

Ethanol's Fate To Be Decided



CORN TALK NEWS

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SAN ANTONIO, Texas — The next six to eight months will decide if ethanol lives up to its potential and becomes a key component of the nation's efforts to fight urban air pollution, according to Eric Vaughn of the Renewable Fuels Association.

Vaughn said he could not predict if the final resolutions governing ethanol would favor the corn-based fuel, but one thing is certain. The oil industry will spare no energy to protect its market share, he said, and the nation's corn producers must follow this example.

Vaughn, Al Grosboll — an

adviser to Illinois Governor Jim Edgar — and Barbara Charnes of Coloradans for Clean Air critiqued efforts to position ethanol in the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) and made recommendations on strategies to bring a speedy resolution to the issue. The panel discussion at the National Corn Growers Association's (NCGA) 35th annual Corn Classic entitled "The Road Ahead for Ethanol and the Clean Air Act" was characterized by a sense of urgency to resolve the issue.

"The on-again, off-again nature of the ethanol regulatory

process is hurting the expansion of the ethanol industry. This means jobs are being held up. Jobs in construction, jobs in ethanol production and jobs are a key part of this issue in Illinois," said Grosboll.

However, jobs are only a small part of the national political debate surrounding ethanol. The environmental benefits of ethanol and the renewable nature of the fuel are crucial to carving out its niche, Vaughn and Grosboll agreed.

Individual citizens must become involved in the process if ethanol is to get fair treatment and equal access to the

market, Charnes said. Ethanol would never have survived to become a major part of Colorado's clean air strategy if private citizens had not become involved. Oil lobbyists are numerous and powerful, but voters can win if they let their voices be heard, she said.

"The oil industry has 27 full-time lobbyists working on the alternative fuels agenda in Washington, D.C., so corn growers need to tackle this head on. Stay active and keep

yourself involved," Vaughn said.

The panel, moderated by T.V. personality Kathleen Sullivan, agreed that Vice President Al Gore will be key to deciding the issue. Letters from corn producers and more research documenting ethanol's environmental benefits need to be sent to Gore.

"Don't get lost because of the complexity of the issue. The reality is ... there is a good product there. Keep writing to your Congressman, keep pressure on the president and support your Corn Grower organization because they have been effective," said Grosboll.

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Early 95-100	1-7	8	7	7	6	9	5	43	
	1-7	5	1	5	7	6	6	49	
	6-11	6	5	7	7	6	6	47	
	11-17	7	9	6	9	8	9	48	
Medium 105-112	1-11	9	6	6	9	9	9	64	
	15-17	7	6	9	8	8	9	45	
	5-12/20	9	9	1	5	4	9	64	
	6-22	8	8	5	9	8	6	42	
Mid-Late 115-120	7-9	8	8	4	6	6	6	45	
	7-9	9	9	7	6	6	6	47	
	8-12	8	7	7	8	9	8	62	
	8-12	8	9	9	8	9	9	68	
Late 120-130	8-11	7	9	1	9	9	9	46	
	8-12	8	9	8	8	8	6	48	
	9-11	9	8	4	8	7	8	58	
	9-17	9	9	6	8	6	6	66	

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8	1.0 - 1.5
7	1.5 - 2.0
6	2.0 - 2.5
5	2.5 - 3.0
4	3.0 - 3.5
3	3.5 - 4.0
2	4.0 - 4.5

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New Board Members Seated

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Curt Rakestraw of Montoursville and Rich Burd of Uniontown were reelected as farmer members to serve on the board. Scott Hummel of Sunbury was also elected as a farmer member on the board.

Dave Hartman, an extension agent from Columbia County, was elected to the vacant extension director seat on the board. Rob Kauffman, a district sales manager with Hoffman's Seeds from Huntingdon County, was elected to the board as an industry representative.

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