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Monthly Biodiesel Production Report

With data for March 2018

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Biodiesel Highlights and Background, Data for March 2018

Highlights

Production – U.S. production of biodiesel was 147 million gallons in March 2018. Biodiesel production during March 2018 was 21 million gallons higher than production in February 2018. Biodiesel production from the Midwest region (Petroleum Administration for Defense District 2) accounted for 67 percent of the United States total. Production came from 95 biodiesel plants with capacity of 2.4 billion gallons per year.

Sales – Producer sales of biodiesel during March 2018 included 54 million gallons sold as B100 (100% biodiesel) and an additional 90 million gallons of B100 sold in biodiesel blends with diesel fuel derived from petroleum.

Feedstocks – There were a total of 1,116 million pounds of feedstocks used to produce biodiesel in March 2018. Soybean oil remained the largest biodiesel feedstock during March 2018 with 624 million pounds consumed.

Background

The Monthly Biodiesel Production Report provides data on operations of the U.S. biodiesel industry as part of EIA's response to section 1508 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which directed EIA to publish information on renewable fuels including biodiesel. Data are provided for the U.S. and in selected cases by state and region.

The source of data is [Form EIA-22M Monthly Biodiesel Production Survey](#), used to collect the following information from registered producers of biodiesel.

- plant location, operating status, and annual production capacity
- production of 100% biodiesel (B100)
- biodiesel coproduct production
- stocks
- feedstock, alcohol input, and catalysts used in biodiesel production
- sales of B100 and blended biodiesel from producing plants
- sales of biodiesel to end-users

Form EIA-22M provides data necessary to monitor growth of the biodiesel industry in order to allow Congress to assess whether objectives of Section 503 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and Section 1508 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 are being achieved.

Table 1. U.S. Biodiesel production capacity and production

million gallons

Period	Annual Production Capacity	Monthly B100 Production
2016		
January	2,270	105
February	2,270	105
March	2,299	121
April	2,290	120
May	2,275	135
June	2,275	135
July	2,275	140
August	2,275	142
September	2,279	135
October	2,312	144
November	2,312	143
December	2,316	144
Total	--	1,569
2017		
January	2,316	93
February	2,316	94
March	2,360	116
April	2,326	127
May	2,327	136
June	2,327	140
July	2,330	150
August	2,319	149
September	2,348	147
October	2,355	148
November	2,415	148
December	2,399	148
Total	--	1,595
2018		
January	2,415	124
February	2,416	126
March	2,414	147
3 Month Total	--	396
2017 3 Month Total	--	303
2016 3 Month Total	--	331

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B100 is the industry designation for pure biodiesel; a biodiesel blend contains both pure biodiesel and petroleum diesel fuel.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-22M "Monthly Biodiesel Production Survey"

Table 2. U.S. Biodiesel production, sales, and stocks

million gallons

Period	B100 production	Sales of B100	Sales of B100 included in biodiesel blends	Ending stocks of B100	B100 stock change
2016					
January	105	46	45	57	13
February	105	44	56	61	5
March	121	62	64	56	(5)
April	120	65	61	49	(7)
May	135	67	68	50	1
June	135	68	72	45	(5)
July	140	79	60	46	1
August	142	84	66	38	(8)
September	135	70	69	35	(3)
October	144	74	67	38	3
November	143	74	63	44	6
December	144	84	76	29	(16)
Total	1,569	818	767	--	(16)
2017					
January	93	35	37	49	20
February	94	37	47	59	10
March	116	51	61	62	4
April	127	51	71	66	4
May	136	66	82	55	(11)
June	140	62	83	50	(5)
July	150	63	87	49	0
August	149	63	89	46	(3)
September	147	61	83	49	2
October	148	53	91	51	3
November	148	55	92	52	1
December	148	56	99	44	(8)
Total	1,595	655	923	--	16
2018					
January	124	51	65	52	8
February	126	48	70	60	8
March	147	54	90	62	2
3 Month Total	396	153	224	--	18
2017 3 Month Total	303	124	145	--	34
2016 3 Month Total	331	153	165	--	12

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Table 3. U.S. Inputs to biodiesel production

million pounds

Period	Feedstock inputs						Animal fats	
	Vegetable oils						Poultry	Tallow
	Canola oil	Corn oil	Cottonseed oil	Palm oil	Soybean oil	Other		
2016								
January	61	94	-	(s)	392	3	11	23
February	47	88	-	-	416	W	11	19
March	68	93	-	-	464	1	15	15
April	92	87	-	-	415	W	19	38
May	122	94	-	-	544	W	20	24
June	129	103	-	-	520	W	17	36
July	115	127	-	-	536	W	21	36
August	109	123	-	-	561	W	27	32
September	117	106	(s)	-	537	W	21	29
October	117	120	-	-	526	W	20	31
November	98	136	-	-	596	W	20	25
December	55	135	-	-	610	(s)	17	23
Total	1,130	1,306	(s)	(s)	6,117	W	220	332
2017								
January	38	112	-	-	390	(s)	7	W
February	69	112	-	-	369	(s)	10	15
March	130	122	-	-	369	(s)	13	W
April	120	129	-	-	427	W	13	45
May	131	124	-	-	546	(s)	13	41
June	153	113	-	-	549	(s)	15	34
July	157	130	-	-	606	(s)	W	36
August	143	143	-	-	608	(s)	18	39
September	84	144	W	-	604	(s)	13	33
October	159	132	W	-	577	(s)	20	38
November	141	153	W	-	591	(s)	24	34
December	128	165	W	-	594	(s)	13	30
Total	1,452	1,579	W	-	6,230	W	W	W
2018								
January	128	153	(s)	-	462	(s)	6	W
February	102	143	-	-	496	(s)	6	W
March	101	155	-	-	624	(s)	W	23
3 Month Total	331	451	-	-	1,582	(s)	W	W
2017 3 Month Total	237	345	-	-	1,129	(s)	30	W
2016 3 Month Total	176	275	-	(s)	1,273	W	37	57

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Table 3a. U.S. Inputs to biodiesel production (continuation of table 3)

million pounds

Period	Feedstock inputs						Other inputs		
	Animal fats		Recycled feeds		Algae	Other	Alcohol	Catalysts	
	White grease	Other	Yellow grease	Other					
2016									
January	57	1	93	W	-	W	80	14	
February	53	7	109	W	-	6	85	14	
March	44	14	110	W	-	W	95	15	
April	53	12	118	W	(s)	W	87	14	
May	47	15	106	W	(s)	6	101	17	
June	42	5	113	W	-	6	101	17	
July	38	6	130	W	-	W	106	17	
August	38	4	127	W	-	8	108	18	
September	36	W	117	W	-	W	113	19	
October	47	W	137	W	-	6	123	21	
November	49	5	118	W	-	W	109	22	
December	74	W	112	W	-	W	171	23	
Total	578	W	1,389	W	(s)	W	1,279	213	
2017									
January	47	1	84	W	(s)	2	78	17	
February	55	4	82	11	(s)	W	75	17	
March	67	4	116	W	-	W	92	20	
April	59	3	133	10	-	W	96	21	
May	49	5	131	W	-	W	103	21	
June	44	8	142	W	-	W	106	21	
July	33	W	135	W	-	W	111	27	
August	35	4	135	W	-	3	112	26	
September	46	4	127	W	-	W	110	25	
October	49	5	130	W	-	W	116	22	
November	49	5	131	W	-	W	116	23	
December	56	W	124	W	-	W	117	23	
Total	591	W	1,471	W	(s)	W	1,232	263	
2018									
January	44	4	103	W	(s)	1	98	20	
February	44	5	123	W	-	4	100	19	
March	49	5	138	11	-	W	118	23	
3 Month Total	137	14	364	W	(s)	W	316	63	
2017 3 Month Total	170	9	282	W	(s)	W	245	53	
2016 3 Month Total	154	22	312	W	-	W	260	43	

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Table 4. Biodiesel producers and production capacity by state, March 2018

State	Number of producers	Annual production capacity (million gallons per year)
Alabama	1	20
Alaska	1	0
Arizona	1	2
Arkansas	2	75
California	8	83
Colorado	-	-
Connecticut	1	25
Delaware	-	-
District of Columbia	-	-
Florida	2	13
Georgia	3	19
Hawaii	1	6
Idaho	-	-
Illinois	5	173
Indiana	2	104
Iowa	11	425
Kansas	2	51
Kentucky	1	49
Louisiana	-	-
Maine	1	1
Maryland	-	-
Massachusetts	1	1
Michigan	2	10
Minnesota	3	83
Mississippi	3	94
Missouri	9	202
Montana	-	-
Nebraska	1	3
Nevada	-	-
New Hampshire	1	4
New Jersey	-	-
New Mexico	1	1
New York	-	-
North Carolina	3	8
North Dakota	1	85
Ohio	1	71
Oklahoma	1	38
Oregon	1	17
Pennsylvania	2	90
Rhode Island	1	2
South Carolina	1	5
South Dakota	-	-
Tennessee	2	42
Texas	10	429
Utah	1	40
Vermont	-	-
Virginia	4	9
Washington	2	109
West Virginia	-	-
Wisconsin	2	27
Wyoming	-	-
U.S. Total	95	2,414

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Number of producers is a count of plants with operable capacity during the report month.

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Table 5. Biodiesel (B100) production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (PADD)

million gallons

Period	PADD					U.S.
	East Coast (PADD 1)	Midwest (PADD 2)	Gulf Coast (PADD 3)	Rocky Mountain (PADD 4)	West Coast (PADD 5)	
2016						
January	6	74	16	(s)	8	105
February	7	72	22	(s)	5	105
March	8	83	22	(s)	8	121
April	7	83	21	(s)	9	120
May	8	91	26	(s)	11	135
June	8	92	24	(s)	11	135
July	8	96	25	(s)	11	140
August	7	97	26	(s)	12	142
September	7	89	27	(s)	12	135
October	8	97	28	(s)	12	144
November	7	96	28	(s)	13	143
December	8	91	31	(s)	13	144
Total	89	1,061	296	(s)	125	1,569
2017						
January	4	65	17	(s)	6	93
February	4	66	16	(s)	8	94
March	6	77	23	(s)	10	116
April	7	85	25	(s)	10	127
May	8	94	25	(s)	9	136
June	8	92	27	(s)	13	140
July	8	99	30	(s)	13	150
August	8	101	28	(s)	12	149
September	8	100	27	(s)	13	147
October	8	96	31	(s)	12	148
November	8	98	31	(s)	11	148
December	8	98	32	(s)	10	148
Total	85	1,071	312	(s)	127	1,595
2018						
January	7	84	22	(s)	11	124
February	8	85	23	(s)	9	126
March	10	99	28	(s)	10	147
3 Month Total	25	268	73	(s)	30	396
2017 3 Month Total	14	208	56	(s)	24	303
2016 3 Month Total	21	229	60	(s)	21	331

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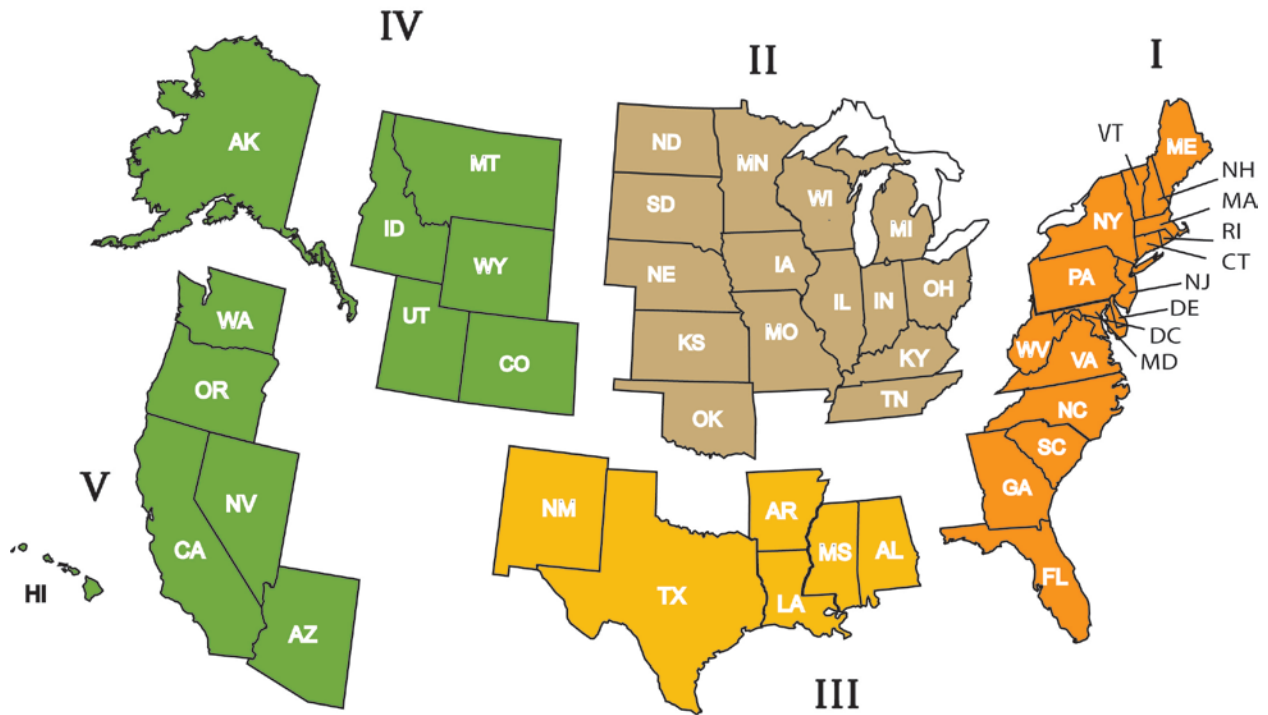
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See Appendix A for a map of states included in each PADD.

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Appendix A Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD)



NOTE: MAP NOT TO SCALE.