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Iowa biodiesel investors, employees celebrate National Biodiesel Day

Urbandale, Iowa – Over 4,000 Iowans who have invested more than \$150 million in Iowa biodiesel production are celebrating National Biodiesel Day (March 18) this year by supporting a B5 requirement in Iowa.

A biodiesel requirement being considered in the Iowa Senate supports the 6,100 Iowans working in all sectors of the biodiesel industry from raw material production and transportation services to administration and research and development.

SF 294 introduced by the Senate transportation committee calls for 5 percent (B5) biodiesel to be blended into all diesel fuel sold in Iowa beginning July 1, 2009.

“Iowans are personally invested in this clean burning, renewable fuel that reduces our dependence on foreign oil while keeping Iowans working,” explained Randy Olson, Iowa Biodiesel Board executive director. “With the B5 requirement, we look to keep Iowans working in ‘green collar’ jobs because success for Iowa’s biodiesel industry means success for Iowa’s economy.”

“I invested in the Iowa biodiesel industry because it makes a significant contribution to the Iowa economy,” said Denny Mauser, a farmer and biodiesel plant investor from Early, Iowa. “I support this B5 requirement because biodiesel is expanding the economic base, generating income, increasing energy independence, supporting the creation of new jobs and generating tax revenue for Iowa.”

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Iowa Biodiesel Facts

- Biodiesel supports Iowa agriculture.
- Biodiesel uses nearly 1.6 billion pounds of soybean oil and other fats.
- Raw materials used to make high quality biodiesel include soybean oil, animal fats and leftover grease from your favorite restaurant.
- More than 4,000 Iowans are invested in Iowa biodiesel production facilities representing more than \$100 million in local investments.
- Biodiesel is competitively priced with #2 ULSD. In fact, in some situations, it's less expensive.
- Supply and infrastructure are ready to meet B5 requirement.

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

The Iowa Biodiesel Board (IBB) represents the biodiesel industry in Iowa, from production through distribution to end users. The IBB promotes the commercial success of biodiesel in Iowa. IBB is a voluntary, nonprofit membership organization, composed of both voting and nonvoting members, and is led by a nine-member board of directors.

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