The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) will establish a research and development laboratory to be operated as a satellite facility. The facility will concentrate on research converting biomass into cellulosic ethanol and the use of biomass to manufacture other petroleum replacements.

The facility will be built in Taylor County by UF/IFAS in partnership with Buckeye Technologies Inc. The project is funded by a $20 million appropriation from the Florida Legislature.

Buckeye Technologies Inc. manufactures and distributes cellulose-based specialty products made from wood and cotton worldwide. The company’s products include chemical cellulose, customized fibers, fluff pulp, and nonwoven materials.

The University of Florida Board of Trustees has named the research and development laboratory for Stan Mayfield, a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 2000 until his death in the fall of 2008. An alumnus of UF’s College of Engineering, he was a leader in education and environmental issues. His many leadership roles included serving as chairman of the Florida House’s Environment & Natural Resources Council where he championed energy research.

President J. Bernard Machen
University of Florida

and

Chief Executive Officer John B. Crowe
Buckeye Technologies Inc.

invite you to the groundbreaking
for the

Stan Mayfield Biorefinery Pilot Plant

at Buckeye Technologies Inc. Perry, Florida Facility

10 a.m., Monday, March 1, 2010
Perry, Florida