



**Large-scale production
of Switch grass
And
Reed Canary Grass
in Latvia**

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Grass as alternative for wood in Latvia was introduced company
LATGRAN.

Company produce 230 000 t wood pellets per year.

Target for 2011 was 2% grass pellets from total volume or 5000t.

That is approx 1000-1500 ha with reed canary grass and switch grass.





In 2008 company was imported from USA :

11 T of Switchgrass 'Dacotah' (1000 ha)

1,5 T of Reed canary grass 'Marathon' (150 ha)

Farmers seeding: 160 ha Switchgrass + 60 ha RCG + subsidy from company 100 LVL/ha (140 EUR/ha)

In 2009 company imported 3T RCG 'Bamse' from Sweden

Farmers seeding: 120 ha Switchgrass + 250 ha RCG

In 2010 farmers seeding 50 ha Switchgrass + 180 ha RCG

In 2011 stay live 0 ha (from 330 ha) Switchgrass and 480 ha RCG

Switchgrass in my Farm
2010 only 50-70 cm long





Seeding in August, next spring defrost



Seeding in end of May, September



Switchgrass, 2.year spring, 16.04.2010.



RCG, 2.year spring, 16.04.2010.

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Thank you! (Paldies!)

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