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US BioEnergy Celebrates Grand Opening of Woodbury, Mich. Ethanol Plant

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, MINN. – US BioEnergy will celebrate the opening of Michigan’s third ethanol plant in Woodbury Thursday, Sept. 14. Festivities will include guided plant tours at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a formal opening celebration at 1:15 p.m.

Mitch Irwin, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, will serve as master of ceremonies. Bob Dineen, president of the Renewable Fuels Association will speak along with company officials.

“This is an exciting day for US BioEnergy as we celebrate the opening of our second fully operational facility,” said Gordon Ommen, the company’s chief executive officer. “We are proud our facility will provide additional markets for area corn growers, a new feed source for livestock producers as well as new jobs for the community.”

US Bio Woodbury will use more than 16 million bushels of corn to produce 50 million gallons of ethanol annually and 160,000 tons of dried distiller's grain, an animal feed co-product of the ethanol process. The plant employs more than 40 people.

US BioEnergy Corporation is a producer and marketer of ethanol and distillers grains. The company currently operates two ethanol plants, one of which is in the process of expansion, and has two additional ethanol plants under construction. Upon completion of these initiatives, the company will own and operate four plants with combined expected ethanol production capacity of 300 million gallons per year.

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