Evergreen has been active for many years in the development and utilization of agricultural fibers (agrifiber) as a raw material resource for processes, primarily in the wood products industry. This annually-renewable resource, often an environmental liability, offers a sensible alternative to wood fiber for many applications.

**Product Development and Prototypes**

- Types of agrifiber used: grass straw, cereal straw, rice straw, bagasse, stover
- Prototypes and testing performed: industrial composite panels, structural composite panels, pulp, low-density core, molded products
- Process development: medium-density fiberboard (MDF), particleboard, strandboard

**Project Examples**

**Agriboard Industries – Dallas, Texas**

Utilizing rice straw, developed and tested product prototypes for a replacement panel for OSB (long-strand structural panel) in a built-up wall panel system.

**Harvest Board – Lisbon, North Dakota**

Technical consulting to assist with process/start-up issues. Wheat straw, molded product (cabinet doors).

**California Agriboard (CalAg) – Willows, California**

Assisted with product prototyping and testing at laboratories in the U.S. and Europe. Provided preliminary engineering for a new greenfield MDF plant using rice straw, including process, layouts, equipment definition, capital cost estimation, and permitting. Served as CalAg’s engineer on the EPC team to design and construct the plant.

**Confidential Clients – Hubbard, Oregon**

Evergreen is also consulting with two small-scale board production facilities who are utilizing exotic fibers, such as seed hulls, hemp, viticulture residues, and empty fruit bunches to produce decorative architectural board for specialty construction.