



# Biofuels Data Sources

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The Biofuels Data Sources matrix provides access to selected sources of economic data on biofuels from the U.S. Government. Data come from the Department of Agriculture (USDA), Department of Energy (DOE), Census Bureau, International Trade Commission, and the Environmental Protection Agency. The matrix contains a compendium of market data on supply, use, price, and other data related to biofuels, biofuel feedstocks, and petroleum products. It focuses on conventional ethanol (primarily from corn) and biodiesel, the feedstocks used to produce these fuels, and the petroleum fuels that compete with or complement the use of these biofuels. The Biofuels Data Sources is a collaborative effort of the DOE's [Energy Information Administration](#) and USDA's Economic Research Service.

This section provides comprehensive access to selected sources of data on biofuels provided by the U.S. Government.

- Biofuel feedstocks – Data on biofuel feedstock supply, use, and prices
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# Conversion Factors

These tables assume standard conversion factors regarding ethanol and coproduct Production, listed below. In addition, some tables contain ratios indicating the share of various feedstocks used for biofuels, expressed as share of total disappearance or use. Total disappearance or use is supply minus ending stocks.

- 1 bushel of corn yields 2.7 gallons of ethanol
- 1 bushel of corn yields 17.5 pounds of distillers' dried grains (DDGS)
- 1 barrel = 42 gallons
- 1 gallon of ethanol contains the same energy as 0.66 gal. of gasoline
- 1 gasoline-equivalent gallon of ethanol = 1.33 gal. of ethanol
- Corn, 1 bushel = 56 pounds
- Sorghum, 1 bushel = 56 pounds
- 1 metric ton = 2,204.622 pounds
- 1 U.S. (short) ton = 2,000 pounds

## Biofuel feedstocks

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
<b>Ethanol feedstocks</b>						
<b>Biodiesel feedstocks</b>						
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Corn and sorghum used by producers of fuel ethanol	<a href="#">Grain Crushings and Co-Products Production</a>	National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), USDA	Survey	Monthly	Data available beginning October 2014
<b>Corn supply, use, and price</b>	Historical data: corn use in ethanol	<a href="#">Feed Grains database</a>	Economic Research Service (ERS), USDA	Survey	Annual data, updated monthly	Use custom query: a) select "supply and use," b) select "Utilization, in alcohol for fuel"
<b>Corn supply, use, and price</b>	Recent estimates and forecasts: corn use in ethanol	<a href="#">Feed Outlook</a>	Economic Research Service (ERS), USDA	Combination	Annual data, updated monthly	See tables 1 and 5.

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<b>Ethanol feedstocks</b>						
<b>Biodiesel feedstocks</b>						
<b>Corn supply, use, and price</b>	10-year projections: corn use in ethanol	<a href="#">Agricultural Baseline Database</a>	Economic Research Service (ERS), USDA	Projections	Annual	Create customized projections for ethanol by selecting "corn" in "commodity" box and "ethanol for fuel" in "Attribute" box.
<b>Biodiesel</b>	Vegetable oils and animal fats	<a href="#">Monthly Biodiesel Report</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Monthly	Individual feedstocks reported in million pounds
<b>Biodiesel</b>	Vegetable oils and animal fats	<a href="#">Monthly Energy Review</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Calculated	Monthly	Feedstock equivalent in trillions of Btus calculated as biodiesel Production times a factor

**Fuel, feedstock & coproduct prices**

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
<b>Ethanol and biodiesel feedstock prices</b>						
<b>Cellulosic biofuel feedstock prices</b>						
<b>Ethanol, biodiesel, and associated feedstock prices</b>	Weekly yield and price data for distillers grains and difference between corn price and	<a href="#">Bioenergy Market News Reports</a>	Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), USDA	Survey	Monthly, weekly, daily	N/A

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
<b>Ethanol and biodiesel feedstock prices</b>						
<b>Cellulosic biofuel feedstock prices</b>						
	coproduct value					
N/A	N/A	<a href="#">Ethanol Corn &amp; Co-products Processing Values Report</a>	Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), USDA	Survey	Weekly	N/A
N/A	N/A	<a href="#">Iowa Ethanol Corn &amp; Co-Products Processing Values (Fri)</a>	Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), USDA	Survey	Weekly	N/A
N/A	N/A	<a href="#">National Weekly Ethanol Summary</a>	Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), USDA	Survey	Weekly	N/A
N/A	N/A	<a href="#">Nebraska Ethanol Corn &amp; Co-Products Processing Values</a>	Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), USDA	Survey	Weekly	N/A
N/A	N/A	<a href="#">South Dakota Ethanol Corn &amp; Coproducts Processing Values</a>	Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), USDA	Survey	Weekly	N/A
N/A	N/A	<a href="#">Weekly Ag Energy Roundup</a>	Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), USDA	Survey	Weekly	N/A
N/A	N/A	<a href="#">Weekly Distillers Grains Summary</a>	Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), USDA	Survey	Weekly	N/A
<b>Biomass prices</b>	Selected prices	<a href="#">National Biomass Report</a>	Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), USDA	Survey	Weekly	Weekly prices for cornstalks, wheat straw, milo stalks, mixed hay,

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<b>Ethanol and biodiesel feedstock prices</b>						
<b>Cellulosic biofuel feedstock prices</b>						
						timothy, mixed grass, bermuda grass; various locations

**Trade**

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
<b>Biodiesel</b>	Imports	<a href="#">Petroleum Supply Monthly</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Monthly	Most EIA data are released only for the U.S. or at regional or State levels without identifying individual reporting companies. However, EIA monthly import data are available in a file that identifies activity for individual companies. Reporting companies are importers of record and, in certain cases, ultimate consignees.

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<b>Biodiesel</b>	Imports	<a href="#">Monthly Energy Review</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Monthly	Most EIA data are released only for the U.S. or at regional or State levels without identifying individual reporting companies. However, EIA monthly import data are available in a file that identifies activity for individual companies. Reporting companies are importers of record and, in certain cases, ultimate consignees.
<b>Biodiesel</b>	Exports	<a href="#">Petroleum Supply Monthly</a>	U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce (DOC)	U.S. Census Bureau	Monthly	Trade data within biofuels supply and use tables.
<b>Biodiesel</b>	Exports	<a href="#">Monthly Energy Review</a>	U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce (DOC)	U.S. Census Bureau	Monthly	Trade data within biofuels supply and use tables.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Imports	<a href="#">Weekly Petroleum Status Report</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA),	Survey	Weekly and monthly	Most EIA data are released only for the U.S. or at

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			Department of Energy (DOE)			regional or State levels without identifying individual reporting companies. However, EIA monthly import data are available in a file that identifies activity for individual companies.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Imports	<a href="#">Petroleum Supply Monthly</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Weekly and monthly	Most EIA data are released only for the U.S. or at regional or State levels without identifying individual reporting companies. However, EIA monthly import data are available in a file that identifies activity for individual companies.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Imports	<a href="#">Company Level Imports Data</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Weekly and monthly	Most EIA data are released only for the U.S. or at regional or State levels without identifying

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
						individual reporting companies. However, EIA monthly import data are available in a file that identifies activity for individual companies.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Imports and Exports	<a href="#">Feed Grain Database</a>	Economic Research Service, USDA	U.S. Census Bureau	Annual, monthly, and quarterly data, updated monthly	Use custom query: a) select "supply and use," b) select byproduct of interest.
<b>U.S. trade data for biofuels and other commodities</b>	A menu-driven system for retrieving U.S. import and export data for biofuels and other commodities	<a href="#">Dataweb</a>	U.S. International Trade Commission with data from the U.S. Census Bureau	U.S. Census Bureau	Monthly, quarterly, year-to-date, annual	Dataweb users must register for a free account.
<b>U.S. trade data for biofuels and other commodities</b>	U.S. and state trade data and trade with U.S. possessions	<a href="#">Foreign Trade Data Products</a>	U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce (DOC)	U.S. Census Bureau	Monthly and annual	Subscription required (fee).
<b>U.S. trade data for agricultural commodities</b>	U.S. trade data	<a href="#">Global Agricultural Trade System (GATS)</a>	Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), USDA	U.S. Census Bureau	Monthly and annual	Custom query feature.
<b>Commodity codes for trade data</b>	Commodity classification system for U.S. imports	<a href="#">Harmonized Tariff Schedule of</a>	U.S. International Trade Commission	N/A	Biannual	N/A



Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
		<a href="#">the United States</a>				
<b>Commodity codes for trade data</b>	Commodity classification system for U.S. exports	<a href="#">Schedule B</a>	U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce (DOC)	N/A	Annual	N/A

**Supply & use**

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Ethanol coproduct Production by fuel ethanol plants. Includes sweeteners, distillers grains, germ meal, corn gluten feed, corn gluten meal, oil, and carbon dioxide from wet and dry mills.	<a href="#">Grain Crushings and Co-Products Production</a>	National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), USDA	Survey	Monthly	Data available beginning October 2014.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Production	<a href="#">Weekly Petroleum Status Report</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Weekly and monthly	EIA production of fuel ethanol typically includes the denaturant volume. Input of denaturants (pentanes plus and gasoline) are also reported. No feedstocks data.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Production	<a href="#">Petroleum Supply</a>	U.S. Energy Information	Survey	Weekly and	EIA production of fuel ethanol

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
		<a href="#">Monthly</a>	Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)		monthly	typically includes the denaturant volume. Input of denaturants (pentanes plus and gasoline) are also reported. No feedstocks data.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Production	<a href="#">Petroleum and Other Liquids</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Weekly and monthly	EIA production of fuel ethanol typically includes the denaturant volume. Input of denaturants (pentanes plus and gasoline) are also reported. No feedstocks data.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Feedstocks	<a href="#">Monthly Energy Review, Table 10.3</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Calculation	Monthly	The EIA survey of fuel ethanol Production Department of Energy (DOE)s not include feedstocks. The Monthly Energy Review includes feedstocks calculated in trillions of Btus. The calculation is fuel ethanol Production times a factor.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Exports	<a href="#">Petroleum Supply Monthly</a>	U.S. Census Bureau, Department of	Trade records	Monthly	N/A

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
			Commerce (DOC)			
<b>Selected petroleum products including motor fuels blended with biofuels</b>	Demand (consumption) estimated from sales data	<a href="#">Petroleum Marketing Monthly</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Monthly	Biofuels are included in motor fuel sales. Data are available for the U.S., Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts, and States.
<b>Biodiesel</b>	Supply and use	<a href="#">Petroleum Supply Monthly</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Calculation	Monthly	Includes blending volumes as well as unreported but implied blending.
<b>Biodiesel</b>	Supply and use	<a href="#">Monthly Energy Review</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Calculation	Monthly	Includes blending volumes as well as unreported but implied blending.
<b>Biodiesel Pro-duction and use</b>	Monthly and annual U.S. disappearance of methyl esters from soybeans (a proxy for soybean oil-based biodiesel Pro-duction)	<a href="#">Oil Crops Outlook</a>	Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), USDA	Survey	Monthly	See Table 3, Soybean Oil: U.S. supply and disappearance.
<b>Biodiesel</b>	Blending (input)	<a href="#">Petroleum Supply Monthly</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Monthly	Blending volumes reported by terminal operators and refiners.

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Blending (input)	<a href="#">Weekly Petroleum Status Report</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Weekly and monthly	Blending volumes reported by terminal operators and refiners.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Blending (input)	<a href="#">Petroleum Supply Monthly</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Weekly and monthly	Blending volumes reported by terminal operators and refiners.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Consumption	<a href="#">Weekly Petroleum Status Report</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Collected and calculated	Monthly	Includes blending volumes as well as unreported but implied blending.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Consumption	<a href="#">Petroleum Supply Monthly</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Collected and calculated	Monthly	Includes blending volumes as well as unreported but implied blending.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Consumption	<a href="#">Monthly Energy Review</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Collected and calculated	Monthly	Includes blending volumes as well as unreported but implied blending.
<b>Petroleum products and natural gas liquids, including motor fuels blended with biofuels</b>	EIA uses an implied demand (consumption) measure called "product supplied"	<a href="#">Weekly Petroleum Status Report</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Calculated	Weekly and monthly	Biofuels are included in motor fuel product supplied. Data are available for the U.S. and Petroleum Administration for Defense

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						Districts (PADDs).
<b>Petroleum products and natural gas liquids, including motor fuels blended with biofuels</b>	EIA uses an implied demand (consumption) measure called "product supplied"	<a href="#">Petroleum Supply Monthly</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Calculated	Weekly and monthly	Biofuels are included in motor fuel product supplied. Data are available for the U.S. and Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADDs).
<b>Petroleum products and natural gas liquids, including motor fuels blended with biofuels</b>	EIA uses an implied demand (consumption) measure called "product supplied"	<a href="#">Monthly Energy Review</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Calculated	Weekly and monthly	Biofuels are included in motor fuel product supplied. Data are available for the U.S. and Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADDs).
<b>Biodiesel</b>	Production capacity	<a href="#">Monthly Biodiesel Report</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Monthly	N/A
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Production capacity	<a href="#">Fuel Ethanol Plant Production Capacity</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Annual	Fuel ethanol Production capacity as of January 1 each year.
<b>Bioenergy feedstock, price, byproduct supply, and use</b>	Bioenergy statistics; conventional feedstocks used in biofuels,	<a href="#">U.S. Bioenergy Statistics database</a>	Economic Research Service (ERS), USDA	Data aggregated from other sources or calculated	Monthly	Provides ethanol and biodiesel supply and use based on feedstock

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
	prices, ethanol, biodiesel, dry distiller's grains supply and use					marketing years.
<b>Biodiesel</b>	Net receipts	<a href="#">Petroleum Supply Monthly and Petroleum Supply Annual</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey and calculation	Monthly	Movements are collected between Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADDs) when transport modes are pipeline, tanker, and barge. There are currently no survey data for movements by rail and truck. Implied net receipts including pipeline, tanker, barge, rail, and truck are calculated for each PADD.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Net receipts	<a href="#">Petroleum Supply Monthly</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey and calculation	Monthly	Movements are collected between Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADDs) when transport modes are pipeline, tanker, and barge. There are currently no survey data

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
						for movements by rail and truck. Net receipts including pipeline, tanker, barge, rail, and truck are calculated for each PADD.

### Stocks

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Stocks (inventories)	<a href="#">Weekly Petroleum Status Report</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Weekly and monthly	Stocks are reported based on custody, not ownership. Quantities include stocks held in primary supply channels and exclude secondary inventory and end-user storage.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Stocks (inventories)	<a href="#">Petroleum Supply Monthly</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Weekly and monthly	Stocks are reported based on custody, not ownership. Quantities include stocks held in primary supply channels and exclude secondary inventory

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
						and end-user storage.
<b>Fuel ethanol</b>	Stocks (inventories)	<a href="#">Monthly Energy Review</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Weekly and monthly	Stocks are reported based on custody, not ownership. Quantities include stocks held in primary supply channels and exclude secondary inventory and end-user storage.
<b>Biodiesel</b>	Stocks (inventories)	<a href="#">Petroleum Supply Monthly</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Survey	Weekly and monthly since 2010	Stocks are reported based on custody, not ownership. Quantities include stocks held in primary supply channels and exclude secondary inventory and end-user storage.
<b>Bioenergy feedstock, price, byproduct supply, and use</b>	Bioenergy statistics; conventional feedstocks used in biofuels, prices, ethanol,	<a href="#">U.S. Bioenergy Statistics database</a>	Economic Research Service (ERS), USDA	Data aggregated from other sources or calculated	Monthly	Provides ethanol and biodiesel supply and use based on feedstock



Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
	biodiesel, ddg supply and use					marketing years.

#### Miscellaneous aggregated data

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
<b>Bioenergy statistics</b>	Conventional feedstocks used in biofuels, prices, ethanol, biodiesel, ddg supply and use	<a href="#">U.S. Bioenergy Statistics database</a>	Economic Research Service (ERS), USDA	Data aggregated from other sources or calculated	Monthly	Provides ethanol and biodiesel supply and use based on feedstock marketing years.
<b>Gasoline</b>	Consumption	<a href="#">Highway Statistics</a>	Federal Highway Administration (FHA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)	Collected and calculated	Monthly and Annual	N/A

#### Projections

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
<b>Energy related analysis and projections including biofuels</b>	Projections and analyses of U.S. and international energy supply, demand, and prices	<a href="#">Short-Term Energy Outlook</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Models and estimates	Monthly and annual	N/A

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
<b>Energy related analysis and projections including biofuels</b>	Projections and analyses of U.S. and international energy supply, demand, and prices	<a href="#">Annual Energy Outlook</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Models and estimates	Monthly and annual	N/A
<b>Energy related analysis and projections including biofuels</b>	Projections and analyses of U.S. and international energy supply, demand, and prices	<a href="#">International Energy Outlook</a>	U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE)	Models and estimates	Monthly and annual	N/A
<b>Corn supply, use, and price</b>	10-year projections: corn use in ethanol	<a href="#">Agricultural Baseline Database</a>	Economic Research Service (ERS), USDA	Projections	Annual	Create customized projections for ethanol by selecting "corn" in "commodity" box and "ethanol for fuel" in "Attribute" box

### Regulations

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
<b>Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) data</b>	Aggregated monthly data on Renewable Identification Number (RIN) generation and renewable fuel volume Production for specific fuel categories.	<a href="#">EPA Moderated Transaction System</a>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Data are based on reports filed by renewable fuel producers and importers, gasoline and diesel refiners, renewable	Monthly	N/A

Category	Description	Primary report name(s)	Source agency	Sources & methods	Frequency	Notes
				fuel exporters, RIN owners, and any other RFS regulated party.		

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