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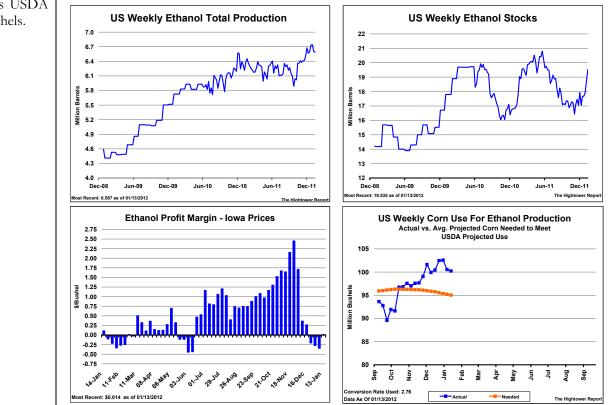
ETHANOL PRODUCTION REPORT January 19, 2012

Summary

Ethanol production for the ending January week 13 averaged 941 thousand barrels per day. This is down 0.32% vs. last week and up 3.07% vs. last year. Total Ethanol production for the week was 6.587 million barrels. Stocks as of January 13 were 19.535 million barrels. This is up 4.06% vs. last week and up 9.74% vs. last year. Corn used in last week's production is estimated at 100.24 million This bushels. crop year's cumulative corn used for ethanol production for this crop year is 1.88 billion bushels. Corn use needs to average 95.044 million bushels per week to meet this crop year's USDA estimate of 5 billion bushels.

| Recent History | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| | In Million Barrels | | | | | Corn Usage For Crop Year (MMBu) | | |
| | | Weekly | | Weekly | | | Needed / | |
| | Total | Prod. | | Stocks | Implied | Corn Used | Week for | Cumulative for |
| Date | Production | Change | Stocks | Change | Demand | Per Week | USDA Est | Crop Year |
| 9/30/11 | 6.041 | 0.1540 | 17.342 | -0.016 | 6.057 | 91.928 | 96.220 | 395.196 |
| 10/7/11 | 6.020 | -0.0210 | 16.875 | -0.467 | 6.585 | 91.609 | 96.318 | 486.804 |
| 10/14/11 | 6.356 | 0.3360 | 17.053 | 0.178 | 6.248 | 96.722 | 96.309 | 583.526 |
| 10/21/11 | 6.363 | 0.0070 | 17.291 | 0.238 | 6.125 | 96.828 | 96.298 | 680.354 |
| 10/28/11 | 6.412 | 0.0490 | 17.200 | -0.091 | 6.664 | 97.574 | 96.269 | 777.928 |
| 11/4/11 | 6.377 | -0.0350 | 16.430 | -0.77 | 7.147 | 97.041 | 96.251 | 874.970 |
| 11/11/11 | 6.412 | 0.0350 | 17.111 | 0.681 | 5.892 | 97.574 | 96.219 | 972.543 |
| 11/18/11 | 6.419 | 0.0070 | 17.451 | 0.34 | 6.079 | 97.680 | 96.183 | 1070.224 |
| 11/25/11 | 6.510 | 0.0910 | 17.046 | -0.405 | 7.006 | 99.065 | 96.111 | 1169.289 |
| 12/2/11 | 6.678 | 0.1680 | 17.934 | 0.888 | 5.874 | 101.622 | 95.969 | 1270.911 |
| 12/9/11 | 6.566 | -0.1120 | 17.058 | -0.876 | 7.561 | 99.917 | 95.865 | 1370.828 |
| 12/16/11 | 6.601 | 0.0350 | 17.663 | 0.605 | 6.178 | 100.450 | 95.741 | 1471.278 |
| 12/23/11 | 6.734 | 0.1330 | 17.674 | 0.011 | 6.723 | 102.474 | 95.553 | 1573.752 |
| 12/30/11 | 6.741 | 0.0070 | 17.945 | 0.271 | 6.540 | 102.580 | 95.351 | 1676.333 |
| 1/6/12 | 6.608 | -0.1330 | 18.773 | 0.828 | 5.780 | 100.557 | 95.197 | 1776.889 |
| 1/13/12 | 6.587 | -0.0210 | 19.535 | 0.762 | 5.825 | 100.237 | 95.044 | 1877.126 |
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