



Technology and Support Centre (TFZ)

in the Centre of Excellence for Renewable Resources

The Technology and Support Centre (TFZ), which has been established in Straubing in 2002, belongs to the Bavarian Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Forestry (Bayerisches Staatsministerium für Landwirtschaft und Forsten) with more than 60 staff members. At the parent organisations basic research in the field of energetic use of biomass was done since 1973.

The Technology and Support Centre is one of three institutions forming the Centre of Excellence for Renewable Resources.



The main goals of the TFZ are the support of the agricultural production, the processing and utilization of renewable resources by applied research, the development and testing of products and methods, and the transfer of technology by demonstration and education. In addition the TFZ is responsible for financial support of projects in Bavaria.

Specific tasks are listed as the following:

- development of agricultural production technology including plant breeding for new raw material crops, which shall be used for both, energetic and non-energetic applications,
- conduction and evaluation of agriculture field trials and execution of model projects,
- continued development and testing of technology and methods for the provision of renewable solid and liquid biomass fuels and raw materials with particular focus on applications in rural areas,
- provide consulting services to the agricultural sector and to companies, politicians as well as administrators,
- demonstration of practical applications, including permanent and non-permanent exhibitions and regular training sessions,
- the granting of governmental subsidies for biomass-based raw material applications.

