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Nebraska Sales of Ethanol Fuel Blends Top Ten Billion Gallons

Late in 2011, a Nebraska motorist stopped at a service station to fill up with ethanol blended fuel. One of the gallons going into that tank was the ten billionth sold in the state. The milestone was reached after thirty-four years and two hundred billion miles traveled on the state's roads. Sale of the second ten billion gallons of home grown fuel is likely to occur more quickly. In 1979, 60,000 gallons were sold. In 2012, projections show Nebraska drivers will purchase nearly seven hundred million gallons.

Last year, production from the state's twenty-five ethanol plants topped 1.9 billion gallons according to preliminary data from the Nebraska Ethanol Board. 91% of the state's production goes to U.S. domestic markets, 5% is shipped overseas. 4% goes in Nebraska fuel tanks and, because of lower costs at the pump, saves motorists some \$55 million dollars annually. According to the Energy Information Administration, 2011 U.S. ethanol production was 14.4 billion gallons. The country's total annual motor fuel usage is around 134 billion gallons. Ethanol accounts for 10.7% of total U.S supply.

Loran Schmit, a former member of the Nebraska Legislature who laid the ground work for the development of Nebraska's industry, is gratified to see continued growth of the ethanol industry.

"Our persistence paid off. Ethanol is a major boost to our economy. Continued expansion of the ethanol industry will provide greater benefits for agriculture and energy security," said Schmit.

Sign up for the Nebraska Ethanol Board's FFV club for updates of new E85 locations and other announcements. Go to www.ne-ethanol.org/ffv to sign up now.

View a list and map of E85 and ethanol blender pump locations at the [Nebraska Ethanol Board website](http://www.ne-ethanol.org).

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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.