

Farmers Are Using More Soy Biodiesel This Spring

Suggested lead: Farmers don't like being dependent on imported oil for the nation's energy needs, so they're doing something about it. Nearly a third of all soybean growers are using soy biodiesel in their tractors and trucks. That's up from about a quarter last year. Stewart Truelsen reports from central Indiana.

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<p>Tractor and planter in field/ Fuel dealer pulling hose from truck to fill tank/ Flips fuel cap, and inserts nozzle in farm tank/</p>	<p>VO/ EVEN WITH CONSERVATION TILLAGE ELIMINATING SOME PASSES OVER A FIELD, A CORN AND SOYBEAN FARM USES THOUSANDS OF GALLONS OF DIESEL FUEL. THAT'S WHY FARMERS SUPPORT THE USE OF RENEWABLE FUELS.</p>
<p>Sound bite Mark Bacon Rush County, Ind. Tractor and cultivator/</p>	<p>SOT/ I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO WORK AS HARD AS WE CAN TO GET THIS ENERGY BILL THROUGH. WE'RE ALREADY GROWING CROPS THAT WE CAN GET FUEL OUT OF AND GET LESS DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN OILS. WE'RE GROWING IT, WE JUST AS WELL BE USING IT FOR OUR OWN USE.</p>
<p>Farmer drives semi over to diesel fuel tank and fills up truck/</p>	<p>VO/ WHILE ENERGY LEGISLATION REMAINS STALLED IN CONGRESS, FARMERS ACROSS THE NATION ARE LEADING THE WAY IN USING SOY BIODIESEL.</p>
<p>Sound bite Phil Ramsey Shelby County, Ind.</p>	<p>SOT/ A YEAR AGO I ASKED MY SUPPLIER, TOLD MY SUPPLIER, THAT I WAS GOING TO BUY IT AND HE COULD EITHER FURNISH IT OR I WOULD GET IT SOMEWHERE ELSE, AND SO WE WENT WITH A FIVE PERCENT</p>

	BLEND. IT COSTS A PENNY PER PERCENT EXTRA SO I AM SPENDING MORE THAN I WOULD FOR JUST REGULAR DIESEL FUEL. THIS YEAR I WENT TO A TEN PERCENT BLEND.
Fuel dealer finishing his deliver/	VO/ FUEL DISTRIBUTORS ARE BLENDING SOY BIODIESEL THEMSELVES BUT THAT'S GOING TO CHANGE AS MORE IS USED.
Sound bite Bruce Carlton Co-owner, Fairland Oil	SOT/ WHAT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR US AND PEOPLE LIKE US WOULD BE TO HAVE THE PRODUCT AVAILABLE PRE-BLENDED AT THE TERMINAL. FOR US TO PICK UP.
Wide shot of gas station/ Soy Diesel sign/ Truck fueling/	VO/ SOY BIODIESEL IS ALSO SOLD IN INDIANA AT A NUMBER OF RETAIL OUTLETS LIKE THIS AG ONE CO-OP FILLING STATION.
B2 emblem on pump/ Sound bite/ Michael Tillison, Jr. Dept. Manager, Energy Plus 24	SOT/ WE USE A TWO PERCENT BLEND HERE. THE WORD'S GOTTEN AROUND AND WE HAVE A GOOD PRODUCT AND THAT'S WHY PEOPLE ARE USING IT.
Farmer bending over tractor engine/ Tractor and bus in yard/ Close-up of bus/	VO/ THIS FARMER USES A 12 PERCENT BLEND IN THE NEW SCHOOL BUS HE OWNS AND OPERATES.
Bus on road/ Sound bite Mark Nigh Shelby County, Ind.	SOT/ THE BUILDING PRINCIPAL HAS COMMENTED ON HOW WELL HE LIKES IT BECAUSE ALL THE OTHER BUSES SMELL LIKE DIESEL SITTING OUT IN THE PARKING LOT AND THIS BUS SMELLS LIKE FRENCH FRIES SITTING OUT IN THE PARKING LOT.
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