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Production and potentials of Biomass residues and wastes for energy and materials recovery

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he increase in global population, coupled with economic development, had led to rapid urbanization and industrialization, which changed the consumption pattern of the population that ultimately led to the increment in demand for energy and associated services. Biomass residues and wastes are potentially major contributors of resources for energy and material production. Bioenergy can be produced from a variety of biomass feed stocks, including forest, agricultural and livestock residues; energy crops; the organic component of municipal waste; and other organic waste streams. This paper presents regional and global review of potential energy production from biomass residues and wastes, considering the amount of residues and wastes from major sources as well as pretreatment and conversion technologies. Four types of biomass energy sources are included: agricultural and forestry residues, animal residues and urban wastes. The potential biomass resource quantity was computed according to statistical reports and

literature review. In Italy country, residues from agricultural and forest, as well as urban wastes represent a large biomass potential. However, assessment of the national biomass availability is made difficult not only by the current lack of reliable official data, but also by a conceptual point: whether "available" is the total availability of biomass in the territory (potential availability), or whether it is the availability which is technically and economically viable.

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