

TV Bioenergy Coppice

Cut-Back

At the end of the first year, during dormancy, the crop is normally cut back to the ground to encourage increased yields by stimulating multiple buds to develop in subsequent years. It is important that the trees are cut cleanly to avoid disease, so cut-back harvests are best carried out using a sickle bar mower (see below).



After cut back an application of herbicide is applied to the crop to ensure there is little to no competition for the SRC. In addition, it is possible to apply a fertiliser in the form of sewage sludge or cake at this time as this will be the last opportunity until harvest.