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ISU & IRFA Biofuels: Science & Sustainability Declared a Success

On August 17-20, 2009, **Iowa State University** hosted the **Biofuels: Science & Sustainability Tour** that brought together policymakers and regulators from Washington, DC with renewable fuels experts from Iowa to present sound, science-based information and a “hands on” look at the technology and processing practices being adopted by the biofuels industry today.

Since there is a great deal of misinformation being perpetuated that could lead to unnecessarily harmful renewable fuels policies, the Tour was designed to “fuel the truth” on issues ranging from food versus fuel, indirect land use change, greenhouse gas emissions and the future of biorefining.

The tour included visits to **Lincolnway Energy**, **Iowa Energy Center’s BeCON Facility** and **Couser Cattle Company** in Nevada, **BioCentury Research Farm** and **Renewable Energy Group** in Ames and **Central Iowa Energy Biodiesel Refinery** in Newton.



Biofuels Tour group poses for a picture before tour of Lincolnway Energy’s facilities



Representing Rep. Barton, Garrett Golding pulls fresh ethanol sample on Lincolnway tour



Distillers grains at Lincolnway helps feed the world’s livestock



Biofuels Tour watches demonstration of Cellencor’s new distillers grains drying technology



Bill Couser addresses group on distillers grains



REG Executive Director Daniel Oh discusses multiple biodiesel feedstocks at their Research Facility in Ames



Tour group receives extensive tour of REG Research Lab



IA Ag Secretary Bill Northey addresses tour group at the IA State Fair



Lt. Governor Patty Judge addresses group at the IRFA office on final day of tour



U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack gives closing address to tour

Participants from DC represented the following:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Department of Energy
- Farm Credit Administration
- Senate Agriculture Committee (Harkin)
- House Committee on Energy and Commerce (Barton)
- House Committee on Agriculture (Peterson)
- Senator Charles Grassley
- Congressman Steve King
- Congressman Bruce Braley
- Senator John Thune

Along with ISU, the Tour was sponsored by the **Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, Green Plains Renewable Energy, Iowa Department of Economic Development and Renewable Fuels Foundation.**

For more pictures, details and to view speaker presentations visit

<http://www.iowarfa.org/Biofuels.Tour.php>

New Website Addition

We have just made a new addition to our website entitled "Fuel for Thought." We are hoping that this addition will provide an avenue for not only us, but our readers as well to bring up concerns or comments on the biofuels industry.



<http://iowarfa.org/feulingthetruth.php>