

## Who we are

The Ethanol Working Group (EWG) is a coalition of public and private organizations, universities, and state agencies interested in the promotion of ethanol in Michigan.

## Contact information

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Additional ethanol information is available on the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan website at [www.micorn.org](http://www.micorn.org) and the Michigan Biomass Energy Program website at: [www.michiganbioenergy.org](http://www.michiganbioenergy.org)

## Ethanol Education/Promotion

### **National AFV Day Odyssey**

It has recently been announced that the *National AFV Day Odyssey: Showcasing Cleaner Choices in Transportation* will be held on April 11, 2002 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The event will focus on the economic and environmental advantages of alternative fuel vehicles as well as potential reduction in demand for foreign oil through the increased use of these vehicles. For additional information contact Jim Pitts by email at [jpitts8347@aol.com](mailto:jpitts8347@aol.com) (preferred) or by phone at (517) 483-1384.

## Ethanol Plant Update

Michigan Processors, LLC and Michigan Ethanol, LLC are close to completing a partnership agreement for the 40 MGY ethanol plant being constructed in Caro, Michigan. A letter of intent has been drafted and should be signed by the beginning of December. The plant, which will utilize up to 40,000 bushels of corn a day, plans to begin receiving corn next October. Construction of the plant should be completed in November 2002.

## Additional Updates

### **City of Lansing works with station to reduce cost of E-85**

The City of Lansing has offered a new delivery option for area E-85 fuel providers, which will allow them to sell E-85 fuel at a much lower cost. When fuel is delivered to the City of Lansing trucks will also carry E-85 fuel for local E-85 refueling sites. This will allow the stations to avoid the high transportation costs for the relatively small amounts of E-85 fuel they have delivered by cost sharing with the City of Lansing.

### **Record-Breaking Ethanol Production**

Another record was set in October when U.S. ethanol production reached an all time high of 121,000 barrels per day. If this trend continues, U.S. ethanol production could reach an all time high of 1.8 billion gallons for this year. (Renewable Fuels Association, *Ethanol Report*, 4 December 2001.)

### **GM Expands E-85 Vehicle Options**

In addition to their E-85 flexible fuel Yukon and Tahoe SUVs, GM recently announced that beginning in 2002 they will also produce full-size Silverado and Sierra pickup trucks with the E-85 fuel option.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Ethanol Conference**

The Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) will hold the *National Ethanol Conference: Policy & Marketing* February 27-March 1 in San Diego, California. The conference focuses on marketing, legislative and regulatory issues facing the ethanol industry. For more information go to the RFA website at [www.ethanolrfa.org](http://www.ethanolrfa.org)