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Report: Ethanol supply lowers gas prices by 25¢ per gallon

A new study published by the Iowa State University Center for Agricultural and Rural Development has found that the past decade of growth in ethanol production has reduced gasoline prices by an average of \$0.25 per gallon. The Midwest region experienced the biggest impact, with a \$0.39 per gallon reduction in gas prices.

The study also found that gas prices would jump from 41¢ to 92¢ if domestic ethanol production was immediately stopped. Gas prices have jumped nearly 30 cents per gallon in the past month alone, but without the U.S. ethanol supply, gas could have increased by more than \$1 per gallon in the Midwest region.

“Drivers already know that you save money by buying ethanol fuels,” said Todd Sneller, Nebraska Ethanol Board Administrator. “But ethanol is saving consumers even more money by lowering the price of gasoline.” More than 85% of the gasoline sold in Nebraska contains ethanol.

More and more drivers are choosing renewable fuels like ethanol over gas. Nebraska has more than [60 E85 and ethanol blender pumps](#), where Flex Fuel Vehicle drivers can fill up with ethanol blends up to 85% ethanol.

“The addition of new blender pumps in Nebraska, coupled with additional ethanol fuel choices, will continue to provide cost savings to drivers while retaining energy dollars in the economy,” Sneller said.

The full study is available on ISU’s website at <http://www.card.iastate.edu/publications/dbs/pdffiles/11wp523.pdf>.

A news conference on ethanol blender pumps and ethanol fuel options is scheduled for May 6 at 10:00 a.m. at Aurora Co-Op, 1320 L Road in York. For more information contact the Nebraska Ethanol Board.

See past news releases from the Nebraska Ethanol Board on the [“News & Opinion” page](#).

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.