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### Nebraska's first ethanol plant reaches production milestone

Chief Ethanol Fuels, the state's first commercial ethanol manufacturer, shipped the one billionth gallon produced at its Hastings plant in mid-February. One of the first fuel ethanol plants in the U.S., Chief opened in 1984 with the capacity to produce ten million gallons annually. This year, they are expected to produce nearly seventy million gallons.

"Chief Ethanol's long history parallels the growth of the industry across the state and nation," according to Steve Hanson, Chair to the Nebraska Ethanol Board. "They have a distinguished record of adding value to our abundant corn supplies, providing jobs in their community and helping to drive the agricultural economy of Nebraska.

Today, Nebraska is home to twenty-five ethanol plants that produce two billion gallons annually and employ thirteen hundred people. Chief's success and leadership in the industry are major factors in Nebraska's rank as the number two producing state in the nation. Without a doubt, renewable, home-grown ethanol is key to the nation's energy future."

Chief is a major grain buyer in the state, providing a market for twenty-five million bushels of corn annually—about 80% of the crop grown in Adams County, where the facility is located. In addition to fuel ethanol, the plant also markets high protein distillers grains to local livestock feeders. More than one-third of the corn processed in the plant is returned to the feed sector in the form of distillers grain.

"Chief Ethanol Fuels continues to invest capital, create jobs and add value to Nebraska agricultural products and the economy. Nebraska is fortunate to host a portfolio of ethanol producing plants that continue to stimulate the economy and stabilize our supply of renewable transportation fuels," said Todd Sneller, Administrator of the Nebraska Ethanol Board.

Visit [www.ne-ethanol.org/forum2011](http://www.ne-ethanol.org/forum2011) to register for the Ethanol 2011: Emerging Issues Forum.

Established in 1971, the Ethanol Board assists ethanol producers with programs and strategies for marketing ethanol and related co-products. The Board supports organizations and policies that advocate the increased use of ethanol fuels – and administers public information, education and ethanol research projects. The Board also assists companies and organizations in the development of ethanol production facilities in Nebraska. For more information, please visit [www.ne-ethanol.org](http://www.ne-ethanol.org).