

**Supplementary Table S1.** ANOVA table for comparison of biomass yields by clone and shoot age at harvest (Type III table with Satterthwaite's method)

	Sum Sq.	Mean Sq.	Num. DF	Den. DF	F value	P value
Block	14.48	7.24	2	4	3.18	0.15
Shoot Age	22.78	11.39	2	4	5.00	0.08
Clone	162.59	32.52	5	30	14.29	$3.5 \times 10^{-7}$
Shoot age:Clone	10.70	1.07	10	30	0.47	0.90

**Supplementary Table S2.** Estimated marginal means (EM means) of biomass yields by clone and shoot age. Yields are compared within shoot ages at the significance level of  $\alpha = 0.05$ , with clones sharing the same letter (compact letter display, CLD) not being significantly different from each other. Standard error for all measurements was 0.892 ton ha<sup>-1</sup> y<sup>-1</sup>

Clone <sup>CLD</sup>	EM mean (ton ha <sup>-1</sup> y <sup>-1</sup> )	95% CI
Shoot age = 1		
78195 <sup>C</sup>	2.58	0.76–4.39
78183 <sup>CB</sup>	3.30	1.48–5.12
Jorr <sup>CB</sup>	3.70	1.88–5.52
Björn <sup>CBA</sup>	6.13	4.31–7.95
Olof <sup>BA</sup>	6.37	4.55–8.19
Tora <sup>A</sup>	8.50	6.68–10.32
Shoot age = 2		
78195 <sup>A</sup>	2.52	0.70–4.34
Jorr <sup>A</sup>	3.50	1.68–5.32
78183 <sup>A</sup>	4.21	2.39–6.03
Olof <sup>A</sup>	5.68	3.86–7.49
Tora <sup>A</sup>	6.06	4.24–7.88
Björn <sup>A</sup>	6.20	4.38–8.02
Shoot age = 3		
78195 <sup>B</sup>	3.59	1.77–5.41
Jorr <sup>BA</sup>	5.23	3.40–7.05
78183 <sup>BA</sup>	5.27	3.46–7.09
Olof <sup>A</sup>	7.53	5.70–9.34
Björn <sup>A</sup>	8.27	6.46–10.09
Tora <sup>A</sup>	8.66	6.85–10.48

**Supplementary Table S3.** ANOVA table for comparison of biomethanation potential by clone and shoot age

	D.F.	Sum Sq.	Mean Sq.	F value	P value
Clone	5	2583.7	516.73	2.7592	0.03
Shoot Age	2	6277.3	3138.63	16.7594	$3.6 \times 10^{-6}$
Residuals	45	8427.4	187.28		

**Supplementary File S2.** Mean harvest data per plant for each subplot in the field experiment. FW: fresh weight

Clone	Block	Shoot age	Number of small shoots	Number of large shoots	FW (g)	n
78183	M	1	1.5	6.1	246.7	12
78183	M	2	2.8	5.1	1001.7	12
78183	M	3	0	2.2	2170	12
78183	N	1	2.3	7.6	462.5	12
78183	N	2	4.4	5.5	1077.5	12
78183	N	3	0	2.2	1568.3	12
78183	S	1	2.1	6.2	390.8	12
78183	S	2	2.5	4.6	726.7	12
78183	S	3	0	2.3	1535	12
78195	M	1	1.8	5.6	203.3	12
78195	M	2	2.1	3.6	556.7	12
78195	M	3	5.8	1.7	1080	12
78195	N	1	1.3	6.9	392.7	11
78195	N	2	2	3.2	534.5	11
78195	N	3	10.3	2	1531.7	12
78195	S	1	1	5.5	295	12
78195	S	2	1.6	2.8	631.7	12
78195	S	3	2.8	1.7	980	12
Björn	M	1	1.9	5	573.6	11
Björn	M	2	2.4	1.7	1194.2	12
Björn	M	3	0	1.2	2896	10
Björn	N	1	1.4	6.2	702.5	12
Björn	N	2	2	2.2	1836.7	12
Björn	N	3	0	1.6	4269.2	12
Björn	S	1	1.8	5.5	890	11
Björn	S	2	1	1.8	1101.7	12
Björn	S	3	0	1.4	2121.1	9
Jorr	M	1	3.2	5.7	477.8	9
Jorr	M	2	2.5	2.4	532.5	12
Jorr	M	3	5	1.6	1833.6	11
Jorr	N	1	3.2	6.3	515.8	12
Jorr	N	2	2	2.5	858.3	12
Jorr	N	3	9	1.2	2294.2	12
Jorr	S	1	2	5.6	392.7	11
Jorr	S	2	2.4	3.4	940.8	12
Jorr	S	3	0	1.2	1503	10
Olof	M	1	1.7	5.2	971.7	12
Olof	M	2	1.3	4.1	1300.8	12
Olof	M	3	2	1.4	2630	11
Olof	N	1	1.9	3.4	482.5	12
Olof	N	2	1.9	1.9	1042.7	11
Olof	N	3	0	1.6	2850	12
Olof	S	1	2	4.2	669.2	12
Olof	S	2	1	3.3	1527.5	12
Olof	S	3	1.7	1.6	2470.9	11
Tora	M	1	2.2	6.8	1138.3	12
Tora	M	2	1.8	1.8	1150.8	12
Tora	M	3	0	1.4	3203.3	12

Tora	N	1	2.9	6.6	1044.2	12
Tora	N	2	1.2	3	1810.8	12
Tora	N	3	0	1.7	3253.3	12
Tora	S	1	1	5	651.7	12
Tora	S	2	1.9	2.2	1080	12
Tora	S	3	0	1.3	2208.3	12