



America's Ethanol Industry Our Energy Future Starts at Home



# About the RFA

Renewable Fuels Association

- The Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) promotes policies, regulations and research and development initiatives that will lead to the increased production and use of fuel ethanol.
- RFA membership includes a broad crosssection of businesses, individuals and organizations dedicated to the expansion of the U.S. fuel ethanol industry.

# **Ethanol Facts**

### **2008 Production / 2009 Estimate** 9.2 billion gallons / 10.5 billion gallons

**2008 Ethanol Imports** 556 million gallons

**Current Annual Production Capacity** 12.4 billion gallons

### **Under Construction**

2 billion gallons

### **Total Annual Operating Capacity** 10.3 billion gallons at 170 locations



### Ethanol Production Facilities



http://www.ethanolrfa.org/industry/locations/

#### 1. Abengoa

Cornstover, wheat straw, milo stubble, switchgrass and other biomass.

#### 2. Abengoa

 AE Biofuels Switchgrass, grass seed, grass straw and corn stalks.

#### 4. Bluefire

Green waste, wood waste, and other cellulosic urban wastes.

#### 5. Bluefire

 California Ethanol + Power, LLC Local Imperial Valley grown sugarcane facility powered by sugarcane bagasse.

#### 7. Coskata

Any carbon-based feedstock, including biomass, municipal solid waste, bagasse, and other agricultural waste.

#### 8. DuPont Danisco Cellulosic Ethanol LLC

Switchgrass, corn stover and corn cobs.

#### 9. Ecofin, LLC Com cobs.

 Flambeau River Biofuels LLC Softwood chips, wood, and forest residues.

#### 11. ICM Inc.

Switchgrass, forage, sorghum, stover.

#### 12. logen Corp.

Agricultural residues including wheat straw, barley straw, corn stover, switchgrass and rice straw.

#### 13. KL Process

Softwood, waste wood, including cardboard and paper.

#### 14. Lignol Innovations

Woody biomass, agricultural residues, hardwood and softwood.

#### 15. Mascoma

Lignocellulosic biomass, including switchgrass, paper sludge, and wood chips.

#### 16. Mascoma

Consolidated bioprocessing refinery using bacteria to break down and ferment local wood chips

#### 17. Newpage Corp.

Woody biomass, mill residues.

#### **18. New Planet Energy**

Municipal solid waste (MSW); unrecyclable paper; construction & demolition debris; tree, yard and vegetative waste; and energy crops.

#### 19. Pacific Ethanol

Wheat straw, stover, and poplar residuals.

#### 20. POET

Com fiber, com cobs and com stalks.

#### 21. POET

 Range Fuels Inc. Wood residues and wood-based energy crops, grasses and corn stover.

#### 23. RSE Pulp & Chemical LLC

Woodchips (mixed hardwood).

#### 24. Verenium

Sugarcane bagasse and specially bred energy cane.

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#### 26. ZeaChem

Poplar trees, sugar, and wood chips.

#### U.S. Cellulosic Ethanol Projects Under Development And Construction



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### **Renewable Fuels Standard**

#### NEW RENEWABLE FUELS STANDARD SCHEDULE

Year	Renew- able Biofuel	Advanced Biofuel	Cellulosic Biofuel	Biomass- based Diesel	Undiffer- entiated Advanced Biofuel	Total RFS
2008	9.0					9.0
2009	10.5	.6		.5	0.1	11.1
2010	12	.95	.1	.65	0.2	12.95
2011	12.6	1.35	.25	.8	0.3	13.95
2012	13.2	2	.5	1	0.5	15.2
2013	13.8	2.75	1		1.75	16.55
2014	14.4	3.75	1.75		2	18.15
2015	15	5.5	3		2.5	20.5
2016	15	7.25	4.25		3.0	22.25
2017	15	9	5.5		3.5	24
2018	15	11	7		4.0	26
2019	15	13	8.5		4.5	28
2020	15	15	10.5		4.5	30
2021	15	18	13.5		4.5	33
2022	15	21	16		5	36

# Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS2)



Note: 20% reduction for conventional biofuels applies only to new construction

# **RFS2 Implementation**

- Requires GHG reductions for each renewable fuel technology
  - 20% Reduction for Conventional
  - 50% Advanced Biofuels/Biodiesel
  - 60% Cellulosic Ethanol
- Questions abound over modeling, assumptions used by EPA to determine GHG emissions
- Precursor to national low carbon fuel standard

## Current Ethanol GHG Profile

- Ethanol production yields between 30 and 59% reduction in GHG emissions compared to gasoline (Journal of Industrial Ecology, Liska et all., 2009 and IEA Bioenergy Task 39)
- Future GHG reductions from corn ethanol could rival estimates for cellulosic ethanol
- Trend line for ethanol improving, petroleum is getting worse

# Indirect Land Use

- No scientific consensus on how to measure indirect land use change, if it exists
- Current assumptions underestimate impact of livestock feed co-product, yield improvements
- Being applied selectively to biofuels at the exclusion of petroleum
  - Tar sands, methane flaring

# Steps Forward on RFS2

- EPA should issue NOPR on RFS2
- Include calculations for both direct and domestic indirect emissions from land use change
- List calculations that show GHG emissions with and without international indirect land use change
- Properly account for co-product generation and efficiency, productivity improvements

# RFS Ethanol Requirements (% of projected gasoline use)

Ethanol Use Required Under EISA, as Implied % of Total (Blended) Gasoline Consumption NOTE: Does not include effect of small refiners exemption through 2010



### Meeting RFS Ethanol Targets

- E10 reaches saturation at ~12.5-14 billion gals.
- 2010 RFS = 10.6 bg (conventional + undifferentiated advanced)
- 2011 RFS = 12.3 bg (conv. + und. advanced + cellulosic)
- 2012 RFS = 13.15 bg (conv. + und. advanced + cellulosic)
- 2013 RFS = 14.2 bg (conv. + und. advanced + cellulosic)

# Meeting mid- and long-term RFS targets will require:

- Rapid proliferation of E85 (FFVs & infrastructure); and
- Approval of blends >E10 for conventional autos

## The E10 Blend Wall



Notes: (1) Assumes undifferentiated biofuel will be ethanol in mid-term; (2) Does not account for small refiner exemption through 2010

### Impact of E15 Approval on Ethanol Market and RFS Compliance



### Long-term goals likely to require midlevel blends higher than E15

### A Possible RFS Compliance Path for Ethanol? (Illustrative Only)





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