

Canola Council's Diesel Digest

France: Policy Drives Biofuel Evolution

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The European Union's directive on biofuels states that 5.75% of all petroleum and diesel placed on their markets by the end of 2010 must be renewable. France is planning to surpass that minimum standard by increasing its proportion of biofuels from 1% in 2005 to 7% in 2010. To meet this target, France has implemented fiscal measures and has launched a large-scale biofuel plant program. Processing plants are being built by private companies to meet these objectives

France will shift approximately 10% of its agriculture to biofuel crops such as rapeseed but imports of vegetable oils may be necessary. Oilseed exports from France and the EU will likely come to an end, while the European cereal exports should decrease as the use of land is transferred to oilseed production.

France Fast Facts:

- 65% of French car fuel consumption is diesel.
- In 2005, French production of biodiesel corresponded to 300,000 hectares of rapeseed. In 2008, production of biodiesel should correspond to 1,700,000 hectares (4.2 million acres) of oilseeds, mostly rapeseed.
- To encourage the use of biofuels, the French government has granted a long-term fuel tax exemption for biodiesel of 25 Euro per hectolitre (CAD 3.6 cents per litre).
- France plans to cease rapeseed exports to Germany to fill new crushing plant capacity.
- France's price of rapeseed/canola is largely determined by the diesel fuel price in Europe.

[More Details: \(REUTERS\)](#)



Biodiesel: The future's fuel

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The Canola Council's News-wire on World Developments in Biodiesel

"Canola oil is probably the best crop you can grow for biodiesel because of the percentage oil per unit mass. It's almost double that of soybeans"

Northern Biodiesel President, Jason Masters; Ontario, New York

U.S. Auto Companies to Double 'Green' Vehicle Output

DaimlerChrysler, Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp. have announced they will double annual production of vehicles capable of running on E85 ethanol and biodiesel to 2 million cars and trucks by 2010. The pledge, in the form of a joint letter to Congress, included the signatures of Chrysler Group President and CEO, Tom LaSorda; Ford Chairman and CEO, Bill Ford; and General Motors Chairman and CEO, Rick Wagoner.



According to the three auto chiefs, "We need business and government to work together to enhance the production, distribution and use of renewable biofuels. Our hope is that with this commitment, fuel providers will have even more incentive to produce ethanol and other biofuels and install pumps to distribute them."



Currently, there are more than 5 million [flexible] fuel vehicles on the road, with the three domestic automotive companies planning to add an additional million cars and trucks this year alone.

According to the recent letter, "vehicles alone will not get the job done. To capitalize on this commitment, Congress and [Bush] administration need to continue to promote the production of biofuels, increase incentives for refueling infrastructure, and continue incentives for automakers to produce biofuel vehicles."



[More Details: \(ASSEMBLY MAGAZINE\)](#)

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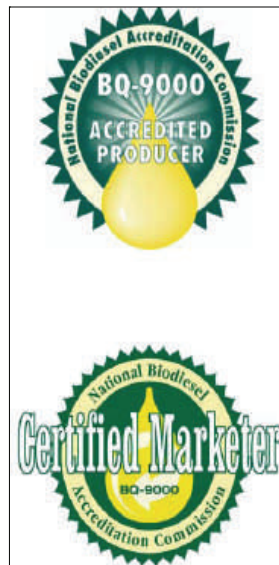
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BQ-9000 - What is it?

- The National Biodiesel Accreditation Program is a cooperative and voluntary program for the accreditation of producers and marketers of biodiesel fuel called BQ-9000.
- The program is a unique combination of the ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) standard for biodiesel, ASTM D 6751, and a quality systems program that includes storage, sampling, testing, blending, shipping, distribution, and fuel management practices.
- BQ-9000 is open to any biodiesel manufacturer, marketer or distributor of biodiesel and biodiesel blends in the United States and Canada.

BQ-9000 PROGRAM GOALS:

- To promote the commercial success and public acceptance of biodiesel and to help assure that biodiesel fuel is produced to and maintained at the industry standard, ASTM D 6751.
- To avoid redundant testing throughout and to provide a mechanism to track biodiesel in the distribution system, identify biodiesel which meets industry standards, and provide a means to reduce the probability of product reaching the marketplace which does not meet D 6751.



[More Details: \(BQ - 9000\)](#)

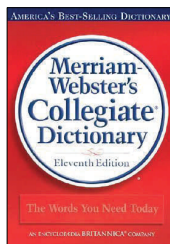
Memphis Biofuels Starts Construction of Biodiesel Plant

Memphis Biofuels announced the start of construction on its 36 million gallon per year biodiesel production facility. Located in Memphis, TN, the facility is designed to be expanded to 100 million gallons per year in the future. The Company plans to be in production this fall.

Memphis Biofuels will create approximately 50 manufacturing jobs at its Memphis facility. Ken Arnold, CEO added, "We are excited about establishing a new business, and industry, in Memphis and we look forward to helping the country reduce dependence on foreign oil while at the same time lowering emissions of global warming and carcinogenic gases." Memphis officials approved tax breaks for four companies that will create 190 jobs and invest more than \$22 million. An eight-year tax freeze was granted for Memphis Biofuels. The PILOT would save Memphis Biofuels \$367,251. Over 8 years, the project is expected to generate \$9.6 million in new tax revenue.

[More Details: \(RELEASE\) \(MEMPHIS ONLINE\)](#)

Newest Version of Dictionary Features the Word 'Biodiesel'



For the first time, the word "biodiesel" appears in the 2006 update of the Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Eleventh Edition. What's more, Merriam-Webster put biodiesel on the short list of examples of new words added to the dictionary -- promoting the list in a national news release and as a sampler on its Web site.

"Appearing as a word in the dictionary gives biodiesel the credibility that it deserves," said Joe Jobe, CEO of the National Biodiesel Board. "It shows we are making an impact on getting biodiesel into the mainstream, and that is very gratifying."

[More Details: \(CNN.COM\)](#)

U.S. Biodiesel Access Improves Throughout Nation



The growth of biodiesel continues, not only in the number of plants opening, but in the ease of fuel flowing to consumers. New terminal and retail openings in the past month highlight that growth:

Terminal access near Chicago - 27 terminals have made investments to make biodiesel a part of their businesses

First B20 pump in regional Georgia - local citizens use more than 1.4 million gallons of biodiesel

New Iowa pumps - Krueger is one of the first retail fuel companies in central Iowa to offer biodiesel to both on-road vehicles (semi-trucks) and consumer vehicles

[More Details: \(BIODIESEL MAGAZINE\)](#)

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CaseStack Offers New Incentive Program for Biodiesel

A new program from CaseStack Inc. will offer a rebate to truck drivers who fill up with biodiesel fuel while carrying a CaseStack load. According to a press release, the rebate is 10 cents per gallon on any blend of biodiesel up to \$50.00 for the entirety of the program.

Tom Verry, director of outreach and development for the National Biodiesel Board said "CaseStack is working to get other, larger companies on board with biodiesel, too. We consider the company a biodiesel trailblazer."

CaseStack is a Los Angeles, California logistics company that warehouses and handles shipping for several companies. CaseStack officials estimate that 70% of the truckers targeted in this program deliver to Wal-Mart distribution centers.



[More Details: \(TRANSWORLD NEWS\)](#)

Who's Using Biodiesel - Add Your City Here!

- The City of Calgary biodiesel initiative has evolved to a sustainable, year-round program supporting 77 vehicles. As of April 30, 2006, nearly one million litres of biodiesel had been used in city vehicles.
- The City of Montreal was the first municipality to pilot biodiesel in transit buses and a resulting report recommends that all diesel powered fleet vehicles use a B5 mixture by 2007.
- In British Columbia, a number of municipal and corporate fleets are using biodiesel in demonstration projects. Biodiesel blends are now available at the pump for BC consumers in some communities.
- The City of Saskatoon has partnered with the University of Saskatchewan to test four city buses.
- In spring 2006, The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) announced plans to use biodiesel in their 1,491 unit bus fleet.

[More Details: \(CITY OF CALGARY\)](#)

Proposed Alberta Refinery Would Turn Canola Oil into Fuel

Canadian Bioenergy wants to build western Canada's first large-scale biodiesel refinery near Edmonton. The company announced it had an agreement with Sturgeon County to purchase five hectares of land adjacent to Bunge Canada's oilseed crushing and refining operations.

Doug Hooper, CEO, says he's waiting to see what kind of renewable energy policy the federal government will propose. That will help determine what sort of demand there will be for biodiesel, he said. If it goes ahead, the refinery will start producing biodiesel in 2008. Early plans call for the production of 114 million litres of canola-derived biodiesel and approximately 10,000 tonnes of glycerin each year.



[More Details: \(RELEASE\)](#)

JRI Announces Plan to Build Canola Crushing Plant



James Richardson International Limited (JRI) announced it will build a state-of-the-art canola crushing plant as an expansion of its existing food processing business. At a cost of approximately \$100 million, the new plant will be capable of processing 840,000 tonnes of canola per year.

JRI is in the final process of evaluating a short list of potential locations for the new plant in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and North Dakota and plans to begin construction in the Fall of 2006.

While canola oil produced by the new plant will primarily be destined for human consumption purposes, it also has the potential of supplying an emerging biodiesel industry which is dependent on canola oil.

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