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Bruce Dale, Michigan State University professor of chemical engineering and materials science and AgBioResearch scientist, has been named one of the Top 100 People in Bioenergy for 2012-13, as voted by the readers of Biofuels Digest and the Digest editorial board.

Dale makes the list for the third year. At number 22 this year, he is the top-ranked academic in the group.

"Having worked my entire career to develop sustainable biofuels, I am honored to be included in this group of very fine people," says Dale. "I particularly appreciate the privilege of being here at Michigan State University, where we have such a strong commitment to the bioeconomy."

Dale is recognized for, among other accomplishments, his pioneering work in cellulosic ethanol and his ongoing work in biofuels research.

He is working with MBI International, an industrial biotechnology company located in Lansing, Mich., to scale up and commercialize a process he invented that helps convert cellulosic biomass (grasses, straws, and woody materials) into enhanced animal feeds and biofuels. MBI has obtained a $4.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, complemented by another $1 million from the MSU Foundation, to build the first large-scale plant to use Dale's process.

U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack headed the Biofuels Digest list. Among scientists, Dale led the poll, followed by Jay Keasling, University of California, Berkeley; Robert Brown, Iowa State University; and Lee Lynd, Dartmouth University.

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