

PROGRAM TITLE: BL PROCESS/PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT (1300)

OBJECTIVE: To simplify and improve BL processing. To improve the physical properties of the product.

PROGRAM APPROACH AND TIMING:

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| A. Evaluate additive reduction in RCB to increase CV. | 1st-2nd Qtr. |
| B. Supply technical assistance for burley stem washing process modification. | 3rd-4th Qtr. |
| C. Evaluate the elimination of feedstock grinding to improve tensile strength of RCB. | 2nd Qtr. |

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