

Win Global Markets with American Ethanol

Ethanol demand is growing across the globe as countries aim to lower energy costs and achieve emissions targets. In order to ensure American producers can make the most of these opportunities, policymakers must work to end unfair trade practices, increase engagement with global regulatory bodies, and demand accurate assessments of American corn ethanol's environmental benefits.

OVERVIEW

The U.S. ethanol industry exported a record 2.18 billion gallons of ethanol in 2025 — valued at \$4.8 billion. Those exported gallons were made with more than 754 million bushels of U.S. corn — valued at more than \$3 billion. U.S. ethanol also produces valuable co-products, including nutrient-rich animal feed known as dried distillers' grains (DDGS). In 2025, the U.S. ethanol industry exported 11.6 million metric tons of DDGS, valued at \$2.8 billion.

OUR POLICY ASKS

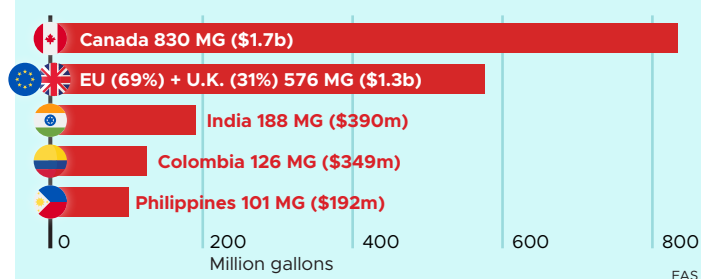
ASK Encourage U.S. trade diplomats to continue combating unfair trade and tariff barriers imposed on American ethanol — including by countries that restrict imported fuel ethanol (India), have prohibitive tariffs (Brazil, China, Vietnam), inaccurately restrict corn feedstocks (EU, U.K.), or have origin participation barriers (Canada, Brazil).

ASK Expand current ethanol blending opportunities (Canada, Philippines, Japan, Indonesia) and open new export opportunities for biofuels across the globe (Mexico).

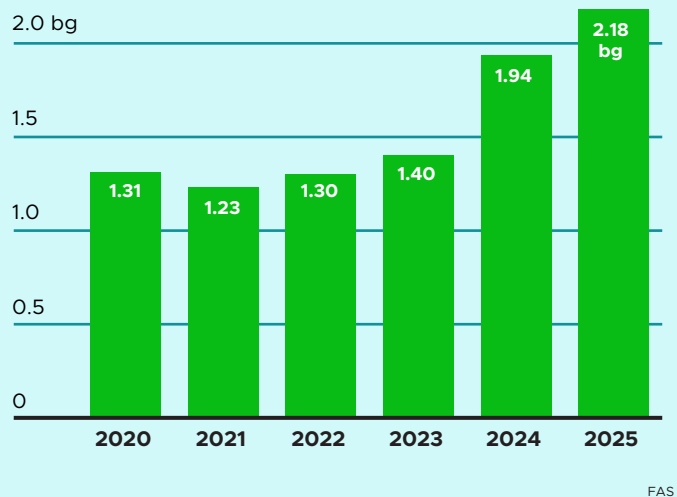
ASK Reinforce the importance of strong U.S. government engagement in international organizations to ensure international lifecycle emissions models and sustainability criteria accurately, scientifically, and fairly reflect U.S. ethanol's improved efficiencies and environmental benefits. Accurate lifecycle emissions modeling is critical for the industry to realize the full potential of the export market as countries and global institutions develop. This will ensure export market potential for U.S. ethanol as countries and global institutions develop aviation and maritime emission reduction programs.

2025 TOP 5 EXPORT MARKETS

By volume



U.S. ETHANOL EXPORTS (2020–25)



A FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY

From decreasing inputs and agricultural land to increasing yields and efficiencies, American ethanol continues to expand its sustainability bona fides. Yet, misinformation and outdated assumptions about corn-derived ethanol persist. Addressing these assumptions in specific markets, such as Mexico and the European Union, is a priority, but there remains a significant opportunity to reframe the sustainability narrative on U.S. agriculture and U.S. ethanol within international organizations and global regulatory bodies.