



# Support the Renewable Fuel Standard

**FAST FACT**

**In 2016, ethanol producers purchased over \$19 billion worth of corn from farmers in the U.S.,** substantially supporting these farmers during a time of low commodity prices and a time of increasing downward pressure on net farm income.

The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is lowering our dependence on foreign oil, keeping our air clean, revitalizing rural America, and providing consumers with more affordable fuel options at the pump.

**THE RFS IS GOOD FOR AMERICA**

**IT'S LOWERING DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL.**

- The RFS has injected much-needed competition and consumer choice into the fuel market.
- Since 2005 – the year the RFS was enacted – the U.S. has cut oil imports by more than half.
- Today, the U.S. consumes more than 19 million barrels of oil per day, and about one-fourth of that is still being imported from other countries.
- Every truckload of American ethanol displaces more than 60 barrels of imported oil.
- In 2016 alone, biofuels displaced approximately 510 million barrels of oil.

- The RFS stimulates investment in the next generation of advanced biofuels, like cellulosic ethanol, that can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 100 percent or more over conventional gasoline.
- Ethanol helps to displace toxic petroleum chemicals that have been proven to cause cancer and smog.

**IT'S GIVING CONSUMERS A CHOICE AT THE PUMP.**

- The RFS gives American drivers a better performing, cleaner, less expensive, and homegrown fuel option – ethanol-blended fuel.
- Today, higher ethanol blends like E15 are available at thousands of gas stations around the country, and they are saving consumers between 3-10 cents per gallon compared to regular gasoline.

**IT'S REDUCING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT.**

- Corn ethanol reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 43 percent compared to conventional gasoline and has the potential to reduce emissions by as much as 76 percent.

**ETHANOL: AN AMERICAN SUCCESS STORY**

- The RFS policy supported nearly 300,000 jobs and drove nearly \$34.6 billion in economic activity across rural America and the U.S. in 2016.
- Moving to higher blends of ethanol, such as E15, will create an additional 130,000 American jobs and has the potential to generate \$49.5 billion in total economic activity.
- About 97 percent of the American fuel supply is blended with ethanol, and it occupies 10 percent of Americans' gas tanks.
- The RFS policy has the ethanol industry producing over 15 billion gallons of renewable fuel and over 44 million tons of animal feed, which helps meet our nations need for fuel and food.



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