

University Of Maine Launches Demonstration Of Biomass To Bioproducts Pilot Plant



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On May 1, 2017, the [University of Maine \(UMaine\) began a continuous 100-hour demonstration of a biomass to bioproducts pilot plant at its Technology Research Center \(TRC\)](#). The plant, which is the result of a partnership between UMaine and Biofine Technology, is capable of processing up to one ton of woody biomass per day into chemicals for the manufacturing of biofuels, biochemical, and advanced materials. UMaine will use the plant to scale up the Forest Bioproducts Research Institute's (FBRI) patented conversion technology to produce jet fuel from woody biomass. Data from the 100-hour demonstration will assist in the commercialization of the operation. FBRI researchers aim to add another pilot plant that would manufacture larger quantities of biofuel from the platform chemicals as a prototype for commercialization.

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