back to the American economy. Doug Berven is the Director of Corporate Affairs at POET. For more information on POET go to [www.poetenergy.com](http://www.poetenergy.com)

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