



IRFA AND IOWA CORN – “POPPING THE POPCORN PROPAGANDA”

On August 1, the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association (IRFA) and Iowa Corn Promotion Board (ICPB) held a joint press conference to combat the recent claims being made in the media that ethanol and higher corn prices result in higher popcorn prices at the movies.

The event, entitled “Popping the Popcorn Propaganda,” displayed how much popcorn one may purchase from both a farmer and a movie theatre for \$5.



Iowa Corn CEO Craig Floss, IRFA intern Paul Brees, and IRFA Executive Director Monte Shaw at the press conference on August 1

The ‘blame ethanol’ game has gotten completely out of control,” stated IRFA Executive Director Monte Shaw. “From a consumer standpoint, for \$5 you can buy 1 tub of popcorn at a movie theatre or 38.5 pounds of popcorn from a farmer, which, when popped fills nearly 12-33 gallon trash bags. From a farm standpoint, in 2006 the farmer received about 1.4 cents for the corn in that \$5 tub at the movie theatre. In 2007, that same farmer will receive about 2 cents to fill that tub. How can an increase of 0.6 cents to the farmer justify a price hike to movie goers or crazy headlines in the news media?”

“We had a very visual example today of what actually goes to the farmer. You can use this same example when you talk about other products made with corn. For example, a six-pack of soda includes just 6 cents of corn sweetener, or only 1 penny per can.”

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WHITE ENERGY FIRST ETHANOL PLANT WINS OSHA’S SHARP AWARD

White Energy Inc. of Dallas, Texas became the first ethanol company in the United States to earn Occupational Health & Safety Administration’s (OSHA) Safety & Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) Award.

The award recognizes small employers who uphold exemplary standards for workplace safety and health. The Russell plant produces 50 million gallons of ethanol (MGPY) and 40 million pounds of wheat gluten annually. In addition, the plant employs more than 70 people in the area.

“We are very honored and proud to be the first and only ethanol production facility in the country to earn this distinction,” said Kevin D. Kuykendall, White Energy’s chief executive officer. “Our staff in Russell deserves credit for not only earning this award, but also for their strong sense of pride and commitment to maintaining our company’s high standards for workplace safety. Our Russell plant and team set the standard by which all of our new and future plants will be emulated and measured.”

The award was presented to White Energy at the company’s ethanol and wheat gluten facility in Russell, Kan. Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius and Jim Garner, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Labor joined OSHA officials in Russell to present the award.

“I’m proud that the first ethanol plant in the nation to receive the SHARP award is a Kansas business,” said Governor Sebelius. “Congratulations to White Energy and its employees on creating a safe work environment for this outstanding recognition.”

The Russell plant’s safety program is administered by Quality Control and Safety Manager Barb Elliot.

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If your soda at the store is going up more than 1 cent per can, then you have to wonder where the rest of that increase is going,” said Craig Floss, CEO for Iowa Corn. “We know that it is not making it to our corn growers, so to blame them for the increase in prices at the grocery store is simply not right.”

At the event, IRFA intern Paul Brees illustrated the point by popping the amount of popcorn one could buy from a farmer for five dollars, 38.5 pounds worth. In comparison, for five dollars one could buy one tub of popcorn from a movie theatre. To display the contrast, during the press conference the 38.5 pounds of popcorn were on display in 12 garbage bags next to the one tub of movie theatre popcorn.



IRFA intern Paul Brees sits in his cubicle surrounded by 38.5 pounds of popped popcorn.

“When you see how much popcorn five dollars gets you from a farmer, it’s pretty clear a small change isn’t having much impact on the price a consumer pays,” stated intern Brees. “We stacked it in my cubicle and I could barely sit down.”

GM REPORT: ETHANOL NOT CAUSING RISE IN FOOD PRICES

A video news report by General Motors discusses the recent rise in food prices and proves that ethanol is not the culprit.

The report found that processes like marketing and packaging have a large impact on consumer food prices. In addition, the report states that the price of gasoline has more than twice the impact on consumer food prices than does the price of grain.

Bob Dinneen, President of the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA), is featured in the video and provides an informational statement concerning the myth of ethanol’s involvement in rising food prices.

The video is available online at:

<http://media.medialink.com/WebNR.aspx?story=33662>.

RFA Calendar of Events

September 20- 23, 2007

Renewable on Parade
Washington, Iowa

September 27, 2007

US Chamber of Commerce Biofuels Event
Washington, DC

A representative from RFA will be participating in a panel discussion

October 2 - 3, 2007

RFA Annual Membership Meeting
Washington, DC

Meeting information has been emailed to member companies
Contact the RFA office for more information

October 15-17, 2007

Cellulosic Ethanol Summit
Washington, DC

November 5-8, 2007

F.O. Licht’s World Ethanol 2007 Conference
Amsterdam, Netherlands

RFA President Bob Dinneen to attend

FILM HELPS FIRST RESPONDERS COMBAT ETHANOL INCIDENTS

The Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) has released *Responding to Ethanol Incidents*, an educational video detailing proper materials needed to combat potential ethanol incidents. The video is available to watch online at www.ethanolrfa.org.

The video is a technical document that is directed primarily at ethanol plant operators and first responders such as fire marshals. It documents Ethanol Firefighting Foam test results, educates viewers on how to deal with ethanol-related spills and fires, and explores how ethanol-blended fuels are produced and distributed.

“A dedication to safety has always been the foremost concern of the U.S. ethanol industry,” said RFA President Bob Dinneen. “With the industry growing at such a rapid rate, it is imperative that our nations’ first responders have the proper education

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and training to assist in an emergency at a moment's notice. By making the video available to view on our website, we hope to communicate this message to first responders who have ethanol plants in their communities. On behalf of the RFA, I am confident that the availability of this DVD will help to combat any ethanol-related emergencies in the future."

RFA PRESENTS AT FLORIDA FARM TO FUEL SUMMIT

The Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) had a presence at the Florida Farm to Fuel Summit in St. Petersburg, Florida. Matt Hartwig, Communications

Director for the RFA gave a presentation entitled "Today's U.S. Ethanol Industry," in which he discussed the growth of the ethanol industry, the economic importance of this growth and what the RFA has been doing in Washington to help the industry expand.

"It's important to appreciate the scope of the industry," said Hartwig. "There are 123 biorefineries in 23 states; not just corn producing states, they are in states like Arizona and California."

In the next 24-36 months, he said, production will exceed 12 billion gallons. He also noted that federal and state legislative policy and regulations remain the number one driver for increasing ethanol demand and use across the country.

"We are talking about cellulose and wood chips and citrus waste; we're going to need it all. The research and development needs to be done by the federal government, the state and by our industry itself. By working together we can all make sure that these technologies come to the marketplace much sooner than most people think is possible."



RFA Communications Director Matt Hartwig speaks at the Florida Farm to Fuel Summit

He also explained that legislation recently passed by the Senate calls for an expansion of the Renewable Fuels Standard to 36 billion gallons by 2022 and requiring that 21 billion gallons of that must come from feedstocks other than corn.

Hartwig's presentation can be viewed at www.floridafarmtofuel.com.

HOUSE FARM BILL CONTINUES RENEWABLE FUELS MOMENTUM

The Renewable Fuels Association welcomed House passage of the H.R. 2419, the "Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007," on July 27. The bill provides a secure structure regarding crop production and conservation for America's farmers and invests progressively in renewable energy.

RFA President Bob Dinneen issued the following statement:

"By increasingly relying on American agriculture for our energy needs, we are providing real economic opportunity in rural communities all across the country and saving taxpayers billions of dollars. Farmers are finally receiving more of their income from the marketplace than the federal government.

"We are at a crossroads in this country with respect to our energy future. We can continue on with the status quo and become more vulnerable to the whims of oil cartels around the world. Or, we can invest in American imagination and hard work and move down the path of a more stable, secure energy future. This farm bill clearly takes a step down the latter."

MAY 2007: ETHANOL PRODUCTION & DEMAND

WASHINGTON, DC – Ethanol production and demand moved higher in May.

May 2007 Statistics

(mg = million gallons; b/d = barrels per day)

Fuel Ethanol Production	528.1 mg	406,000 b/d
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Fuel Ethanol Use	562.6 mg	427,000 b/d
Fuel Ethanol Stocks	375.9 mg	21.0 days of reserve
Fuel Ethanol Exports	0.0mg^	n/a
Fuel Ethanol Imports	34.5 mg*	n/a

*Source: U.S. International Trade Commission

^ Jim Jordan and Associates

JUNE 2007: ETHANOL PRODUCTION & DEMAND

WASHINGTON, DC – Ethanol production and demand moved higher in June to a new all-time record of 443,000 barrels per day (b/d).

June 2007 Statistics

(mg = million gallons; b/d = barrels per day)

Fuel Ethanol Production	527.2 mg	418,000 b/d
Fuel Ethanol Use	558.3 mg	443,000 b/d
Fuel Ethanol Stocks	380.8 mg	20.5 days of reserve
Fuel Ethanol Exports	0.0mg^	n/a
Fuel Ethanol Imports	36.0 mg*	n/a

*Source: U.S. International Trade Commission

^ Jim Jordan and Associates

FRIEND OF GROWMARK AWARD

Growmark, an agricultural cooperative and petroleum distributor, recognized RFA president Bob Dinneen with their Friend of Growmark award on Friday, August 24, 2007.

The Friend of Growmark award was established in 1989 to recognize outstanding leadership, commitment, and contribution to the well-being of the agriculture industry. Growmark also recognized Joe Jobe, CEO of the National Biodiesel Board.

RFA'S SAMANTHA SLATER PRESENTS TO AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD



RFA legislative director Samantha Slater gave a presentation to Representative Shimkus' Agriculture Advisory Board meeting on August 14th to update the Board on the U.S. ethanol industry.

She shared with those attending the latest ethanol industry statistics including numbers of ethanol facilities in operation and under construction, updated the Board on developments in cellulosic ethanol production, and gave a brief overview on RFA's projections on the Energy Bill, the Farm Bill and possible climate change legislation.

AUGUST BIG MONTH FOR PLANT OPENINGS AND GROUNDBREAKINGS

Several new ethanol facilities celebrated start-ups and groundbreakings this month, including Blue Flint Ethanol, US BioEnergy, VeraSun Energy, Redfield Energy and Lifeline Foods.

In North Dakota, Blue Flint Ethanol celebrated its grand opening Tuesday, August 14 for a 50 million gallon per year ethanol biorefinery near Underwood. Unique to the U.S. ethanol industry, Blue Flint Ethanol is located adjacent to Coal Creek Station, a coal-fired electric facility, and is using the excess steam from Coal Creek to run its ethanol production operations.

August 15th marked the grand opening of US BioEnergy's Ord, Nebraska plant. The plant marks the company's fourth in the US and the second plant in the state of Nebraska. The plant is expected to produce about 50 million gallons of ethanol per year.

VeraSun Energy opened its biorefinery in Charles City, marking VeraSun's third plant in the state. The company produces 345 million gallons of ethanol per year, and this particular plant will process 39 million bushels of corn and produce 350,000 tons of distillers grains for livestock feed in addition to 110 million gallons of ethanol a year. Along with Iowa State Senator Amanda Ragan, U.S. Senator Barack Obama attended the August 17th event.

On August 23rd, Redfield Energy, LLC celebrated the start-up of production at this South Dakotan-

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owned 50 million gallon per year ethanol biorefinery. Located outside Redfield, South Dakota, the facility will use 18 million bushels of corn to produce ethanol and 160,000 tons of distillers grains annually. Redfield, a dry mill plant, became operational in April 2007.

LifeLine Foods, in a partnership Colwich, Kansas based ICM, began construction for an ethanol plant at LifeLine's St. Joseph, Missouri food production facility. LifeLine Foods is a producer of corn-based food products and is slated to produce 40 million gallons of fuel grade ethanol per year.

ETHANOL INDUSTRY READY FOR RFS IMPLEMENTATION

Washington, DC – The U.S. ethanol industry was ready to hit the ground running as the full Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) was implemented beginning September 1. The RFS requires oil companies and gasoline refiners to use increasing amounts of renewable fuels like ethanol in the nation's motor fuel supply. A default version of the RFS has been in place since January 1, 2006. Starting September 1, 2007, the full RFS will be in effect, including the generation and transfer of Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) used to track the amount of renewable fuels used.

"The U.S. ethanol industry has worked diligently with the Environmental Protection Agency and our petroleum customers to ensure that the implementation of the RFS is as smooth as possible," said Renewable Fuels Association President Bob Dinneen. "The RFA has sponsored workshops, produced educational material and surveyed the industry and we are confident U.S. ethanol producers are prepared to meet the regulatory requirements of the full RFS. Renewable fuels are becoming an increasingly critical part of our nation's motor fuel supply, with ethanol use alone already exceeding the requirements of the RFS. America's ethanol producers look forward to the challenge of being a renewable energy industry that is standing up to meet America's growing demand for energy."

The RFS was included as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. It requires the use of renewable fuels beginning with 4 billion gallons in 2006 and increasing incrementally to 7.5 billion gallons of annual renewable fuel use in 2012.

Under the law, ethanol producers are required to generate a 38-character identification number for a set number of ethanol gallons produced. This number, also known as a RIN, will then be transferred to ethanol marketers and ultimately the end users of ethanol who blend it into the nation's gasoline supply. This RIN will be the tool by which the federal government verifies gasoline refiners are using the required volume of renewable fuels.

More information on the RFS and the requirements of each party can be found on the RFA website at www.ethanolrfa.org.

BRUCE RASTETTER PROVIDES \$1.75 MILLION FOR ISU AGRICULTURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

AMES, Iowa -- Iowa entrepreneur and businessman Bruce Rastetter has made a \$1.75 million commitment to the entrepreneurship program in Iowa State University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

"This wonderful gift is a significant addition to our portfolio of educational experiences to spark students' entrepreneurial spirit," said Wendy Wintersteen, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "This commitment means a lot coming from Bruce Rastetter, one of Iowa's most successful business leaders and someone who understands the expanding role agriculture and renewable energy plays in the future of our state. He definitely is a role model in entrepreneurship for our students."

Rastetter's generosity will enable the college to establish an endowed professorship in entrepreneurship and to renovate space in Curtiss Hall to house the entrepreneurship program.

Bruce Rastetter is CEO of Hawkeye Renewables, an ethanol production company he helped found in 2003. Hawkeye Renewables is the fourth largest

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ethanol producer in the nation. The company is headquartered in Ames and has ethanol plants in

Iowa Falls and Fairbank, and is building additional plants in Menlo and Shell Rock that begin production in 2008.

Rastetter has been a long-time entrepreneur, having created, financed and managed several national agricultural ventures. In addition to Hawkeye Renewables, Rastetter also founded Heartland Pork, one of the largest pork producers in the nation.

He grew up on a farm near Alden, Iowa, and is a graduate of the University of Iowa.

"I am proud to make this gift to Iowa State University and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences," said Rastetter. "This is an exciting time for the agriculture industry in Iowa and beyond. The number of opportunities available for agricultural entrepreneurs is expanding every day. I am hopeful this support will help many young Iowa entrepreneurs who are interested in agriculture and its future."

The College of Agriculture and Life Science's Agricultural Entrepreneurship Initiative was established in 2005. The program offers many educational experiences, including internships, fellowships, classroom activities and professional development programs to train and develop students and faculty in entrepreneurship. The program also supports faculty efforts to enhance entrepreneurial offerings in new curricula.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 13TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ETHANOL CONFERENCE

Register now for the Renewable Fuels Association's **13th Annual National Ethanol Conference (NEC)**.



The NEC will be held **February 25-27, 2008**, at the **JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes** resort in sunny **Orlando, Florida**.

To register, visit the RFA website at: www.nationalethanolconference.com.

RFA MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW

The Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) continues to see steady growth in membership. Please join us in welcoming the following 3 new members. We look forward to working with our new members as we continue to promote the increased use and production of ethanol.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (2)

CF Industries: CF manufactures nitrogen and phosphate fertilizers in the U.S. and Canada and supplies farmers with their nutrient needs to grow crops.

Greene Holcomb & Fisher LLC: GHF assists clients with mergers and acquisitions, capital raising and valuation services.

SUPPORTING MEMBERS (1)

Virginia Clean Cities: Virginia Clean Cities mission is to promote the use of American Energy for Transportation.

BLUEFIRE FILES TO CONSTRUCT FIRST CA CELLULOSIC ETHANOL PLANT

In June, BlueFire Ethanol Fuels, Inc. filed for a permit with the Los Angeles County to build California's first cellulose to ethanol production facility near Lancaster, California

Once in use, the plant will produce around 3.1 million gallons of cellulosic ethanol per year, using green and wood waste streams as its feedstock and recycled water. In addition, the plant will meet approximately 70% of its energy needs by using the energy stored in lignin, a co-product of the process.

The facility will serve as a demonstration facility for BlueFire's Bio-Butanol production process. Construction is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2008 and should begin construction later this year.