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# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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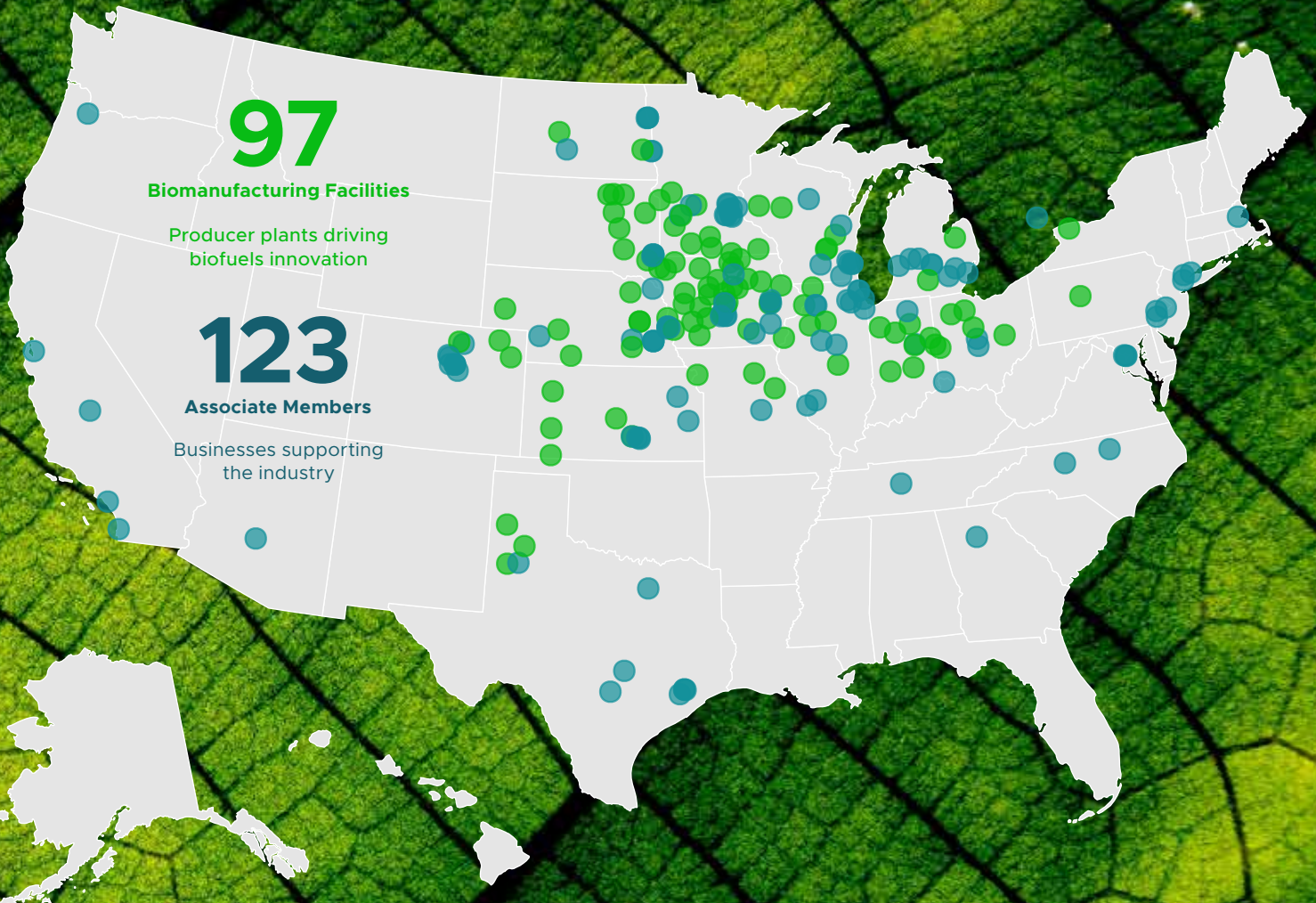
Expanding  
America's  
Bioeconomy

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# 2024 MEMBER LOCATIONS



Growth Energy<sup>®</sup>

**9.5**

BILLION GALLONS

Annual biofuel production by member plants

**22%**

U.S. CORN SUPPLY

Purchased by member plants annually\*

\* approximate

# A NOTE FROM OUR CEO

## IN 2024, GROWTH ENERGY BROUGHT BIOFUELS INTO THE MAINSTREAM ENERGY CONVERSATION.

We connected with new audiences in government, the media, and across the industry. We moved the ball on our urgent policy priorities and shaped the debate to secure an even brighter long-term future. Through strategic communications, agile and effective advocacy, and unwavering member support, we created new opportunities and made the most of them — defining and advancing the bioeconomy.

As you'll read in these pages, Growth stayed vigilant and kept driving progress in the same fights we've known for years — like maintaining the integrity of the Renewable Fuel Standard and partnering with retailers to get more and more E15 into American fuel tanks. We also focused on the newer policy battles that will shape our markets in the years ahead. We led a full-court press to shape the implementation of the new 45Z tax credit, so rural America can take its rightful role at the forefront of clean energy. We're educating on biofuels' irreplaceable role in decarbonizing transportation, both on the road and in the skies with sustainable aviation fuel. And we're partnering with both sides of the political aisle to break down unfair trade barriers and unlock foreign markets for American bioproducts.

This year, we also spent more time in Houston — the energy capital of the world — than we ever have. We appeared on conference programs at marquee events, from CERAWEEK to New York Climate Week and beyond. It seemed to be the year when the rest of the world started to recognize something we all already knew — that low-carbon liquid fuels are vital to achieving global policy and climate goals.

Ultimately, we spent 2024 embracing our role at the forefront of American energy innovation, opening new doors for this industry. Our members are the cornerstone of the broader bioeconomy, which drives investment in rural communities. They give American consumers more choice and lower prices. They accelerate innovation, secure U.S. leadership in hard-to-electrify sectors, and position domestic producers to thrive in global markets. The bioeconomy is already winning for America — and 2024 was only the beginning.

On behalf of our board of directors and your team here at Growth Energy, we are grateful for your strong support.



**Emily Skor**  
CEO, Growth Energy



**Growth Energy**<sup>®</sup>

Expanding America's Bioeconomy



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— **Emily Skor**  
CEO, Growth Energy

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# Charting a Course During an Election Year

From the halls of Congress to the campaign trail, Growth Energy didn't miss an opportunity in 2024 to impress on policymakers how and why a growing bioeconomy is vital to achieving America's climate and energy goals.

We provided our leaders in Congress, federal agencies, and the White House with a detailed policy roadmap for growing markets, reducing emissions, and revitalizing rural communities. Each of those priorities was backed by coordinated efforts to drive support for specific policies: unleashing the power of E15 nationwide, protecting the integrity of the RFS, and ensuring that biofuel producers and our farm partners have full access to new tax incentives for low-carbon fuel production.

## E15

**Growth Energy launched a successful ad campaign calling for another round of emergency waivers from the EPA, which allowed uninterrupted summer sales for the sixth year in a row.**

Additionally, in 2024 Growth Energy broke the news that Americans have driven 140 billion miles on E15. We also showcased the savings accumulated by consumers — 10 to 30 cents per gallon in most areas — to fuel momentum behind reintroduced House and Senate legislation, the Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act, that would allow E15 to be sold wherever and whenever consumers need it.

📍 Biofuels Summit participants walk across the Capitol complex between meetings with members of Congress and their staff to advocate for renewable fuel policies.



Additionally, Growth Energy continued to harness federal policy to drive investments in blending infrastructure, preserve year-round E15 sales, and rally bipartisan support for a permanent, nationwide E15 solution. October marked the fifth and final round of applications for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIIP). Since the program’s inception, Growth Energy’s market development team has facilitated the majority of all applications, helping our retail partners tap into the growing demand for more affordable, lower-carbon fuel options.

## RFS

**Growth Energy remained laser-focused on protecting — and building on — the gains we made during the “Set” rulemaking that established blending obligations for 2023 to 2025.**

For example, Growth Energy worked alongside the nation’s top lifecycle scientists to submit an amicus brief challenging the faulty land-use assumptions behind lawsuits challenging the RFS. We also flexed our legal muscles in cases on small refinery exemptions (SREs), regulatory compliance, endangered species, and a host of related issues — strengthening our defense going into 2025.

## 45Z

**Growth Energy led the charge to shape federal guidance on the Clean Fuel Production Credit, or 45Z.**

First, we focused on the 40B Sustainable Aviation Fuel tax credit — the guidance we knew would be an important frame of reference when it came time for Treasury to act on 45Z. While the 40B guidance was flawed, mainly due to its all-or-nothing approach to climate smart agriculture (CSA) practices and limited recognition of the array of decarbonizing strategies we can deploy, it was a solid first step and important milestone. It was the first time that federal tax policy used our preferred lifecycle analysis model — the Department of Energy’s Greenhouse gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy use in Technologies (GREET) model — and recognized that CSA practices have a measurable impact on carbon emissions. Those were big wins in the guidance, and Growth Energy and our members and partners played a huge part in making sure they were included.

For 45Z, we also took advantage of Congressional hearings, regulatory comments, and public meetings, as well as private conversations with lawmakers and administration officials, to demand timely guidance from the U.S. Treasury that would



Southwest Airlines, SAFFiRE Renewables and Conestoga Energy break ground in August on a new stover-to-SAF production facility in Kansas.

## Breaking Ground on Innovation: Growth Energy and Partners Launch Kansas Stover-to-SAF Facility


This August, Growth Energy joined Kansas Senators Jerry Moran and Roger Marshall, Kansas Rep. Tracey Mann, as well as representatives of the Federal Aviation Administrator and U.S. Department of Energy, to break ground on a cutting-edge stover-to-SAF facility in Kansas. The project is a partnership between Southwest Airlines and Growth Energy members SAFFiRE Renewables and Conestoga Energy, led by Growth Energy Chairman Tom Willis. Growth Energy CEO Emily Skor used the opportunity to remind policymakers that continued progress requires “a 45Z clean fuel production credit that allows rural America to prosper at the speed of innovation, not the snail’s pace of bureaucracy.” 🌱

accurately reward the full spectrum of tools available to reduce emissions on-the-farm and at-the-plant. We also secured earned media throughout the year to remind policymakers that tax policy must be guided by American lifecycle modeling that doesn't unfairly advantage foreign firms. Those messages were echoed by our biofuels champions in Congress during big events like the Iowa State Fair, where they emphasized the impact of U.S. tax policy on small-town communities that are paving the way for the new bioeconomy. Importantly, our messaging (and the messaging of our champions) around 45Z was designed specifically to straddle the line between the credit's environmental and economic benefits — making it appealing to officials in both parties and the Trump administration that would be responsible for delivering final guidance.

## CARBON CAPTURE PERMITTING

**Growth Energy led the biofuel industry to advance permitting and infrastructure to safely transport and sequester CO<sub>2</sub>.**

We're pushing for regulations that support our members' continued innovation and investment in transformational carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies. Our association also worked hard in 2024 to raise awareness in Congress and pressure EPA to meet their goal of issuing Class VI permits for carbon sequestration wells, culminating in a strong bipartisan letter to EPA in November.

In fact, class VI permits were a major part of our conversations with 160 Congressional member offices during the 2024 Biofuels Summit (GEBS). During the summit Growth Energy also unveiled new research from the Energy Futures Initiative Foundation (EFIF), led by former Secretary of Energy Ernest J. Moniz, detailing the most effective and affordable strategies for decarbonizing bioethanol, including CCS. 



➊ Growth Energy CEO Emily Skor presents at S&P Global's CERAWEEK.

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U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack (right) visits the Corner Store fuel station in Minnesota with Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn. (far left) and Sen. Tina Smith, D-Minn. (center). The station expanded its E15 offerings using funds from USDA's Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program and Vilsack visited to highlight the program's success. Growth Energy wrote more than half of the grant applications submitted for HBIIIP funds in 2024.



Former Secretary of Energy Ernest J. Moniz presents new research from the Energy Futures Initiative Foundation (EFIF) at the Biofuels Summit in September. The landmark study details the most effective and affordable strategies for decarbonizing bioethanol, including CCS.



Growth Energy ran digital ads thanking U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and EPA Administrator Michael Regan for securing an emergency waiver allowing the sale of E15 during the summer months in 2024.

U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) accepts a Fueling Growth award at a reception hosted in the Russell Senate Office Building during Biofuels Summit. Growth Energy awarded 50 members of Congress with the Fueling Growth distinction for 2024.

## LITIGATION

# Advancing Biofuels in Court

Growth Energy leads the industry's legal defense of pro-biofuels laws like the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), which has remained under siege in the courts.

### RVOs

In May, the D.C. Circuit rejected challenges to the RFS Reset rule (2020-2022 RVOs), which Growth defended as an intervenor in support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Growth also defended the RFS Set rule (2023-2025 RVOs) in court, also as an intervenor in support of EPA. In addition to pushing back against typical refinery challenges, Growth developed a sophisticated legal and technical defense of the RFS Set rule in the face of novel — and wildly unsupported — claims brought by environmental groups under the RFS and the Endangered Species Act. Growth leveraged work by independent, top-tier scientists to push back against these claims in court briefs and during critical oral argument time we were able to secure from the court. We expect a ruling on the RFS Set rule early in 2025.

Growth's defense of the RFS will continue for the so-called "Set II" (2026 and later RVOs), and we have already laid the groundwork this year for doing so. In December, Growth filed a lawsuit against EPA regarding the agency's failure to meet its statutory deadline for issuing the 2026 RVO, continuing to apply pressure on EPA to set a meaningful timeline for meeting its requirements under the law.

### SREs

Growth continued in 2024 to be the industry leader in a wide range of small refinery exemption (SRE) litigation, both on offense and on

“It shouldn't take a lawsuit to allow biofuels to be part of the solution.”

— Joe Kakesh

General Counsel, Growth Energy



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### Rundown in the Courts

These are just a few of the legal battles where Growth Energy has led the charge to defend biofuels. Over the course of the year, we have marshaled facts, presented research, and deployed legal muscle in a host of cases that promise to impact the future growth of America's biofuel industry:

- **RFS Power Coalition, et al. V. EPA**  
On 2020 RVOs
- **Sinclair v. EPA**  
On 2020-2022 RVOs
- **Center for Biological Diversity v. EPA**  
On the 2023-2025 RFS Set
- **AFPM v. EPA**  
On the 2023-2025 RFS Set
- **Sinclair v. EPA**  
On 2022 SRE denials
- **Calumet v. EPA**  
On 2022 SRE denials
- **EPA v. Calumet Refining**  
On 2022 SRE denials
- **Hunt Refining v. EPA**  
On 2022 SRE denials
- **Growth Energy v. EPA**  
On SRE alternative compliance
- **Kentucky, et al. v. EPA**  
On light-duty tailpipe GHG emissions standards
- **Kentucky Corn Growers Ass'n, et al. v. Buttigieg**  
On CAFE standards

defense. For example, after the D.C. Circuit issued two unfavorable opinions that upended dozens of SRE denials and upheld a questionable SRE free pass for certain refineries, Growth filed petitions for rehearing in an attempt to give the court the chance to correct its errors. The court denied these petitions, but Growth will continue to zealously push for integrity in the SRE program when the denials are remanded back to EPA.

Perhaps most importantly, the Supreme Court agreed to hear a challenge brought by the U.S. government and Growth, among others, regarding the proper venue, or court location, to adjudicate SRE disputes. By agreeing to take on this challenge, the Supreme Court will have an opportunity to rule on whether to give authority over the RFS to regional circuits, like the Fifth, which covers the oil refining states of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Our hope is that the Supreme Court will agree with our industry that those cases should rest with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, which is the proper venue since decisions have nationwide implications.

### VEHICLE STANDARDS

Growth also filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit challenging the Biden EPA's failure to consider higher biofuel blends in crafting its "tailpipe emissions rule." We used similar arguments in another amicus brief in a different case that focused on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards, which is being litigated in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

In its CAFE brief, Growth Energy argued that the Biden CAFE standards violate the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), in particular the EPCA's prohibition on using electric vehicles (EVs) as a "baseline" to set fuel-economy standards. Growth also noted that the standards functionally serve as an EV mandate and unlawfully fail to take the benefits of biofuels into consideration. NHTSA's "one-track focus on EVs leads to rules that are arbitrary, inconsistent with law, and miss important benefits of other technologies while also failing to minimize costs." 🌱

# Fueling America's Future: Advancing Pro-Biofuel Efforts Across the States



➤ Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen receives Growth Energy's highest honor, the America's Fuel Award, for his efforts in passing the E15 Access Standard Act.

➤ Growth Energy collaborated with our members to develop and deploy a targeted ad campaign promoting E15 retail tax incentive legislation in the Ohio Statehouse during the legislature's lame duck session. The ad campaign included digital search ads and digital billboards across the street from the statehouse.





## Setting the Stage for 2025

In 2024, Growth Energy forged new pathways for E15 legislation, championing biofuels as a vital component of a clean energy future.

We kicked off the year by celebrating a major victory in **MONTANA** as it became the 49th state to approve the sale of E15, empowering consumers to contribute to America's energy independence while benefiting from cost savings at the pump.

Additionally, we saw **SOUTH DAKOTA** sign SB 78 into law, which provides a \$0.05 per gallon incentive for retailers selling E15, thus ensuring wider access to higher blends of ethanol and the cost savings that come with it for South Dakotans.

On the West Coast, Growth Energy's state policy team worked with **WASHINGTON'S** Department of Agriculture to provide clarity on state law and ensure E15 is eligible for sale in the Evergreen State.

Our momentum continued when eight midwestern states secured access to E15 year-round — **ILLINOIS, IOWA, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, OHIO, SOUTH DAKOTA,** and **WISCONSIN** — marking a major victory for consumers, biofuel producers, and fuel retailers.

We also continued to seize new opportunities to amplify our message nationwide. Throughout the year, we provided 107 letters, comments, and oral testimonies related to E15 incentive legislation, clean fuel standards, and cap-and-trade programs. 🌱

The **CALIFORNIA** Assembly voted unanimously in favor of ABX2-9 to speed approval of E15 to achieve the state's environmental goals and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Although the state Senate declined to take up the E15 bill, California Governor Gavin Newsom acknowledged the benefits of ethanol and directed the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to expedite work and included funding in the state's budget to authorize E15 sales in the country's second-largest gasoline market. In addition, new data released this year by CARB showed that E85 sales set a new record in the state in 2023.

In 2024, we expanded our engagement with CARB on the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS), with nearly a dozen comment submissions and meetings with Board members. Growth Energy also worked with members to increase the number of public comments submitted from our industry, with eight new submissions from state biofuels or corn groups. Our persistent engagement will continue into 2025 as the recent amendments to the LCFS are implemented and the agency considers changes to its Cap-and-Trade program.

In **KANSAS**, the E15 Retail Tax Incentive was introduced through House Bill 2763, proposing a \$0.05 per gallon incentive for retailers selling higher bioethanol blends. In response, we submitted testimony to reaffirm our commitment to supporting Kansas' access to E15 and emphasize the benefits to retailers, consumers, and the state. While progress on the bill has been slow, we will continue to advocate for this tax incentive and its benefits to Kansas in 2025.

The **MICHIGAN** legislature passed legislation that included a \$0.05 per gallon incentive for E15 sales. Even though it was inexplicably vetoed by Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, we're optimistic that lawmakers will revisit the proposal next session or under a different governor.

In **NEBRASKA**, we commended Governor Jim Pillen for signing legislation that will speed investment in Nebraska's production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) in the coming years.

We applauded the **OHIO** legislature for advancing House Bill 324, which supports the E15 retail tax incentive. 🌱

## DOMESTIC MARKET DEVELOPMENT

# Making Biofuels a Bigger Part of the American Fuel Tank

E15 remained the premier low-cost, low-carbon liquid fuel option for consumers in 2024.

In response to surging consumer demand, many stations are making E15 their default blend at the pump. In fact, retailers pursuing the strategy comprised a full 46% of those submitting E15 Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIIP) applications authored by Growth Energy in 2024. We have commitments from retailers totaling nearly 1,000 retail locations that will be offering E15 as their mainstream fuel in the next two to three years.

Additionally, we've been at the ready for

our retail partners, including hosting a fly-in in March to help secure an emergency waiver for E15, working with Weights and Measures departments across the country to ensure that retailers are able to sell E15, and educating retailers on federal laws and regulations.

Other highlights of our 2024 collaboration with retailers include:

- writing 54% of all HBIIIP grants covering nearly 1,200 retail sites, totaling over

### New Retail Partners



\$1 billion in infrastructure investments by Growth Energy since inception;

- assisting Meijer’s higher blends strategy, where they plan to offer E15 for the first time and at all new sites going forward;
- funding Hy-Vee to rebrand pumps from E15 to UNL88, while also adding their first E15 base grade sites, both of which are proven to increase sales;
- working with the Corner Store in Inver Grove Heights near Minneapolis to secure an HBIIIP grant and host an event with local elected leaders and U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to highlight the importance of blending infrastructure investments;
- working with Huck’s to secure an HBIIIP grant for their first E15 pumps;
- working with Chestnut, a Northeast retailer, that installed their first E15 site;
- supporting Pearson Fuels on their E85 expansion in California, the only state where E15 is still prohibited, but which also saw record E85 sales in 2023;
- working with Minnoco retailers, who have championed E15 for 10 years now, to secure E15 funding through the Minnesota Biofuels Infrastructure Program;
- and
- influencing pipelines and fuel suppliers to expand economical access to E15.

In addition to supporting the majority of all HBIIIP applicants, Growth Energy coordinated 10 new projects with funding from Prime the Pump, which provided resources for retailer rebranding, equipment surveys, tank replacement, and new E15 retail sites.

Thanks to these ongoing efforts, we’re on track

to see a 12% increase in E15 sites around the country by the end of 2024, increasing the total number of stations that sell E15 to 3,808, with 443 of those being E15 replacement sites. On average, these E15 replacement stations sell six times more gallons of bioethanol with a lower infrastructure cost versus blender pumps, reinforcing our view that E15 will someday be America’s mainstream fuel. 🌱

**3,808** Retail locations offer E15



📌 The Growth Energy team also celebrated Earth Day by highlighting the environmental benefits of E15 during a community tree planting event in Iowa alongside E15 retailers, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, Iowa Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Grant Menke, and Polk County Conservation Office Director Richard Leopold.



## GLOBAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT

# Breaking Down Barriers, Opening New Markets

Unlocking foreign markets for American bioproducts is a core part of Growth Energy's mission. Those efforts are paying off.

America exported a record amount of bioethanol in 2024, totaling nearly two billion gallons — a 36% increase year over year.

In support of that growth, we engaged trade negotiators at home and abroad to:

- combat unfair trade barriers and tariffs imposed by competitors in Brazil, Southeast Asia, and elsewhere;
- advocate for the use of higher bioethanol blends around the world; and
- challenge foreign fuel standards that effectively ban the use of renewable, crop-based biofuels.

Growth Energy's team also participated in trade missions to 11 countries, including Japan and Indonesia, where Growth Energy CEO Emily Skor sat down with government and private sector leaders to make the case that U.S. biofuels are the most cost-effective and expeditious solution for nations looking to achieve carbon reduction goals, improve energy security, and reduce prices at the pump.

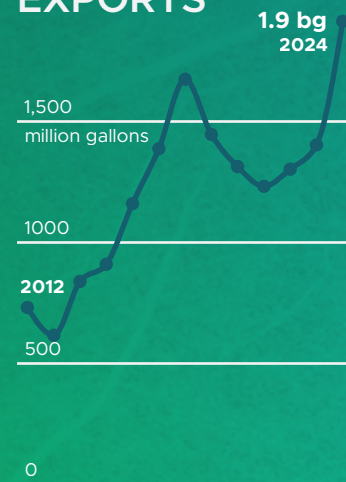
In addition, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack and U.S. Trade

Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai appointed Skor as a member of the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee, which directly advises both USDA and USTR. That appointment, which extends through the next administration, will ensure that Growth Energy has a seat at the table when it comes to setting priorities for U.S. trade negotiations in 2025 and beyond.

An initial focus of those efforts will be Brazil, which, in October, rejected a second petition from Growth Energy and its allies to lift the country's 18% tariff on U.S. bioethanol — despite Brazil enjoying free access to U.S. markets. That is why we will work as an association and with our Congressional champions through letters and questions at hearings to continue to press the USTR, USDA, Congress, and other policymakers to take additional measures to rectify the imbalance and restore reciprocal market access for U.S. producers.

We believe making a difference globally requires constant engagement and boots on the ground. As a result, we have formed a cross-functional organizational working group for our global work to ensure we see the whole picture and can provide sound commercial, political, and regulatory advice abroad. 🌍

## TOTAL ANNUAL EXPORTS

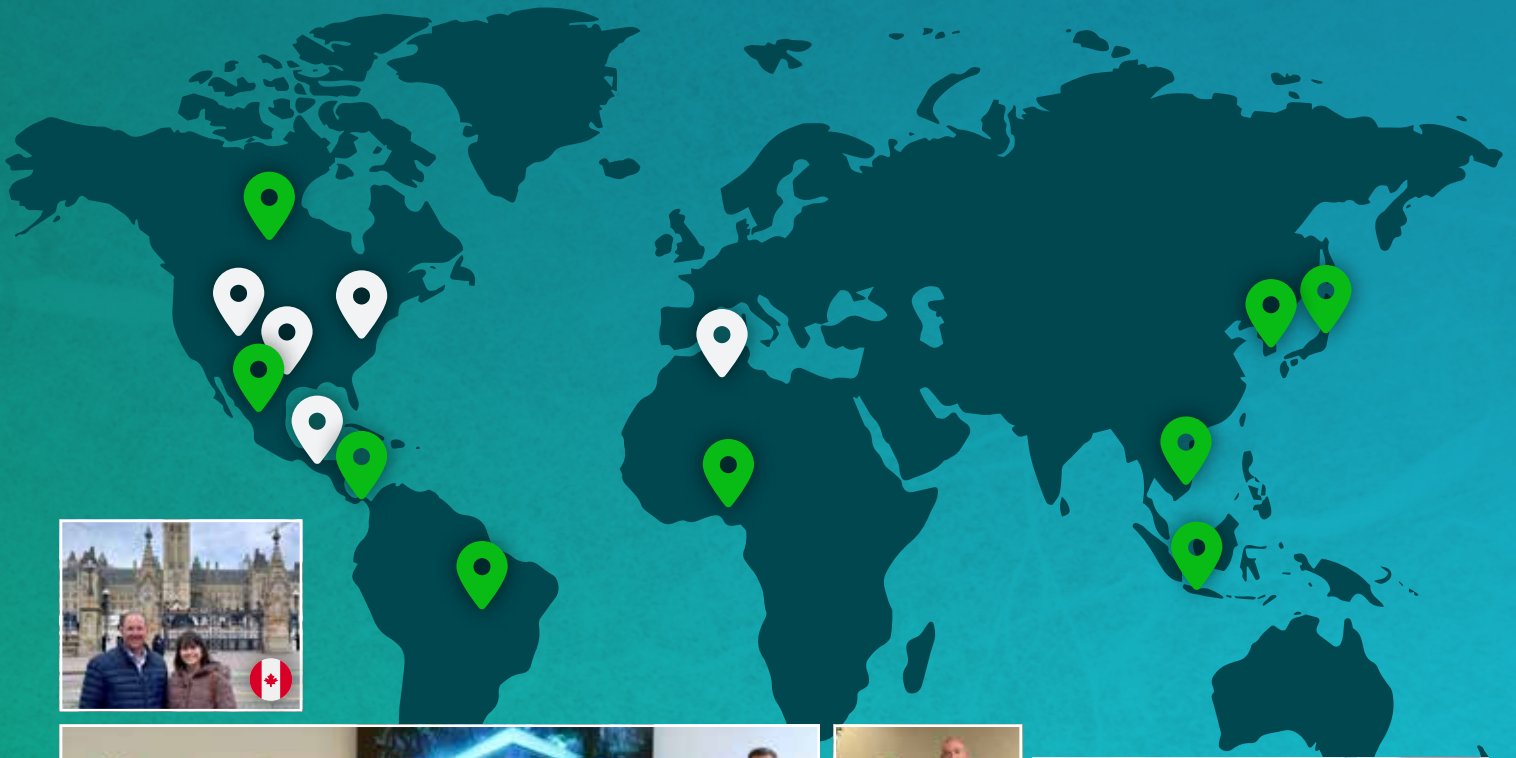


## TOP 5 EXPORT MARKETS IN 2024

Canada	674.598 mg
United Kingdom	243.838
E.U. (27)	197.047
India	187.026
Colombia	133.656



# FOREIGN TRADE MISSIONS AND MEETINGS



● Growth Energy highlights its global outreach through trade missions and meetings in Canada, Japan, Nigeria, Vietnam, Indonesia, South Korea, and Guatemala, showcasing efforts to foster international partnerships and expand opportunities for biofuels.




## CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT

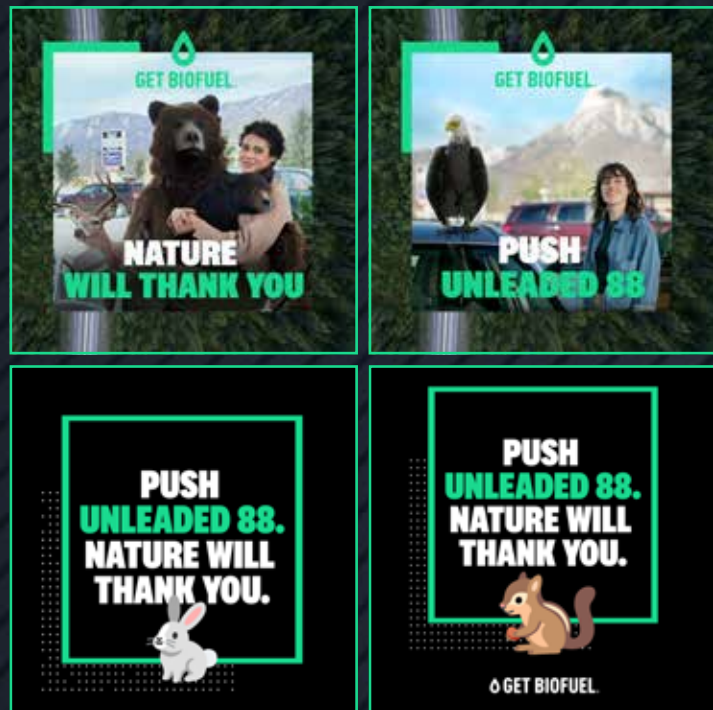
# Telling Consumers “Nature Will Thank You”

## GET BIOFUEL®

After a successful 2023 campaign, Growth Energy’s consumer initiative continued to raise awareness of the benefits of biofuels by expanding into new markets.

This year, Get Biofuel launched “Nature Will Thank You,” an ad campaign designed to inspire consumers to change their fuel habits and help the environment by reminding them that a simple change like choosing Unleaded 88 at the pump can make a big impact. The campaign leveraged the Get Biofuel Fuel Finder and used retail media partners to connect consumers to nearby stations selling higher blends.

Beyond the “Nature Will Thank You” advertising campaign, the initiative leveraged its NASCAR performance team under the Get Bioethanol brand to increase visibility across the sporting world audience by showcasing impactful planet-friendly fuel messaging on social media. 



Through engaging creative and paid and organic social posts, the initiative connected with consumers nationwide:

 **56MM impressions**

 **2 in 100 consumers converted to UNL88**

 **214K Fuel Finder engagements**

 **585K clicks to Get Biofuel web properties**



📍 Influencer partners were another key part of the initiative as they helped create positive sentiment for higher biofuel blends with 495K impressions and 30K engagements on social media.



📍 Digital billboards surrounding professional MMA fighter Michael Chandler's fight at UFC309 in New York City allowed us to promote UNL88 as a "simple change for the planet". Get Biofuel's messaging resonated with consumers, earning 6.47 million impressions across social media and 27.2K clicks for the Get Biofuel's web properties.



NASCAR marked 23 million competition miles driven on Sunoco Green E15 at Daytona 500 in February. Across six sponsored races, Get Bioethanol outperformed benchmarks and delivered 5.2 million impressions on social media. 📍 Clockwise from top: Growth Energy and POET guests at Watkins Glen International; Growth Energy board members Richard Childress and Dan Sanders; Austin Dillon on the grid at Watkins Glen.

# PRODUCER PLANTS

Absolute Energy LLC  
Ace Ethanol LLC  
Adkins Energy LLC  
ADM – Cedar Rapids Dry Mill  
ADM – Cedar Rapids Wet Mill  
ADM – Clinton  
ADM – Columbus Dry Mill  
ADM – Columbus Wet Mill  
ADM – Decatur  
ADM – Marshall  
Big River Resources Boyceville LLC  
Big River Resources Galva LLC  
Big River Resources West Burlington LLC  
Big River United Energy LLC  
Blue Flint Ethanol  
Bridgeport Ethanol LLC  
Bushmills Ethanol  
Cardinal Ethanol LLC – Colwich  
Cardinal Ethanol LLC – Union City  
Cargill – Blair  
Cargill – Eddyville  
Cargill – Fort Dodge  
Conestoga – Arkalon Energy  
Conestoga – Bonanza BioEnergy  
Corn LP  
Denco II LLC  
Didion Ethanol LLC  
**Elite Octane LLC \***  
Fox River Valley Ethanol LLC  
Front Range Energy LLC  
Glacial Lakes Energy LLC – Aberdeen  
Glacial Lakes Energy LLC – Huron  
Glacial Lakes Energy LLC – Mina  
Glacial Lakes Energy LLC – Watertown  
Golden Grain Energy LLC  
**Granite Falls Energy LLC \***  
Greenfield Global Winnebago LLC  
Hartree Partners  
Husker Ag LLC  
ICM Biofuels LLC  
Iroquois Bio-Energy Company LLC  
Kansas Ethanol LLC  
Lincolnway Energy LLC  
Marquis Energy LLC  
Mid America Bio Energy & Commodities LLC  
Nebraska Corn Processing LLC  
Pennsylvania Grain Processing LLC  
Pine Lake Corn Processors LLC  
POET Bioprocessing – Alexandria

POET Bioprocessing – Arthur  
POET Bioprocessing – Ashton  
POET Bioprocessing – Big Stone  
POET Bioprocessing – Bingham Lake  
POET Bioprocessing – Caro  
POET Bioprocessing – Chancellor  
POET Bioprocessing – Cloverdale  
POET Bioprocessing – Coon Rapids  
POET Bioprocessing – Corning  
POET Bioprocessing – Emmetsburg  
POET Bioprocessing – Fairbank  
POET Bioprocessing – Fairmont  
POET Bioprocessing – Fostoria  
POET Bioprocessing – Glenville  
POET Bioprocessing – Gowrie  
POET Bioprocessing – Groton  
POET Bioprocessing – Hanlontown  
POET Bioprocessing – Hudson  
POET Bioprocessing – Iowa Falls  
POET Bioprocessing – Jewell  
POET Bioprocessing – Laddonia  
POET Bioprocessing – Lake Crystal  
POET Bioprocessing – Leipsic  
POET Bioprocessing – Macon  
POET Bioprocessing – Marion  
POET Bioprocessing – Menlo  
POET Bioprocessing – Mitchell  
POET Bioprocessing – North Manchester  
POET Bioprocessing – Portland  
POET Bioprocessing – Preston  
POET Bioprocessing – Shelbyville  
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Siouxland Energy Cooperative  
**Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy LLC \***  
Sterling Ethanol LLC  
Tharaldson Ethanol LLC  
The Andersons – Albion  
The Andersons – Clymers  
The Andersons – Denison  
The Andersons – Greenville  
Three Rivers Energy  
United Wisconsin Grain Producers LLC  
Western New York Energy LLC  
Western Plains Energy LLC  
White Energy Hereford LLC  
White Energy Plainview LLC  
Yuma Ethanol LLC

# MEMBERSHIP

Growth Energy is the world's largest bioethanol trade association, representing 97 U.S. bioethanol plants that each year produce more than nine billion gallons of low-carbon renewable fuel; 123 businesses associated with the production process; and tens of thousands of biofuel supporters cross the country. Our membership plays a key role in every segment of the biofuel supply chain.

As Growth Energy's role has grown, so have our ranks. In 2024 we added three new plant members and 13 new associate members, increased overall sponsorship revenue, hosted industry leading events, and attracted several new supporters for our consumer campaign (Get Biofuel). Each new member and each dollar in revenue helps us deliver results for the American biofuel industry, and we look forward to continuing to expand our membership and make new partnerships in 2025 and beyond.

Turn the page to learn more about the benefits of Growth Energy membership.



## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

AgCountry Farm Credit Services  
AGRA Industries, Inc.  
Agricultural Retailers Association  
Applied Material Solutions  
ArrowUp  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
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BASF  
Battelle  
BBI International  
BetaTec Hop Products, Inc  
**BKV dCarbon Ventures \***  
Brown Tank LLC  
**C-TEC AG \***  
Chase Nedrow Manufacturing  
Christianson PLLP  
Clearflame Engine Technologies  
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Colorado Corn Growers Association  
Commodity & Ingredient Hedging, LLC  
Compeer Financial  
Continuum Ag  
Corn Marketing Program of Michigan  
CTE Global, Inc.  
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Dedert  
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Distillers Grains Technology Council  
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Duragrind  
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FNC Ag Stock

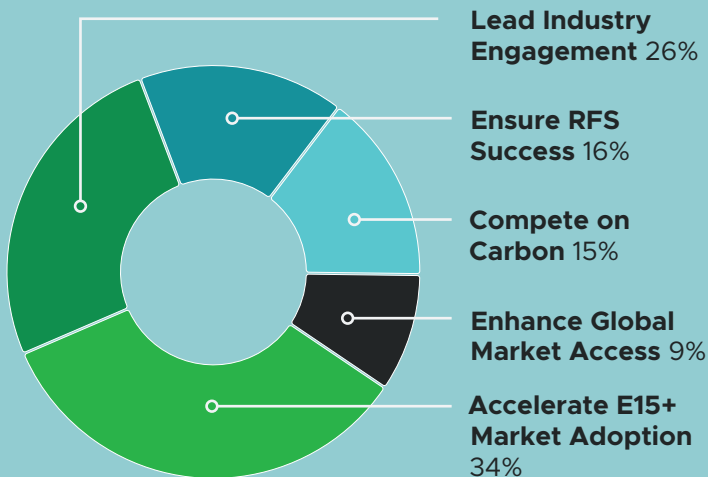
Franzenburg, LLC  
GEA Mechanical Equipment U.S., Inc  
Gevo, Inc.  
Greenfield Global Inc.  
**GROWMARK, Inc. \***  
H2O Innovation  
Hawkins, Inc.  
HTP Energy  
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Indiana Ethanol Producers Association  
Indigo Ag, Inc.  
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Iowa Corn Growers Association  
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Kansas Corn Growers Association  
Kurita America Inc.  
Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits  
LanzaJet  
Leaf  
Lucknow-Highspire Terminals  
**Mickelson & Company, LLC \***  
Mid America Agri Products / Wheatland, LLC  
Minnesota Bio-Fuels Association  
Minnesota Corn Growers Association  
Missouri Corn Growers Association  
Mitsui & Co  
Murex N.A Ltd.  
National Corn to Ethanol Research Center  
NCP West, LLC  
Nebraska Corn Board  
Nebraska Ethanol Board  
**Neogen \***  
North Dakota Corn Growers  
North Dakota Ethanol Producers Association  
Novonesis  
Nutrien  
NUVUFuels  
Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association

One Ethanol  
P&E Solutions LLC  
Phibro Ethanol Performance Group  
Pinion  
Pivot Clean Energy Co.  
Praj Americas Inc.  
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Proteum Energy  
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SBI General & Mechanical  
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Soliton  
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Sukup Bins  
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UGI Corporation  
Unison Energy, LLC  
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**Vault 44.01 \***  
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**Verdova \***  
Vertimass, LLC  
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Winbco  
Wisconsin Biofuels Association  
Wisconsin Corn Growers Association  
Wolf Carbon Solutions

# FINANCIALS

## 2024 EXPENSES

	THOUSANDS
Accelerate E15+ Market Adoption	\$8,148
Lead Industry Engagement	\$6,144
Ensure RFS Success	\$3,855
Compete on Carbon	\$3,551
Enhance Global Market Access	\$2,209
	<b>\$24 million</b>



Figures represent 2024 board approved budget. Final 2024 financials will undergo review in our voluntary annual financial audit.

## ABOUT GROWTH ENERGY

Growth Energy is the leading voice of America's biofuel industry. Our members operate and support biomanufacturing facilities at the heart of America's bioeconomy, delivering a new generation of clean fuel options.

## HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR GROWTH ENERGY MEMBERSHIP

- ✓ **Leverage Growth Energy's Expertise:** Tap into the industry's leading organization for advocacy, technical insights, and stakeholder education to strengthen your impact.
- ✓ **Make Your Voice Heard:** Provide input on key issues shaping the future of the biofuel industry and collaborate on solutions.
- ✓ **Participate in Exclusive Events:** Attend premier events like the Biofuels Summit and Executive Leadership Conference to connect with industry leaders.
- ✓ **Expand Your Network:** Build meaningful relationships with peers and stakeholders through year-round networking opportunities.
- ✓ **Stay Informed:** Receive daily updates on critical industry developments.
- ✓ **Engage in Member-Only Resources:** Join exclusive issue updates and webinars to stay actively involved and informed on pressing topics.
- ✓ **Utilize the Member Portal:** Access valuable resources, tools, and information available on the Growth Energy website's member portal.

**JOIN**  Growth Energy®

More than half of American biofuel producers and industry service companies are currently members of Growth Energy.

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