

Trade Matters



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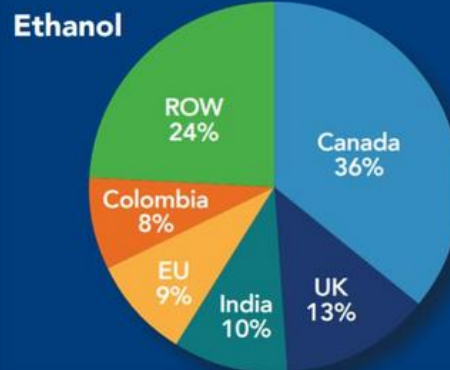
The Facts

- In 2024, U.S. ethanol exports rose to a record 1.9 billion gallons—an increase of 35% over 2023 and highest since 2018.
- The U.S. ethanol industry has been a net exporter of ethanol since 2009. Growth in exports in 2024 was due primarily to a surge in exports to India, Canada, Colombia and the U.K., along with 50+ export markets that recorded increases in import volumes last year.
- Canada accounted for a third of all exports, with demand rising 38% since the implementation of its Clean Fuel Regulations, and favorable pricing along with increased blending in key provinces.

The Issue

While most export markets for US ethanol recorded increased volumes, some countries, like Brazil and China, impose import tariffs and other trade distorting practices.

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The Solution

The U.S. ethanol industry needs support from Congress and the Trump Administration to address critical policy priorities in key markets and remove significant trade barriers hindering U.S. exports and global leadership.

- ➔ Ensure reciprocal, fair access by demanding ethanol tariff parity between the U.S. and Brazil and allow for U.S. ethanol's full participation in Brazil's low carbon biofuel program, RenovaBio.
- ➔ Seek China purchases of U.S. ethanol to meet commitments under existing trade deals.
- ➔ Support measures in Canada that expand higher blend volumes at the provincial level and advocate for consistent, fair implementation and enforcement of the Clean Fuel Regulation.
- ➔ Support Japan's high-level interest in procuring U.S. ethanol, including for direct blending and SAF.
- ➔ Removal of the prohibition of crop-based feedstocks for the production of sustainable aviation and marine fuels under the EU's ReFuel EU Aviation and ReFuel EU Maritime programs.
- ➔ Allow the direct import of U.S. fuel ethanol to provide immediate availability to help achieve India's E20 blending goal by 2025.
- ➔ Engage with the Mexican government to reassess their ethanol policy and allow for E10 blending nationwide.
- ➔ Ensure reliability of Colombia's ethanol demand through its E10 mandate and the removal of its countervailing duty on U.S. ethanol.
- ➔ Demand that the U.S. ethanol industry is treated accurately and fairly under the International Civil Aviation Organization's Carbon Offsetting Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (ICAO CORSIA) so that U.S. corn ethanol can meet growing global demand for ethanol-to-jet technologies for aviation fuel.