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### **Iowa Biodiesel Board is launched**

Urbandale, Iowa – The Iowa Soybean Association announces the formation of the Iowa Biodiesel Board. Responding to requests from biodiesel manufacturers to assist in forming a trade association focused exclusively on biodiesel, the Iowa Soybean Association (ISA) worked with industry leaders to create the new Iowa Biodiesel Board (IBB.)

“The biodiesel industry is moving forward from basic research and market development funded primarily by the soybean checkoff and soybean farmers. It is clear that we need a comprehensive approach that involves all sectors of the biodiesel industry to focus on financial sustainability and quality within the biodiesel industry. The Iowa Biodiesel Board is an organization that will focus exclusively on the future of biodiesel,” said Kirk Leeds, ISA chief executive officer.

Led by biodiesel manufacturers in the state, the Iowa Biodiesel Board is unique because it brings together the entire supply chain of fuel.

“Petroleum marketers and the trucking industry have been great partners in the past, and we look forward to that partnership in the future. We’re certain that by working with our customers, we will continue to see growth in the industry,” said Randy Olson, executive director of the Iowa Biodiesel Board.

Structurally, the IBB is a voluntary, nonprofit membership organization. Day-to-day operations are managed by Randy Olson, who is the IBB’s first executive director. He works closely with a nine-member board of directors comprised of different sectors of the biodiesel industry.

The Iowa Biodiesel Board governing board will include Dawn Carlson representing Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Stores of Iowa; Ken Clark, representing East Fork Biodiesel; George Crouse, representing Crouse Transportation; Ron Heck, representing the Iowa Soybean Association Board of Directors; Scott Hedderich representing Pioneer, a DuPont Company; Mark Muench, representing Western Dubuque Biodiesel; Daniel Oh, representing Renewable Energy Group, Inc.; Neil Rich, representing Riksch Biofuels; and Jim Sutter, representing Cargill.

For more information about the Iowa Biodiesel Board, please call the IBB at 515-727-0664, or visit the IBB Web site, [www.iowabiodiesel.org](http://www.iowabiodiesel.org).

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