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ETHANOL PRODUCTION REPORT

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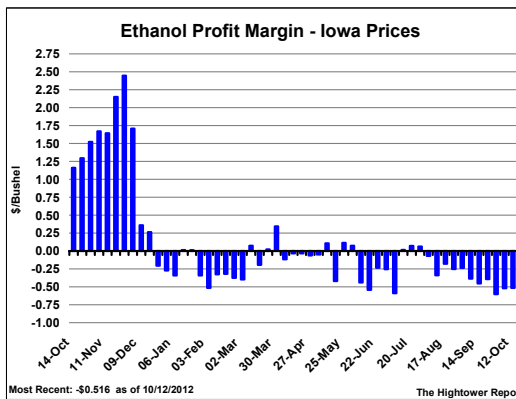
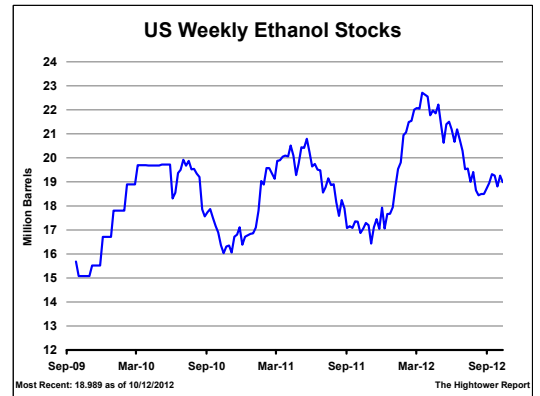
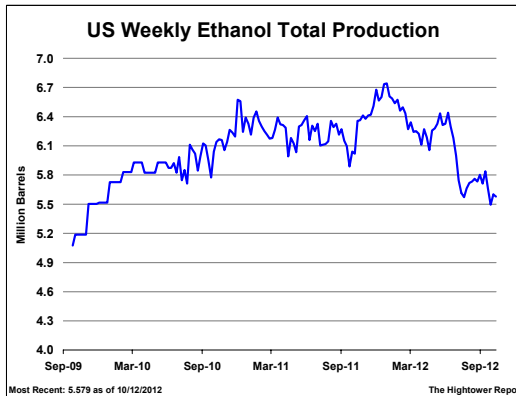
Summary

Ethanol production for the week ending October 12 averaged 797 thousand barrels per day. This is down 0.38% vs. last week and down 12.22% vs. last year. Total Ethanol production for the week was 5.579 million barrels. Stocks as of October 12 were 18.989 million barrels. This is down 1.39% vs. last week and up 11.35% vs. last year. Corn used in last week's production is estimated at 83.69 million bushels. This crop year's cumulative corn used for ethanol production for this crop year is 508.31 million bushels. Corn use needs to average 86.507 million bushels per week to meet this crop year's USDA estimate of 4.5 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
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
8/24/12	5.733	-0.0280	18.494	0.001	5.886	87.241	148.357	4872.837
8/31/12	5.803	0.0700	18.732	0.238	5.803	88.307	-	4961.143
9/7/12	5.712	-0.0910	18.953	0.221	6.114	85.680	86.314	85.680
9/14/12	5.838	0.1260	19.325	0.372	5.872	87.570	86.288	173.250
9/21/12	5.663	-0.1750	19.259	-0.066	6.233	84.945	86.316	258.195
9/28/12	5.495	-0.1680	18.808	-0.451	5.946	82.425	86.397	340.620
10/5/12	5.600	0.1050	19.256	0.448	5.663	84.000	86.447	424.620
10/12/12	5.579	-0.0210	18.989	-0.267	6.700	83.685	86.507	508.305

*Implied Demand = Production + Imports - Change in Stocks



2011/2012 Crop Year Summary 9/1/2011 - 8/31/2012	
Total Ethanol Produced (Mbbbl)	326.018
Conversion Ratio	2.76
Corn Used	4961.143
USDA 2011/12 Est Corn Use	5000
Difference	38.85652
USDA 2012/13 Est Corn Use	4500

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