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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