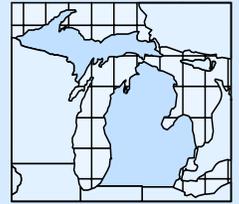


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Who We Are

The Ethanol Working Group (EWG) is a coalition of private and non-profit organizations, universities, and local and state government agencies interested in promoting ethanol production and use in Michigan. The group meets regularly to discuss current ethanol issues and to work on group projects.

Contact Information

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Additional ethanol information is available on the Michigan Biomass Energy Program website at <http://michiganbioenergy.org>



Ethanol Plant Open House

Michigan Ethanol, LLC celebrated the near completion of their ethanol production facility by hosting an Open House October 28th in Caro, Michigan. The 40 MGY ethanol plant will utilize up to 40,000 bushels of corn a day, and will be in full operation in November. The plant will have 41 employees with an estimated annual payroll of more than \$1 million. Throughout the day-long celebration the plant was touted as one of the most technologically advanced ethanol production facilities in the U.S. The plant is 95% computer controlled and includes an on site microbiology laboratory. It is also considered the most energy and labor efficient ethanol plant built to date. The plant is located on a 43 acre industrial park with railroad access directly behind the plant.

The event featured remarks from Bob Dinneen-President of the Renewable Fuels Assn., The Honorable Rick Johnson-Michigan Speaker of the House, The Honorable James Barcia-U.S. House of Representatives 5th District, Wayne Wood-President of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Dan Wyant-Director of the MI Dept. of Agriculture, Tony Simpson-Michigan Ethanol, LLC General Manager, Jeff Broin-Broin Company CEO, and others. The presentations highlighted the hard work of many individuals, organizations, and legislators, which made the building of the plant possible. Public tours were also given to the almost 800 attendees.

