

BENEFITS OF THE RFS

Thanks to the RFS, farmers and renewable fuel producers are energizing the American economy, reducing pump prices, and cutting greenhouse gas emissions. The RFS is essential to growing the economy and protecting the environment.

✓ ENERGIZING THE ECONOMY



In 2018, 16.1 billion gallons of ethanol production supported more than 365,000 U.S. jobs and contributed \$46 billion to U.S. GDP, adding \$24 billion to household income.

Source: Renewable Fuels Association

✓ BOOSTING RURAL AMERICA



Ethanol is a valued-added market for farmers. According to the RFA, based on average 2018 prices and product yields, a typical ethanol plant added nearly \$2 of additional value to every bushel of corn processed.

✓ LOWERING PUMP PRICES



During 2018, average wholesale ethanol prices were 55 cents per gallon less than wholesale gasoline prices.

Source: ACE

✓ CLEANING THE AIR



The RFS reduced CO₂ equivalent GHG emissions by 55.1 metric tons in 2018; that's like removing 11.7 million cars from the road for an entire year.

Source: Energy Department GREET

RFS OPPONENTS PEDDLE FAKE NEWS

Special interests who are opposed to the RFS have made misleading and deceitful claims which have been proven false. Congress and EPA need to stand strong in support of the RFS.



✘ ETHANOL HARMS ENGINES



All vehicles model year 2001 and newer were tested and approved to use E15 by EPA. That's 90% of the vehicles on the road. The majority of vehicles under warranty today were built to run on E15 and it's covered by the manufacturer's warranty - including more than 90% of 2019 models.

Source: ACE

✘ RIN PRICES HURT REFINERS



EPA says refiners are able to recover RIN costs by raising the prices they charge for gasoline. During 2018, ethanol RIN prices declined by more than 80%.

Source: EPA, ACE

✘ ETHANOL INCREASES FOOD PRICES



In 2018, the ethanol industry converted more corn than ever before to produce record levels of fuel and livestock feed while food prices rose only 1%. Corn prices dropped to more than half of their 2012 peak, yet restaurants continued to increase prices.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics

✘ ETHANOL IS BAD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



The latest research from the Department of Energy shows that corn ethanol reduces GHGs by nearly 50 percent compared to gasoline.

Source: GREET