



9th Annual Biofuels Science and Sustainability Tour Agenda

Monday, Aug. 14

- 4:14 pm Arrive Des Moines airport, Delta Flight 2460/1532 from DC via Atlanta or
4:35 pm Arrive Des Moines airport, Delta Flight 2997/3928 from DC via Detroit
Met by bus
- 5:45 pm Depart hotel for State Fair
- 6:15 pm **Dinner at Iowa State Fair**
Speakers: Iowa Lt. Governor Adam Gregg and Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey
- 7:30 pm Tour Iowa State Fair Agriculture and Renewable Fuels Exhibits
- 10:00 pm Depart for Prairie Meadows Hotel
1 Prairie Meadows Drive, Altoona, IA 50009

Tuesday, Aug. 15

- 8:00 am Depart hotel
- 8:30 am **Tour Monsanto Huxley Learning Center**
1551 IA-210, Huxley, Iowa
Topics: Interactive video tour covering – advances in seed technology, agronomic practices, and “big data” precision farming
- 10:30 am Depart
- 11:45 am **Tour of April Hemmes Family Farm**
879 Mallard Ave, Hampton IA
Topics: April to discuss changes in farming, impact of biofuels/trade, future of ag

- Lunch at with area farmers (paid for by Tour sponsors)
- 2:45 pm Depart
- 3:30 pm **Tour Golden Grain Energy** (ethanol plant)
1822 43rd St SW, Mason City, IA
Topics: COO Chad Kuhlers to review production process, advancements in efficiency, and lead tour of plant.
- 5:00 pm **Ethanol policy update** (same location, no break)
Topic: Myth Busters by Renewable Fuels Association Vice President Geoff Cooper
- 5:45 pm Depart for dinner
- Overnight Historic Park Inn
15 W State St, Mason City, IA 50401
- Country Inn and Suites
4082 4th Street, S.W., Mason City, IA

Wednesday, Aug. 16

- 8:30 am Depart hotel
- 9:00 am **Tour REG – Mason City** (biodiesel plant)
4172 19th St SW, Mason City, IA
Topics: Plant manager Tyler Kerr to review production process, advancements in efficiency, and lead tour of plant.
- 10:30 am **Biodiesel policy update** (same location, no break)
Topics: What's on the Horizon for Biodiesel by National Biodiesel Board Director of Public Affairs Rosemarie Calabro Tully
- 11:00 am Depart
- 11:15 pm **Tour of Magellan Pipeline Company** (Clear Lake terminal)
2810 Main Ave, Clear Lake, IA
Topics: Logistics and Blending by Magellan's Bruce Heine
- 12:15 pm Depart (lunch on bus)

- 1:45 pm **Tour of DuPont Cellulosic Nevada** (cellulosic ethanol plant/corn stover)
59219 W Lincoln Hwy, Nevada, IA
Topics: Update on plant operations and opportunities by DuPont Cellulosic Ethanol Commercial Leader Steven Ogle
- 2:15 pm Depart
- 2:30 pm **Tour of Good and Quick Fueling Station**
519 Lincoln Hwy, Nevada, IA
Topics: Owner/operator Charlie Good will discuss why he offers various biofuels.
- 3:00 pm Depart
- 3:15 pm **Tour Couser Cattle Company**
19568 620th Ave, Nevada, IA
Topics: Cattleman Bill Couser will discuss the use of biofuel coproducts in livestock feed rations.
- 4:00 pm **Congressional Staff Roundtable** (same location, no break)
Topics: IRFA's Monte Shaw moderates a roundtable where the latest policy updates on the RFS, tax and trade policy will be discussed.
- 5:15 pm **“Ag Cave” presentation** (same location, no break)
Topic: Bill Couser hosts the Tour attendees in his farmer version of a “man cave” inside a renovated century old barn. Bill will present an audio/video presentation on how farming has changed and what it means to rural America, focusing on the role biofuels has played.
- 6:00 pm Dinner with area famers/ranchers (paid for by Tour sponsors)
- 7:00 pm Depart for hotel
- Overnight Ames/Gateway Hotel
2100 Green Hills Dr, Ames, IA

Thursday, Aug. 17

- 9:00 am Depart hotel
- 9:30 am **Tour Iowa State University Sorenson Research Farm**
2171 240th Street, Ames, IA 50014
Topics: Miscanthus as dedicated energy crop by Dr. Emily Heaton, Associate Professor of Agronomy. Biochar by Professor David Laird
- 10:30 am depart

- 10:45 am **Tour Iowa State University BioCentury Research Farm**
 1327 U Ave, Boone, Iowa
Topics: Tour of biochemical and thermochemical research facility by Biomass Processing Facility Manager Andy Suby
- 12:00 pm **Lunch and Learn** (same location, no break)
Topic 1: Economics of E85 Use by Dr. Sebastien Pouliot, Associate Professor of Economics
Topic 2: Carbon Removal: Some Practical (and Less Practical) Approaches by Dr. Robert Brown, Bioeconomy Institute Director
- 1:30 pm **Tour Wrap-Up Presentation** (same location, no break)
Topic: IRFA's Monte Shaw will review the trip and answer questions.
- 2:00 pm Depart for Des Moines airport
- 4:00 pm Depart back to DC. American Airlines flight 5498/2323 via Chicago

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