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New rule allows biodiesel to boost tractors this season

ST. LOUIS (May 14, 2013) – A partnership between U.S. soybean farmers and the National Tractor Pullers Association (NTPA) will reach another milestone Friday when the NTPA begins allowing the use of 100 percent biodiesel, in all diesel pulling classes for this season.

This is the seventh season the soy checkoff has partnered with the NTPA to promote the use of biodiesel to pulling fans, including many farmers, truck drivers and other diesel users.

A study funded by the state soy checkoff board in Minnesota and conducted by United Pullers of Minnesota found using biodiesel in pulling competition can provide a 4 percent increase in torque and horsepower.

“Performance results like these are an added bonus to the environmental and economic benefits of using biodiesel,” says Larry Marek, soy checkoff farmer-leader and a soybean farmer from Riverside, Iowa. “If NTPA pullers can get these kinds of results on the track, we can certainly get great results using B100 on the farm.”

Also returning to the track this season will be the “Powered by Biodiesel,” Light Pro Stock class, in which all competitors are required to use biodiesel blends.

“B100 performs well, and is dependable even in the most excruciating tests,” says Gregg Randall, NTPA office general manager. “Pullers will definitely want to take advantage of the fuel this pulling season.”

[Click here](#) to view the entire 2013 NTPA competition schedule and find out where tractor pullers will be using B100 near you.

Biodiesel is known as America’s Advanced Biofuel because it reduces greenhouse-gas emissions by at least 50 percent compared with petroleum diesel. It offers excellent horsepower, mileage and cetane, and adds as much as 65 percent lubricity to an engine.

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The soy checkoff funds biodiesel research and promotion efforts through the National Biodiesel Board to help increase the use of U.S. soy oil. Soy oil remains the dominant feedstock for U.S. biodiesel production.

The 69 farmer-directors of USB oversee the investments of the soy checkoff to maximize profit opportunities for all U.S. soybean farmers. These volunteers invest and leverage checkoff funds to increase the value of U.S. soy meal and oil, to ensure U.S. soybean farmers and their customers have the freedom and infrastructure to operate, and to meet the needs of U.S. soy's customers. As stipulated in the federal Soybean Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act, the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service has oversight responsibilities for USB and the soy checkoff.

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