

Oil Palm Leaf and Corn Stalk, Mechanical Properties and Surface Characterization

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Abstract : Agro waste can be defined as waste from agricultural plant. Oil palm leaf and corn stalk can be categorized as agro waste material. At first, the comparison between oil palm leaf and corn stalk by mechanical properties from soda pulping process. After that, focusing on surface characterization by Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM). Both material have a potential due to mechanical properties (tensile, tear, burst and fold) and surface characterization but corn stalk shows more in strength and compactness due to fiber characterization compared to oil palm leaf. This study promoting the green technology in develop a friendly product and suitable to be used as an alternative pulp in paper making industry.

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