



The Forest Products Industry Role In Meeting Energy-Related Challenges

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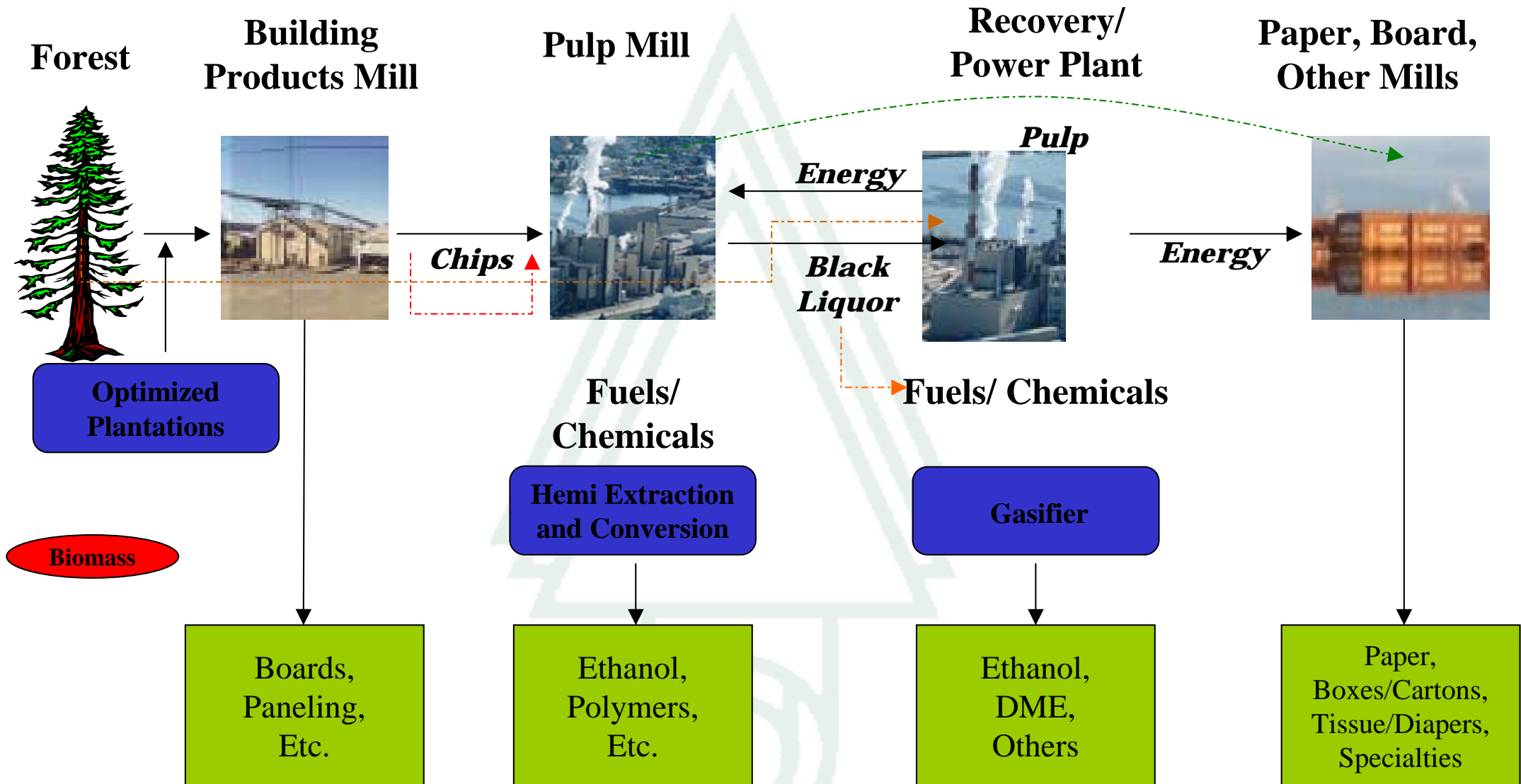
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Agenda 2020: Integrated Forest Products Biorefinery (IFBP) Concept



U.S. Government – An Increasing Commitment to Biomass Energy

- President Bush - Twenty In Ten: Strengthening America's Energy Security
- Congressional Proposals
 - Renewable Fuel Standard
 - Renewable Portfolio Standard
- Government Support/Incentives



Lessons From Corn Ethanol

- Corn plantings have increased to 93 million acres in 2007, their highest level since 1944.
- Corn prices have risen, placing upside pressures on egg, poultry, and beef prices.
- Ethanol prices, but not corn prices, have dropped sharply during recent months because storage and distribution capacity is inadequate.
- The energy efficiency of corn has been questioned.



Policy Considerations Going Forward

- Develop the technology first.
- Government should not pick winners and losers.
- Monitor economic impacts.
- Balance potential for new markets with existing markets.
- Duration of subsidies.

