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Comparative Pricing for Fuels and Co-Products - \$/Gallon					
Product	Current price	Prior week average	Previous year	% change (week over week)	% change (year over year)
Ethanol					
Ethanol (FOB Gulf)	\$2.003	\$2.025	\$2.694	-1.1%	-25.7%
Anhydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$2.101	\$2.161	\$2.451	-2.8%	-14.3%
Hydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$1.941	\$1.972	\$2.082	-1.6%	-6.8%
Anhydrous - Hydrous Spread	\$0.159	\$0.189	\$0.368	-15.8%	-56.8%
Gulf discount/premium from Santos	-\$0.097	-\$0.136	\$0.243	-28.5%	-139.9%
Ethanol (FOB PNW)	\$2.125	\$2.143	\$2.658	-0.8%	-20.1%
Gasoline/Chemical components & additives					
MTBE (FOB Gulf)	\$2.529	\$2.459	\$3.320	2.8%	-23.8%
MTBE Premium/Discount to Ethanol (FOB Gulf)	\$0.526	\$0.434	\$0.626	3.9%	1.8%
"Aromatic" Octane Enhancers (BTX)					
Benzene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$3.410	\$3.442	\$3.338	-0.9%	2.1%
Toluene NITN (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$3.213	\$3.191	\$4.260	0.7%	-24.6%
Mixed Xylene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$3.243	\$3.221	\$4.696	0.7%	-30.9%
Weighted Average Aromatic Price (BTX)	\$3.255	\$3.239	\$4.401	0.5%	-26.0%
Gasoline (FOB Gulf)	\$2.036	\$2.039	\$2.489	-0.2%	-18.2%

Source: World Perspectives, Inc.

Comparative Pricing for Fuels and Co-Products - \$/Liter					
Product	Current price	Prior week average	Previous year	% change (week over week)	% change (year over year)
Ethanol					
Ethanol (FOB Gulf)	\$0.529	\$0.535	\$0.712	-1.1%	-25.7%
Anhydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$0.555	\$0.571	\$0.647	-2.8%	-14.3%
Hydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$0.513	\$0.521	\$0.550	-1.6%	-6.8%
Anhydrous - Hydrous Spread	\$0.042	\$0.050	\$0.097	-15.8%	-56.8%
Gulf discount/premium from Santos	-\$0.026	-\$0.036	\$0.064	-28.5%	-139.9%
Ethanol (FOB PNW)	\$0.561	\$0.566	\$0.702	-0.8%	-20.1%
Gasoline/Chemical components &					
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MTBE (FOB Gulf)	\$0.668	\$0.650	\$0.877	2.8%	-23.8%
MTBE Premium/Discount to Ethanol (FOB Gulf)	\$0.139	\$0.115	\$0.165	3.9%	1.8%
"Aromatic" Octane Enhancers (BTX)					
Benzene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.901	\$0.909	\$0.882	-0.9%	2.1%
Toluene NITN (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.849	\$0.843	\$1.125	0.7%	-24.6%
Mixed Xylene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.857	\$0.851	\$1.240	0.7%	-30.9%
Weighted Average Aromatic Price (BTX)	\$0.860	\$0.856	\$1.163	0.5%	-26.0%
Gasoline (FOB Gulf)	\$0.538	\$0.539	\$0.658	-0.2%	-18.2%

Source: World Perspectives, Inc.

FOB and Estimated CNF Ethanol Prices, \$/MT					
Product	Current price	Prior week average	Previous year	W/W % Change	Y/Y % Change
FOB Prices					
Ethanol, FOB U.S. Gulf	\$676.77	\$684.14	\$910.28	-1.1%	-25.7%
Ethanol, FOB PNW	\$709.63	\$730.06	\$828.02	-2.8%	-14.3%
Ethanol, FOB Brazil	\$655.84	\$666.20	\$703.54	-1.6%	-6.8%
Estimated CNF Prices					
U.S. Gulf - EC Mexico	\$714.93	\$717.03	\$936.60	-0.3%	-23.7%
U.S. Gulf - Brazil	\$727.81	\$735.18	\$960.88	-1.0%	-24.3%
U.S. Gulf - Peru	\$772.82	\$777.56	\$983.96	-0.6%	-21.5%
U.S. Gulf - W. Coast Cent. Am.	\$767.56	\$774.93	\$973.44	-1.0%	-21.1%
U.S. Gulf - China	\$735.10	\$0.00	\$970.28	-0.5%	-24.2%
U.S. Gulf - Europe	\$717.58	\$724.95	\$949.74	-1.0%	-24.4%
U.S. Gulf - South Korea	\$740.10	\$746.64	\$1,020.28	-0.9%	-27.5%
U.S. Gulf - Saudi Arabia	\$676.77	\$766.87	\$1,009.10	-11.7%	-32.9%
U.S. Gulf - Philippines	\$676.77	\$768.53	\$1,037.32	-11.9%	-34.8%
U.S. Gulf - Singapore	\$676.77	\$796.40	\$1,086.34	-15.0%	-37.7%
U.S. Gulf - India	\$676.77	\$771.14	\$1,059.68	-12.2%	-36.1%
U.S. Gulf - West Africa	\$676.77	\$725.59	\$951.14	-6.7%	-28.8%
U.S. PNW - Singapore	\$709.63	\$801.49	\$940.04	-11.5%	-24.5%
U.S. PNW - S. Korea	\$709.63	\$786.16	\$926.75	-9.7%	-23.4%
U.S. PNW - Philippines	\$709.63	\$800.59	\$952.16	-11.4%	-25.5%
U.S. PNW - India	\$709.63	\$826.75	\$966.70	-14.2%	-26.6%
Brazil - Singapore	\$655.84	\$713.25	\$754.86	-8.0%	-13.1%
Brazil - S. Korea	\$655.84	\$753.08	\$834.33	-12.9%	-21.4%
Brazil - Europe	\$655.84	\$710.43	\$746.30	-7.7%	-12.1%
Brazil - China	\$655.84	\$723.81	\$766.38	-9.4%	-14.4%
Brazil - India	\$655.84	\$738.51	\$781.52	-11.2%	-16.1%

Source: World Perspectives, Inc.

Note: estimated cost and freight (C&F) prices are based on information believed to be reliable and accurate. Estimates for some routes may be based on mathematical inference and not actual market offers. Terms of trade and market conditions may cause actual prices to vary from these estimates.

**Market Outlook**: U.S. ethanol prices ended last week essentially unchanged but were weaker in early week trading and fell 1.1 percent through Tuesday's close. Midwest wholesale rack ethanol prices were higher to end last week but were down 0.5 percent through Tuesday's market close to their last quote of 55.2 cents/liter (208.97 cents/gallon).

FOB Houston ethanol prices finished last week 2.1 percent lower and are down 0.4 percent through Tuesday's trading from Friday's close. FOB Houston ethanol prices are quoted at 52.92 cents/liter (200.33 cents/gallon). FOB Santos, Brazil anhydrous ethanol prices were lower last week; they are down in early week trading, falling 2.8 percent to 55.49 cents/liter (210.05 cents/gallon) through Tuesday's trading.

The FOB Gulf-Santos, Brazil ethanol spread has narrowed from last week's close through Tuesday's trading and is currently at -2.57 cents/liter (-9.73 cents/gallon).

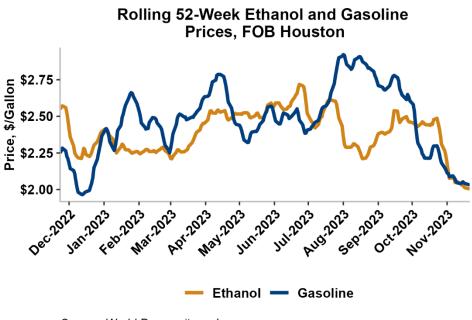
MTBE prices rose 1.5 percent last week and extended that reversal in early week trading to gain 2.5 percent from Friday's close through Tuesday's trading. MTBE's premium to FOB Houston ethanol has increased from last week's report and stands at 13.67 cents/liter (51.73 cents/gallon).

BTX component prices were sharply lower last week and continued that trend through Tuesday's market close: Benzene was down 1.1 percent while Toluene was up 0.4 percent, and Xylene was up 0.4 percent. The estimated weighted average aromatic price is currently 85.73 cents/liter (324.51 cents/gallon), up from last Friday's close. The BTX-Houston ethanol spread widened last week, and the weighted average BTX price is 32.81 cents/liter (124.18 cents/gallon) higher than the FOB Houston ethanol price.

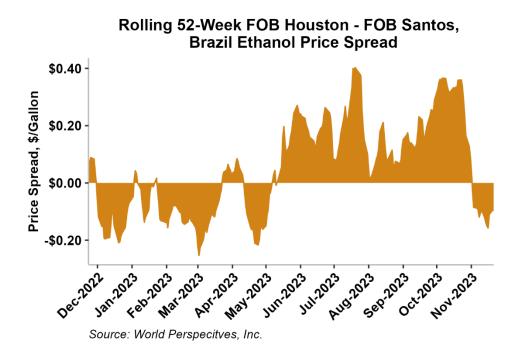
Gasoline and petroleum products were lower last week but changed directions and rallied in early week trade. RBOB futures are up 2.3 percent to start the week while 84 octane RBOB (Houston) and 87 octane CBOB (U.S. Gulf) gasoline prices are up 4 and up 3.3 percent, respectively. WTI futures are 2.3 percent higher at \$77.77/barrel while Brent futures are up 2.3 percent to \$82.46/barrel, from Friday through Tuesday's close.

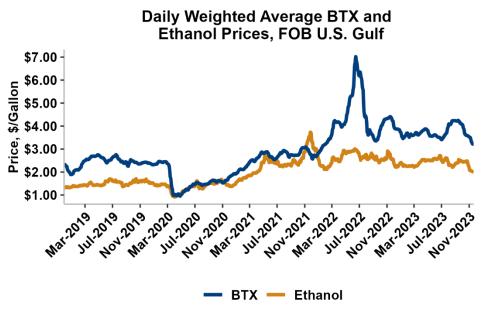
Liquid tanker rates are 2 percent higher on average this week with offers for the U.S. Gulf to the East Coast of Mexico seeing the largest gains (up 16 percent). Freight from the U.S. Gulf to Saudi Arabia saw the largest declines and is down 1 percent from last week. On average, tanker freight from the U.S. Gulf is up 2 percent this week while freight from the PNW has posted a 1 percent increase. Liquid tanker freight rates from Brazil are up 4 percent, on average, this week. Freight rates across all origins are 11 percent lower than this same week in 2022.

On a cost-and-freight (C&F) basis, offers are mostly lower this week as both freight rates and FOB ethanol offers have moved below last week's values. Prices for ethanol C&F to Central America from the U.S. Gulf are down 0.8 percent this week and are down 4.3 percent from this same week in 2022. Values for PNW ethanol to Southeast Asia average \$793.66/MT this week, down 1 percent from the prior week and down 3.6 percent year-over-year. That compares to U.S. Gulf to Southeast Asia C&F prices that average \$931.4/MT and are down 0.8 percent from last week and are down 5.3 percent year-over-year. C&F prices for Brazilian ethanol to Southeast Asia are up 1 percent from last week.

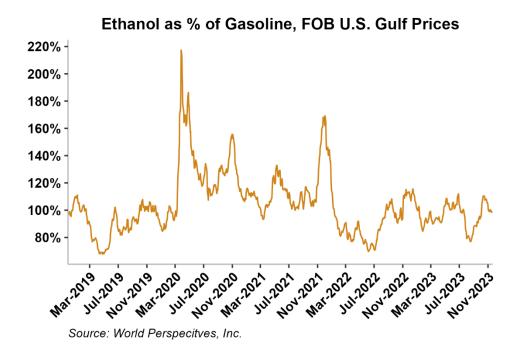


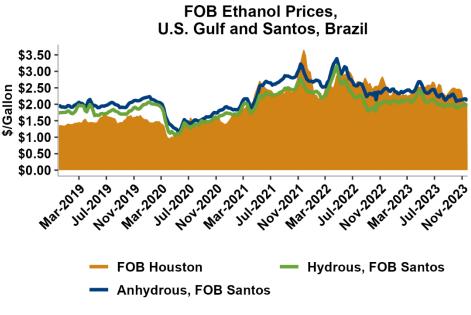
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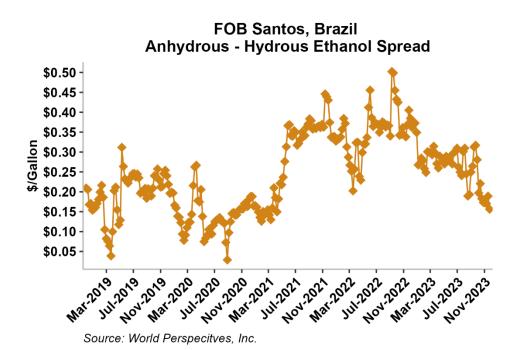


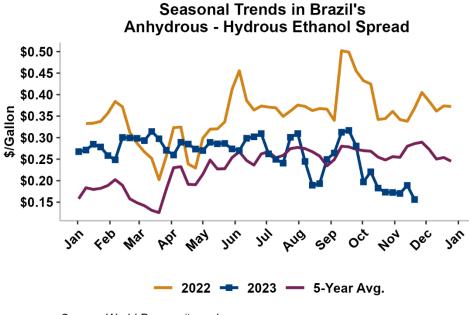
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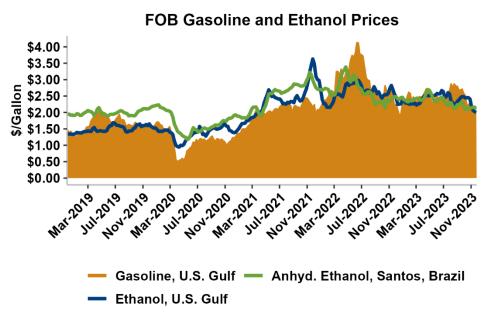


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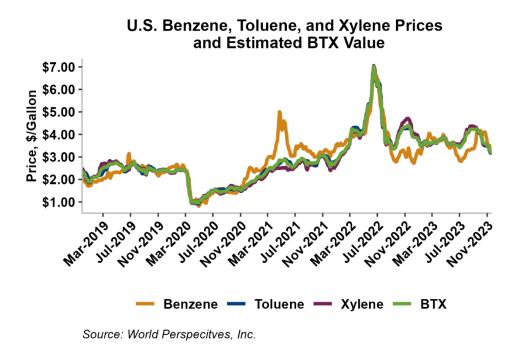


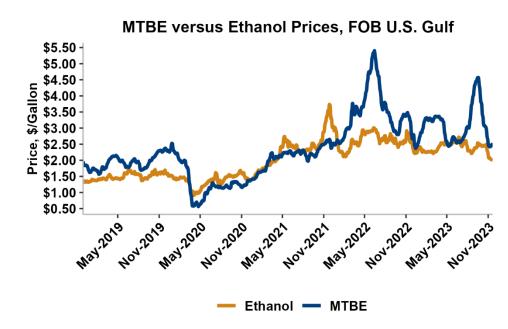


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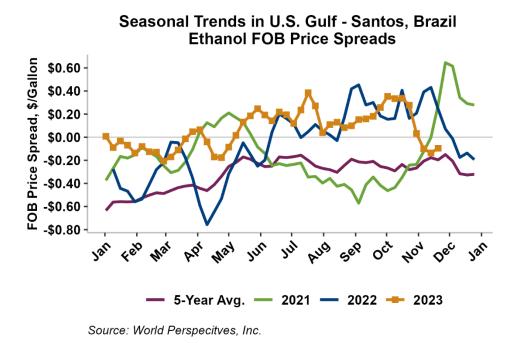


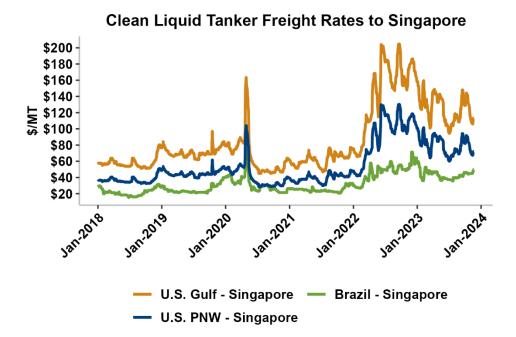
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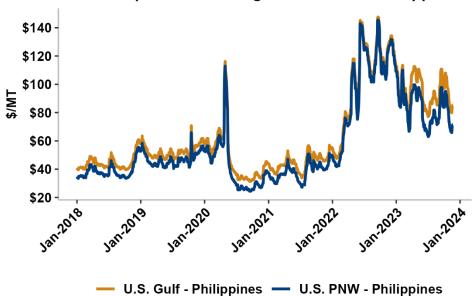




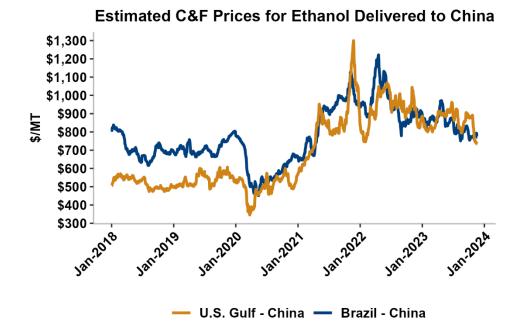
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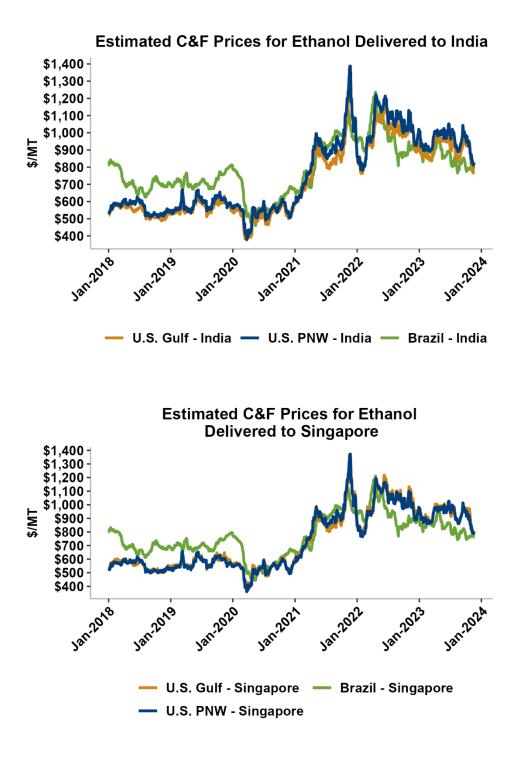


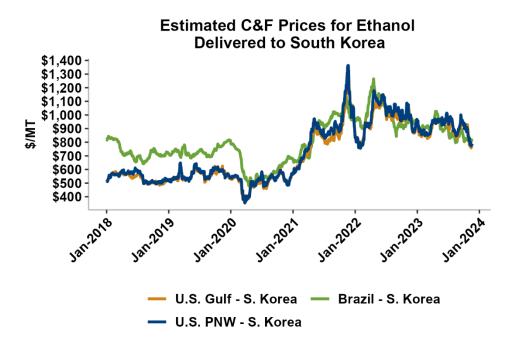




**Clean Liquid Tanker Freight Rates to the Philippines** 







## **Tariff Rates**

HS Codes				
HS Code	Description			
2207106010	Ethyl alcohol, <i>undenatured</i> , of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80 percent or higher, for fuel use.			
2207200010	Ethyl alcohol and other spirits, <i>denatured</i> , of any strength, for fuel use.			

Global Tariff Rates on U.S. Ethanol					
Country.	HS Code	Unit of Quantity	Rates	of Duty	
Country			General	Special	Notes
Canada	Undenatured	\$/liter	0%	-	USMCA
Canada	Denatured	\$/liter	0%	-	USMCA
Dussell	Undenatured \$/liter 16%		-	Effective February 2023, Brazil reinstated	
Brazil	Denatured	\$/liter	<mark>1</mark> 6%	-	tariffs on U.S. ethanol that were previously lifted from March 2022.
	Undenatured	\$/liter	65%		40% MFN rate + 25% Section 301 tariff
China	Denatured	\$/liter	70%	VAT on imports of 13%.	30% MFN rate + 15% Section 232 tariff + 25% Section 301 tariff. Starting 2 Mar. 2021, importers may apply for tariff exemptions.
Colombia	Undenatured	\$/liter	\$0.1997/gallon	-	
Colombia	Denatured	\$/liter	\$0.1997/gallon	_	
India	Undenatured	\$/liter	150%	_	Domestic ethanol supplied to OMC's for blending is subject to a combined Central and State GST of 5%.
	Denatured	\$/liter	5%		Ethyl alcohol for other/industrial uses is subject to a combined Central and State GST of 18%.
Dhilinninee	Undenatured	\$/liter	0%	1%	1% additional duty imposed if imported ethanol is to be used for fuel-blending
Philippines	Denatured	\$/liter	0%	1%	purposes under Philippine Fuel Ethanol Program.
Dama	Undenatured	\$/liter	0%	VAT on imports of	U.SPeru Trade Promotion Agreement lowered U.S. import duties to 3%
Peru	Denatured	\$/liter	0%	18%	(denatured) and 0% (undenatured). Denatured duty down to 0% in 2018.
Karaa Sauth	Undenatured	\$/liter	20%	VAT on imports of	KORUS
Korea, South	Denatured	\$/liter	103%	10%	KURUS
Mexico	Undenatured	\$/liter	0%		USMCA
WEXICO	Denatured	\$/liter	0%		USINCA
Nigeria	Undenatured	\$/liter	70%	-	
	Denatured	\$/liter	20%	-	
United Arab	Undenatured	\$/liter	5%	_	GCC common external tariff.
Emirates	Denatured	\$/liter	5%		
Vietnam	Undenatured	\$/liter	40%	-	
	Denatured	\$/liter	10%	-	Lowered from 15% on 15 July 2023

Tariff Rate Database: If you are interested in tariff rate data for U.S. export markets, click here.

## **Additional Market Resources**

USDA GAIN Reports					
Report Title	Description				
Argentina Biofuels Annual 2023 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Argentina.				
Australia Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Australia.				
Brazil Biofuels Annual 2023 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Brazil.				
Canada Biofuels Annual 2023 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Canada.				
China Biofuels Annual 2023 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in China.				
Colombia Biofuels Annual 2023 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Colombia.				
Ethanol Industry Emerging in Ecuador (GAIN)	This report highlights Ecuador's emerging ethanol industry.				
EU-27 Biofuels Annual 2023 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in the EU-27.				
EU-27: Biofuel Mandates in the EU by Member State in 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on the biofuel use mandates in the EU member states and supplements the EU-27 Biofuels Annual Report.				
India Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in India.				
Indonesia Biofuels Annual 2023 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Indonesia.				
Japan Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Japan.				
Malaysia Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Malaysia.				
New Zealand Proposes Biofuels Mandate 2021 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview of New Zealand's proposed biofuel regulations.				
Peru Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Peru.				
Philippines Biofuels Annual 2023 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in the Philippines.				
Portugal Biofuels Policy and Market 2020 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel policy in Portugal.				
Spain Biofuels Policy and Market 2020 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel policy in Spain.				
Thailand Biofuels Annual 2023 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Thailand.				