## **The Hightower Report**

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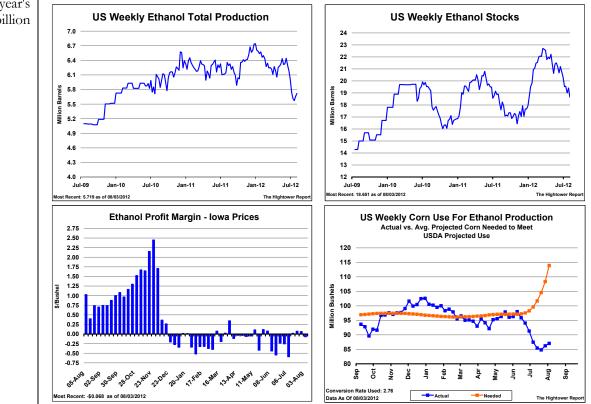
## ETHANOL PRODUCTION REPORT August 8, 2012

## Summary

Ethanol production for the week ending August 3 averaged 817 thousand barrels per day. This is up 0.99% vs. last week and down 10.02% vs. last year. Total Ethanol production for the week was 5.719 million barrels. Stocks as of August 3 were 18.651 million barrels. This is down 3.87% vs. last week and up 2.74% vs. last year. Corn used in last week's production is estimated at 87.03 million bushels. This crop year's cumulative corn used for ethanol production for this crop year is 4.61 billion bushels. Corn use needs to average 113.896 million bushels per week to meet this crop year's USDA estimate of 5.05 billion bushels.

| Recent History  |                    |         |        |        |         |                                 |          |                |
|---|--------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------------------------------|----------|----------------|
|   | In Million Barrels |         |        |        |         | Corn Usage For Crop Year (MMBu) |          |                |
| ĺ   |                    | 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      |
| 4/20/12   | 6.055              | -0.1330 | 21.852 | -0.116 | 6.248   | 92.141                          | 96.874   | 3223.241       |
| 4/27/12   | 6.258              | 0.2030  | 22.222 | 0.37   | 5.888   | 95.230                          | 96.966   | 3318.472       |
| 5/4/12  | 6.279              | 0.0210  | 21.374 | -0.848 | 7.127   | 95.550                          | 97.050   | 3414.022       |
| 5/11/12   | 6.328              | 0.0490  | 20.630 | -0.744 | 7.324   | 96.296                          | 97.097   | 3510.317       |
| 5/18/12   | 6.433              | 0.1050  | 21.398 | 0.768  | 5.665   | 97.893                          | 97.043   | 3608.211       |
| 5/25/12   | 6.314              | -0.1190 | 21.508 | 0.11   | 6.281   | 96.083                          | 97.113   | 3704.293       |
| 6/1/12  | 6.328              | 0.0140  | 21.188 | -0.32  | 6.725   | 96.296                          | 97.176   | 3800.589       |
| 6/8/12  | 6.440              | 0.1120  | 20.666 | -0.522 | 6.962   | 98.000                          | 97.107   | 3898.589       |
| 6/15/12   | 6.300              | -0.1400 | 21.185 | 0.519  | 5.781   | 95.870                          | 97.221   | 3994.459       |
| 6/22/12   | 6.181              | -0.1190 | 20.757 | -0.428 | 6.931   | 94.059                          | 97.542   | 4088.517       |
| 6/29/12   | 5.999              | -0.1820 | 20.293 | -0.464 | 6.617   | 91.289                          | 98.248   | 4179.807       |
| 7/6/12  | 5.747              | -0.2520 | 19.532 | -0.761 | 6.634   | 87.454                          | 99.621   | 4267.261       |
| 7/13/12   | 5.614              | -0.1330 | 19.556 | 0.024  | 5.716   | 85.430                          | 101.691  | 4352.691       |
| 7/20/12   | 5.572              | -0.0420 | 19.005 | -0.551 | 6.494   | 84.791                          | 104.576  | 4437.483       |
| 7/27/12   | 5.663              | 0.0910  | 19.401 | 0.396  | 5.330   | 86.176                          | 108.364  | 4523.659       |
| 8/3/12  | 5.719              | 0.0560  | 18.651 | -0.75  | 6.987   | 87.028                          | 113.896  | 4610.687       |
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