

Chapter 2 - Biomass: a biotechnology substrate?

2.1 A Biomass Strategy

A. Photosynthesis

1. lignocellulose

B. Distribution on land

C. Fossil fuel source

1. nonrenewable
2. future ?
 - a. current restriction to switching

2.2 Natural Raw Materials

A. Carbohydrates - know example & usability

1. sugar
2. starch
3. hemicellulose
4. cellulose
5. lignocellulose = lignin

B. Current products from biomass (table 2.3) - briefly

1. fuels
2. feedstocks
3. fertilizers
4. feeds

2.3 Availability of by-products

A. Definition of by-products

B. Agriculture

1. examples

C. Author's primary objective of biotechnology

1. What do you think?

D. Waste materials

1. primary reason to use
2. biggest hindrance
3. volumes
 - 1) animal rearing
 - 2) ag waste
 - 3) food industry
 - 4) domestic wastes
4. food industry by-products currently used
 - 1) chemical basis
 - 2) hindrance
 - a. examples
 - 1) molasses
 - 2) whey
 5. agriculture & forestry by-products currently used
 - a. straw & wood wastes
 - b. animal wastes
 - 1) size difference
 - c. problem

2.4 Raw materials & the future of biotechnology

A. Criteria used to determine selection of raw material

1. price
2. availability
3. quality
4. biological availability
 - a. range
5. concentration
6. local technology potential

B. Used

1. Currently in use
2. Near future & why

C. Inseparable from supply & cost of raw materials

1. example petrochemical industry

D. Reasons for successfulness of raw material for biotechnology