IOWA RESIDENTS/VOTERS
Biodiesel Online Survey
Familiarity with Biodiesel: Voters More Familiar than Residents

“How familiar are you with biodiesel, very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar or not familiar at all?” (Q1)

[Bar chart showing the percentage of residents and voters who are very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar, and not familiar at all with biodiesel.]
IMPRESSION OF BIODIESEL:
MORE THAN 3-IN-5 ARE POSITIVE

IF FAMILIAR WITH BIODIESEL: “Based on what you know or have heard, do you have a positive or negative impression of biodiesel? If you have no opinion, or don’t know, just say so.” (Q2)
Biodiesel Use
**Choose Biodiesel Over Petroleum Diesel:**

*A Very Popular Option*

“Assuming you had a diesel vehicle that could use biodiesel, would you choose a biodiesel blend over petroleum diesel?” (Q12)

- Definitely yes, I would seek and use biodiesel: 30% (Residents) 31% (Voters)
- Probably yes, if it were easily available: 33% (Residents) 33% (Voters)
- Probably yes, but it would depend on the cost: 20% (Residents) 21% (Voters)
- Total yes: 84% (Residents) 85% (Voters)
- No: 6% (Residents) 6% (Voters)
- Don’t know: 10% (Residents) 9% (Voters)
Policies to Encourage Biodiesel Use
“Iowa has several policies that support the production and use of biodiesel in the state. These policies include a partial fuel tax exemption, a small producers production incentive, and an incentive for fuel retailers to blend biodiesel into diesel fuel. Do you support or oppose these policies?” (Q6)
“Do you support or oppose expanding the national Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), which requires blending some renewable fuels into the nation's fuel supply, to increase the use of biodiesel and other biofuels in the United States?” (Q7)
Candidate’s Position on the Renewable Fuel Standard is Important

“How important is a candidate’s position on the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) in your decision to vote for a candidate for President or Congress?” (Q8)
During his campaign for President, Donald Trump spoke out in support of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) to increase use of biodiesel and other biofuels because of their direct impact on agricultural economies and farmers in the United States. How important to you is it that the President keep his promise on the Renewable Fuel Standard?”

(Q9)
Anger grows in rural Iowa:
Can Trump provide a renewable fuels solution that wins back farmers?

Aug 31, 2019 - Donnelle Eller, Des Moines Register

“The president may think he has Iowa cinched up for 2020, but my vote is 100 percent up for grabs,” said Dave Walton, who farms near Wilton.