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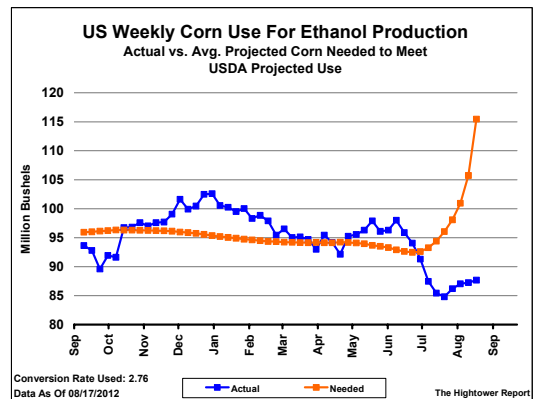
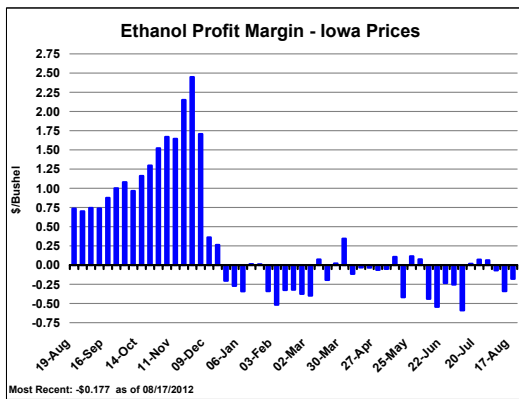
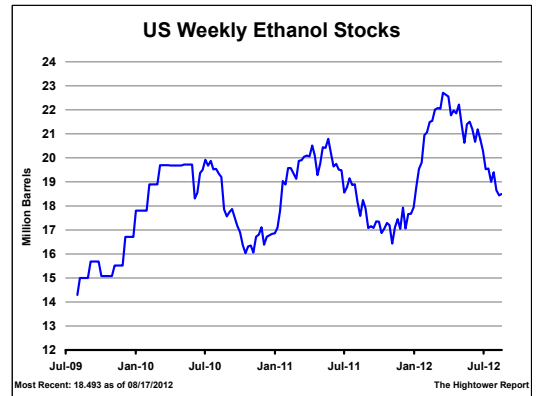
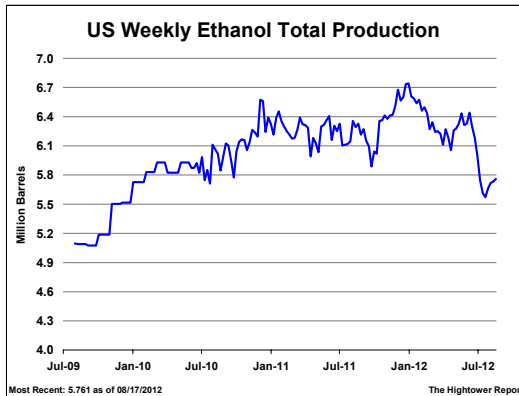
Summary

Ethanol production for the week ending August 17 averaged 823 thousand barrels per day. This is up 0.49% vs. last week and down 8.96% vs. last year. Total Ethanol production for the week was 5.761 million barrels. Stocks as of August 17 were 18.493 million barrels. This is up 0.25% vs. last week and up 1.37% vs. last year. Corn used in last week's production is estimated at 87.67 million bushels. This crop year's cumulative corn used for ethanol production for this crop year is 4.79 billion bushels. Corn use needs to average 115.448 million bushels per week to meet this crop year's USDA estimate of 5 billion bushels.

Recent History

Date	In Million Barrels					Corn Usage For Crop Year (MMBu)		
	Total Production	Weekly Prod. Change	Stocks	Weekly Stocks Change	Implied Demand	Corn Used Per Week	Needed / Week for USDA Est	Cumulative for Crop Year
5/4/12	6.279	0.0210	21.374	-0.848	7.127	95.550	94.083	3414.022
5/11/12	6.328	0.0490	20.630	-0.744	7.324	96.296	93.944	3510.317
5/18/12	6.433	0.1050	21.398	0.768	5.665	97.893	93.678	3608.211
5/25/12	6.314	-0.1190	21.508	0.11	6.281	96.083	93.505	3704.293
6/1/12	6.328	0.0140	21.188	-0.32	6.725	96.296	93.288	3800.589
6/8/12	6.440	0.1120	20.666	-0.522	6.962	98.000	92.890	3898.589
6/15/12	6.300	-0.1400	21.185	0.519	5.781	95.870	92.616	3994.459
6/22/12	6.181	-0.1190	20.757	-0.428	6.931	94.059	92.469	4088.517
6/29/12	5.999	-0.1820	20.293	-0.464	6.617	91.289	92.602	4179.807
7/6/12	5.747	-0.2520	19.532	-0.761	6.634	87.454	93.258	4267.261
7/13/12	5.614	-0.1330	19.556	0.024	5.716	85.430	94.399	4352.691
7/20/12	5.572	-0.0420	19.005	-0.551	6.494	84.791	96.040	4437.483
7/27/12	5.663	0.0910	19.401	0.396	5.330	86.176	98.070	4523.659
8/3/12	5.719	0.0560	18.651	-0.75	6.987	87.028	100.933	4610.687
8/10/12	5.733	0.0140	18.447	-0.204	6.588	87.241	105.725	4697.928
8/17/12	5.761	0.0280	18.493	0.046	6.191	87.667	115.448	4785.596

Data Notice: The 2011/12 Crop Year started on 9/1/2011. The Corn Usage For Crop Year data for the 9/2/11 report only shows data since 9/1/11.



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