

Biofuel Priorities in the 2023 Farm Bill

The ethanol industry purchased \$25.5 billion of corn last year. Access to year-round E15, a 15 percent ethanol blend at the pump, would create demand for more than 2 billion additional bushels of corn each year, increasing GDP growth in rural America by \$66.3 billion. Clean, renewable biofuels support over 555,000 U.S. jobs.

GROWTH ENERGY FARM BILL PRIORITIES

PROTECT \$500 MILLION FOR **BIOFUELS INFRASTRUCTURE**

Congress provided \$500 million to support the development of biofuel infrastructure, including infrastructure improvements for blending, storing, supplying, or distributing biofuels. This money will be vital in increasing availability of lower-cost, lower-carbon E15, a 15% ethanol blended fuel, across the country. Increased access to E15 helps grow the market for American agricultural commodities.

INCREASED FUNDING FOR TRADE PROMOTION PROGRAMS AT USDA

We support increasing funds for both the Foreign Market Development (FMD) and Market Access Program (MAP) which help fund the U.S. Grains Council. If FMD/MAP received double the funding, it would generate an additional \$44.4 billion in U.S. agricultural exports from 2024–2029.

ALLOW ETHANOL PLANT CARBON REDUCTION PRACTICES TO QUALIFY FOR REAP

Ethanol plants across the country are investing in new technologies to reduce their facilities' own carbon footprint and repurpose the clean, biogenic captured carbon. We support a change to the REAP program to provide additional opportunity for ethanol producers to access to Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) funding to help offset the cost of carbon reducing technologies.

FARM BILL DEFINITIONAL CHANGES

We support making small definitional changes to ensure

1. Sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) references the GREET model,
2. That Farm Bill references to “advanced biofuel” include corn starch ethanol, and
3. New definitions for “low carbon bioethanol” and “zero carbon bioethanol” to recognize the carbon-reduction potential of ethanol.

PARITY IN REAP

Currently, biofuel infrastructure does not qualify for REAP funding. However, if Congress allows other types of vehicle infrastructure to qualify for REAP funding, we support adding higher blend infrastructure under the REAP program.

