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Dear Mr. President,

Today, June 15, is the effective date for the Renewable Fuel Standard Volumes for 2026 and 2027 published on April 1. We write to thank you and your administration again for finalizing this historic RFS rule. Already, there is evidence that U.S. biodiesel and renewable diesel producers are responding to the market signal and generating huge economic impacts for America's rural communities and farmers.

Clean Fuels Alliance America is the largest trade association for the U.S. biodiesel, renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuel supply chain, including producers, feedstock suppliers and fuel distributors. We applaud the Environmental Protection Agency's RFS rule for underscoring that higher volumes spur increased employment opportunities, economic benefits for rural communities, and future rate of biodiesel and renewable diesel production.

EPA's rule fully accounts for the investments our industry made over the last several years to increase U.S. biomass-based diesel capacity and oilseed processing. The U.S. [soybean industry this year and next expects](#) to crush 57% of the domestic crop, up from 52% in 2024, to meet demand for biomass-based diesel. That means the industry will reduce its reliance on foreign buyers like China. The rule is encouraging additional investments in rural economies, such as grain handling, fuel distribution infrastructure, and new markets for the fuel. Most importantly, EPA acknowledged that American companies will make additional investments only if the policy direction remains certain.

We are pleased to share with you early news of market growth, investments, and infrastructure projects that are moving forward because of the certainty provided by the 2026-2027 RFS rule:

- [Western Iowa Energy in Wall Lake, Iowa](#) - which stopped production in 2025 and laid off 25% of its workforce due to uncertainty - is now running at full capacity. The plant currently produces [45 million gallons of biodiesel annually](#) and employs 30 Iowans.
- In April, U.S. biodiesel and renewable diesel production reached the highest capacity utilization rates since 2024 - topping 70%. With policy uncertainty carrying over from the previous administration, biodiesel producers ran at just 56% capacity on average in 2025.
- The [Energy Information Administration projects](#) that U.S. renewable diesel production will increase 24% and biodiesel production will increase 41% in 2026, compared with 2025.

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- In March, biomass-based diesel production [utilized all-time record amounts](#) of domestic soy oil (1.28 billion lbs.) and distillers corn oil (432 million lbs.). Distillers corn oil is a coproduct of rising domestic ethanol production.
- In April, U.S. oilseed processors crushed 218 million bushels of domestic soy, up 8% from April 2025, and produced 2.53 billion lbs. of oil, up 5% from a year ago, [according to USDA](#).
- Processors also crushed more than 200 thousand metric tons of canola – up by 33% compared to April 2025 – producing 25.3 billion lbs. of oil, per USDA.
- With recent investments, [North Dakota oilseed processors are now crushing 100 million bushels](#) of soybeans each year – 45% of the state’s annual production. By contrast, in 2016 North Dakota shipped 70% of its whole, unprocessed soybeans directly to China.
- Recently built [Norfolk Crush](#) is now running at capacity, processing 2,000 acres of Nebraska-grown soybeans every day. With recent investments, Nebraska now processes 75% of the state’s soybeans each year.
- In May, U.S. beef tallow and used cooking oil values reached the highest level since November 2022, according to [Fastmarkets](#).
- In May, [Consolidated Grain and Barge](#) broke ground on a \$47 million expansion at Ports of Indiana–Mount Vernon, which will triple the facility’s grain handling and truck unloading capacity and increase storage volume by 4.25 million bushels per year.
- Also in May, [Rhoads Energy](#) broke ground on a rail facility in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, to deliver biodiesel at Red Rose Midstream terminal. This will significantly lower transportation costs and yield fuel savings for consumers, according to the company.

We agree with Administrator Lee Zeldin that this year’s rule realigns the RFS program with Congress’ original intent to increase production and use of homegrown biofuels, support America’s farmers, and promote U.S. energy dominance. Farmers and biomass-based diesel producers are essential to U.S. energy and national security; and they are putting major investments behind it.

Regrettably, certain refiners are suing EPA in opposition to the goals of U.S. energy dominance, farm security, and rural prosperity. In the week following the [American Fuel & Petrochemicals Manufacturers press announcement](#) of a lawsuit over the RFS volumes, the price that American farmers earn for their soybeans fell by \$0.30 per bushel – a 2.6% loss of the value that the RFS volumes support. We plan to strongly defend the RFS program and the agricultural economy against refiner attacks. We look forward to providing more and more evidence in the coming months that the 2026–2027 Renewable Fuel Standard rule is delivering the anticipated economic benefits for Americans.

Sincerely,



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