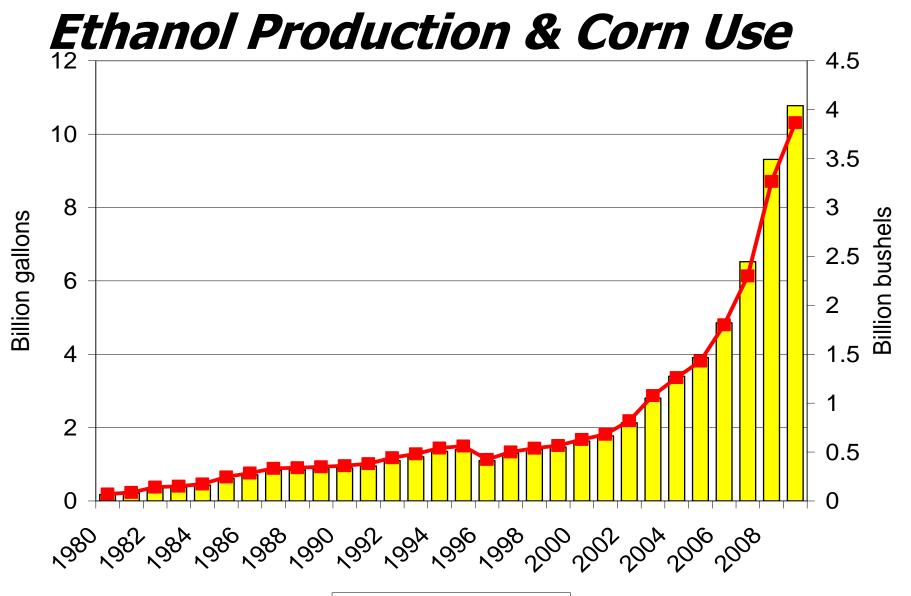
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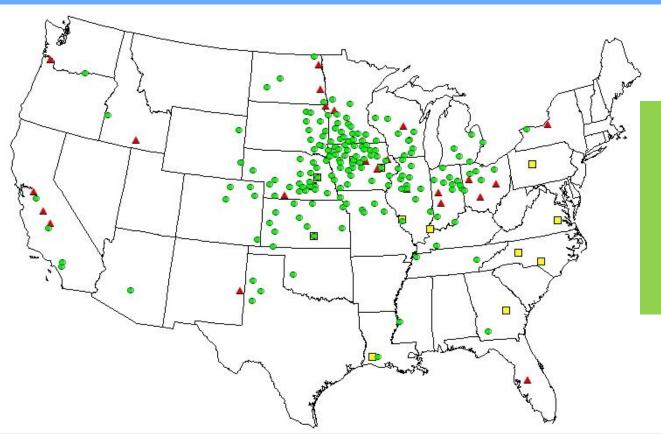
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US Ethanol Plants



Operating plants
184 Plants in USA
in 26 states 11.7 BGY
40 Plants in Iowa 3.2 BGY

Construction/expansion 21 Plants in USA 1.4 BGY 2 Plants in Iowa 0.4 BGY

Operating Not Operating Under Construction

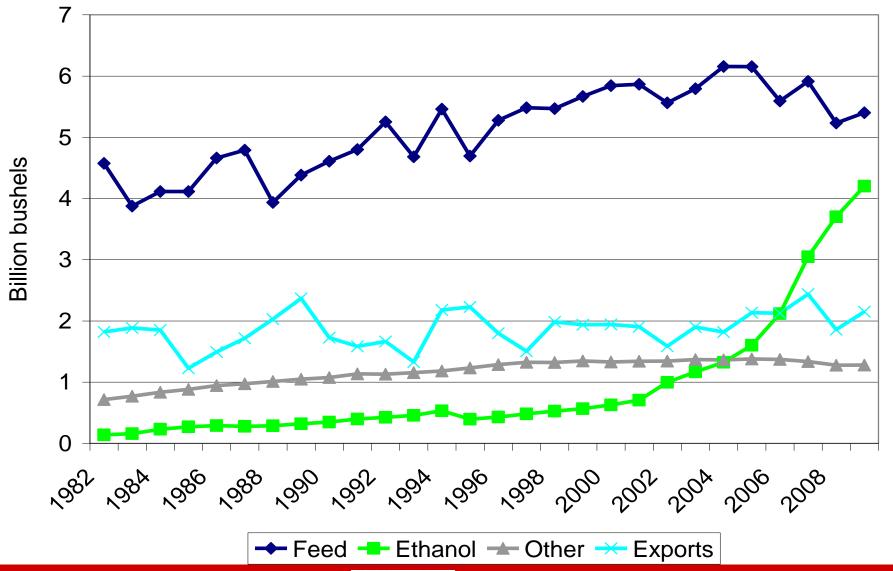


Iowa Ethanol Production and Corn Usage

Summary Statistics - July 2009	n	Ethanol Produced mil gal/yr	Corn Used mil bu/yr	DGS 000 tons/yr
Current Dry-grind Plants	35	2,706	982	8,278
Expansions and new construction	2	<i>375</i>	134	1,139
Wet Mills	5	490	175	1,487
Nearby Iowa	11	636	227	1,931
Subtotal	53	4,207	1,518 (~65%)	12,835



Corn Use

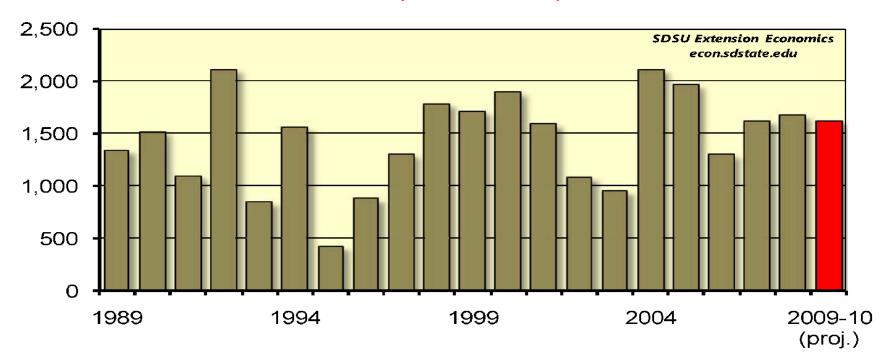






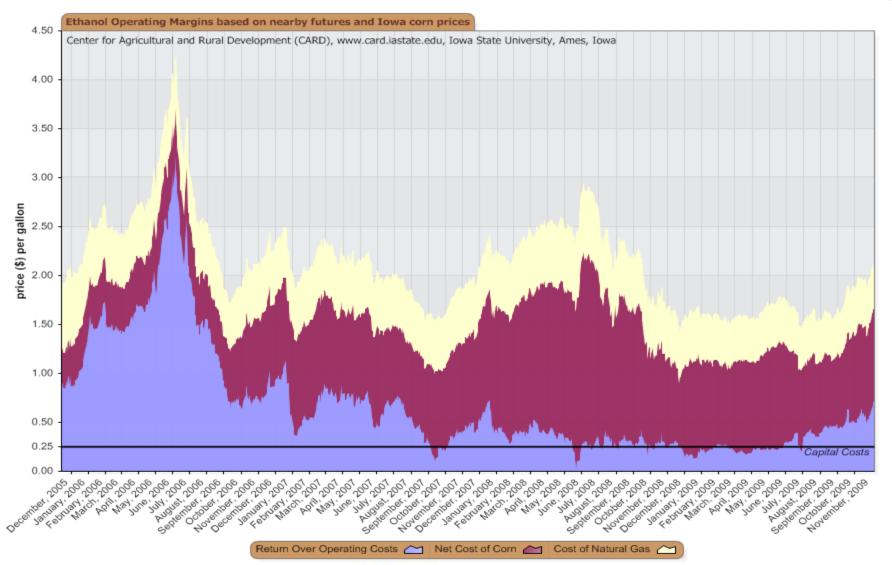
U.S. Corn Ending Stocks

(million bushels)



Sources: USDA - National Ag Statistics Service and Economic Research Service

Ethanol Margins





What About the Acreage Split?

	DDGS (mln ton)	SBM (mIn ton)	Protein (mln ton)	Oil (bln lb)	Lysine (bln lb)
2006	17.4	11.3	9.9	9.8	1.14
2007	20.8	9.8	10.1	9.7	1.07

Issues: Protein quality (amino acids)

Energy content (starch, oil)

What's fractionation? which bran, germ and endosperiment are separated, usually at the

We have a distribution issue.
 Not a total quantity issue.

beginning of the process.

CPT Fractionated Corn Endosperm Vhole Con Bran Kernel

Source: Cereal Process Technologies, Bridgeton, MO

Corn Composition

	Starch	Protein	Oil	Ash	Sugar	Fiber	Total	% Total
Whole Corn	73.4	9.1	4.4	1.4	1.9	9.8	100	100
Endosperm	87.6	8.0	0.8	0.3	0.6	2.7	100	82.9
Germ	8.3	18.4	33.2	10.5	10.8	18.8	100	11.0
Bran	7.3	3.7	1.0	0.8	0.3	86.9	100	6.1

Why Fractionate?

Looking for:

- ✓ Improved efficiency
- ✓ Reduced energy usage
- ✓ Reduced water usage
- ✓ Diversified product stream



Fractionation Technologies

- MOR Technologies
- Corn Value Products
- Langhauser Associates
- FC Stone Carbon LLC and Maize Processing Innovations
- > Buhler Inc.
- Cereal Process Technologies
- FWS Technologies
- American Milling Group
- > ICM Inc.
- > POET
- > Renessen LLC
- Delta-T Corporation



Capital Costs

- Range from \$10 million to \$40 million for a 50 million gallon ethanol plant
- The inclusion of corn oil extraction technologies moves costs to the higher end of the spectrum
- Most vendors point to a payback period of under 3 years

Variable Costs

- Decreased energy needs per gallon for:
 - Liquidification and cooking
 - ➤ Distillation
 - ➤ Drying of distillers grains and solubles
- Possible energy generation from bran
- ➤ Could reduce energy demand by nearly 50%



Product Streams

Corn costs: \$3.75 per bushel, Illinois ethanol plant report (USDA-AMS, as of Nov. 20, 2009)

Traditional ethanol plant:

2.8 gallons of ethanol @ \$2.17/gallon = \$6.08 17.75 lbs. of DDGS @ \$130/ton = \$1.15

Revenues per bushel = \$7.23

Ethanol plant w/ fractionation:

2.72 gallons of ethanol @ \$2.17/gallon = \$5.90

13.5 lbs. of high protein DG @ \$140/ton = \$0.95

5 lbs. of germ @ \$155/ton = \$0.39

3 lbs. of bran @ \$80/ton = \$0.12

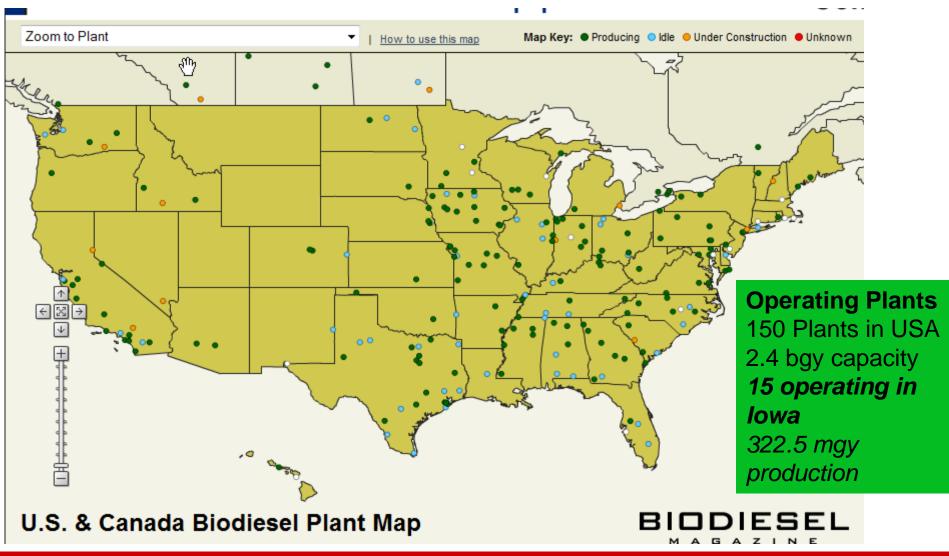
Revenues per bushel = \$7.36



Distillers Grains Properties

Constituent	Typical Value*	Fractionation Change
Dry matter	90%	No change
Crude Protein	26%	Increase
Crude Fat	9%	Decrease
(germ)		
Crude Fiber	15%	Decrease (bran)
Ash	5.5%	Decrease (bran)
Flowability	Poor	Better (oil out)
Ethanol Yield (cook)	2.8 g/bu	Less (0.1-0.2)
Ethanol Yield (cold)	3.0 g/bu	Less (0.1-0.2)
*Source: Hawkeye Renewables,	lowa Falls, IA	-

US Biodiesel Production



Iowa Biodiesel Production

15 soy biodiesel plants322 mgy total capacity

Production capacity for 64% of the maximum biodiesel that could be made from Iowa's soybean oil production (June 2008 – May 2009)

What Could Corn Oil Add?

Grain Yield Oil Yield (bu/acre)

(lb/acre)

Soybeans 46 501

Corn 171 342

2008 Avg. Yields
10.9 lb oil/bu soybeans
2.0 lb oil/bu corn

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What Could Corn Oil Add?

Soybeans Corn

Max. Oil (MM lbs) 4845 (4870) 4377 (4583)

9222

Biodiesel

(MM gal)

322 mgy

497 (499)

449 (587)

34% (30%)

946 (1086)

Plant capacity

Assume 7.8 lb/gal oil and 80% biodiesel yield

USDA - NASS:

9.67 mil ac soybeans; 12.80 mil ac corn harvested in 2008

9.72 mil ac soybeans estimated' 13.40 mil ac corn estimated in 2009

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Supporting the Industry

- On Dec 3, 2009, US-EPA stated that its testing so far showed no problems with 15% Ethanol Blends
- Decision in May but signs favorable.
- E15 means 50% more ethanol with blender credit (45 cents/gal = \$1.20/bu).
- Agronomics and traits to support ethanol.....