

# **Ethanol Market And Pricing Data**

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#### **Ethanol, Fuels and Co-Product Pricing**

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)	\$1.754	\$1.749	\$1.690	0.3%	3.8%
Anhydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$2.047	\$2.002	\$1.845	2.2%	10.9%
Hydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$1.924	\$1.878	\$1.753	2.4%	9.7%
Anhydrous - Hydrous Spread	\$0.123	\$0.125	\$0.092	-1.2%	34.0%
Gulf discount/premium from Santos	-\$0.293	-\$0.254	-\$0.155	15.4%	89.3%
Ethanol (FOB PNW)	\$1.815	\$1.885	\$1.799	-3.7%	0.9%
Gasoline/Chemical components &					
additives					
MTBE (FOB Gulf)	\$2.257	\$2.316	\$2.520	-2.5%	-10.5%
MTBE Premium/Discount to Ethanol	\$0.503	\$0.567	\$0.830	-2.9%	-14.2%
(FOB Gulf)	Ψ0.505	ψ0.307	Ψ0.030	-2.970	-14.270
"Aromatic" Octane Enhancers (BTX)					
Benzene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$2.995	\$2.961	\$3.318	1.2%	<b>-</b> 9.7%
Toluene NITN (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$2.927	\$2.845	\$3.363	2.9%	-13.0%
Mixed Xylene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$2.827	\$2.745	\$3.413	3.0%	-17.2%
Weighted Average Aromatic Price (BTX)	\$2.877	\$2.801	\$3.387	2.7%	-15.1%
Gasoline (FOB Gulf)	\$1.988	\$1.938	\$2.028	2.6%	-1.9%

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)	\$0.463	\$0.462	\$0.447	0.3%	3.8%
Anhydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$0.541	\$0.529	\$0.487	2.2%	10.9%
Hydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$0.508	\$0.496	\$0.463	2.4%	9.7%
Anhydrous - Hydrous Spread	\$0.033	\$0.033	\$0.024	-1.2%	34.0%
Gulf discount/premium from Santos	-\$0.077	-\$0.067	-\$0.041	15.4%	89.3%
Ethanol (FOB PNW)	\$0.479	\$0.498	\$0.475	-3.7%	0.9%
Gasoline/Chemical components & additives					
MTBE (FOB Gulf)	\$0.596	\$0.612	\$0.666	-2.5%	-10.5%
MTBE Premium/Discount to Ethanol (FOB Gulf)	\$0.133	\$0.150	\$0.219	-2.9%	-14.2%
"Aromatic" Octane Enhancers (BTX)					
Benzene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.791	\$0.782	\$0.877	1.2%	-9.7%
Toluene NITN (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.773	\$0.752	\$0.888	2.9%	-13.0%
Mixed Xylene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.747	\$0.725	\$0.902	3.0%	-17.2%
Weighted Average Aromatic Price (BTX)	\$0.760	\$0.740	\$0.895	2.7%	-15.1%
Gasoline (FOB Gulf)	\$0.525	\$0.512	\$0.536	2.6%	-1.9%

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	\$592.57	\$590.74	\$571.02	0.3%	3.8%
Ethanol, FOB PNW	\$613.18	\$636.82	\$607.77	-3.7%	0.9%
Ethanol, FOB Brazil	\$649.84	\$634.31	\$592.21	2.4%	9.7%
Estimated CNF Prices					
U.S. Gulf - EC Mexico	\$599.98	\$598.71	\$584.18	0.2%	2.7%
U.S. Gulf - Brazil	\$627.41	\$625.80	\$623.25	0.3%	0.7%
U.S. Gulf - Peru	\$637.94	\$636.80	\$639.44	0.2%	-0.2%
U.S. Gulf - W. Coast Cent. Am.	\$632.22	\$631.04	\$638.13	0.2%	-0.9%
U.S. Gulf - China	\$639.99	\$638.50	\$637.69	0.2%	0.4%
U.S. Gulf - Europe	\$620.58	\$618.94	\$614.15	0.3%	1.0%
U.S. Gulf - South Korea	\$645.52	\$644.48	\$644.35	0.2%	0.2%
U.S. Gulf - Saudi Arabia	\$674.44	\$673.59	\$679.03	0.1%	-0.7%
U.S. Gulf - Philippines	\$679.26	\$678.30	\$667.20	0.1%	1.8%
U.S. Gulf - Singapore	\$682.37	\$681.84	\$699.88	0.1%	-2.5%
U.S. Gulf - India	\$663.98	\$663.13	\$674.66	0.1%	-1.6%
U.S. Gulf - West Africa	\$620.57	\$618.94	\$614.84	0.3%	0.9%
U.S. Gulf - Morocco	\$616.92	\$615.26	\$608.78	0.3%	1.3%
U.S. Gulf - Algeria	\$619.40	\$617.76	\$612.64	0.3%	1.1%
U.S. Gulf - Egypt	\$626.58	\$624.99	\$623.78	0.3%	0.4%
U.S. PNW - Singapore	\$670.32	\$694.79	\$689.76	-3.5%	-2.8%
U.S. PNW - S. Korea	\$660.70	\$685.06	\$673.59	-3.6%	-1.9%
U.S. PNW - Philippines	\$672.93	\$697.47	\$690.53	-3.5%	-2.5%
U.S. PNW - India	\$688.70	\$713.50	\$714.98	-3.5%	-3.7%
Brazil - Singapore	\$690.41	\$675.17 \$724.44	\$649.24	2.3%	6.3% 6.9%
Brazil - S. Korea	\$739.09	\$724.44 \$664.97	\$691.23	2.0%	
Brazil - Europe	\$680.20 \$600.51	\$664.87 \$694.33	\$638.95 \$662.04	2.3%	6.5%
Brazil - China	\$699.51	\$684.33	\$662.04	2.2%	5.7%
Brazil - India	\$708.79	\$693.87	\$674.46	2.2%	5.1%

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 0.6 percent lower and continued that trend in early week trading and fell 0.6 percent through Tuesday's close. Midwest wholesale rack ethanol prices were higher to end last week but were down 0.9 percent through Tuesday's market close to their last quote of 47.33 cents/liter (179.15 cents/gallon).

FOB Houston ethanol prices finished last week 0.6 percent higher and are up 0.2 percent through Tuesday's trading from Friday's close. FOB Houston ethanol prices are quoted at 46.34 cents/liter (175.4 cents/gallon). FOB Santos, Brazil anhydrous ethanol prices were higher last week; and are higher still in early week trading, rising 2.2 percent to 54.07 cents/liter (204.67 cents/gallon) through Tuesday's close.

The FOB Gulf-Santos, Brazil ethanol spread has widened from last week's close through Tuesday's trading and is currently at -7.73 cents/liter (-29.27 cents/gallon).

MTBE prices rose 1.2 percent last week but erased those gains in early week trading to fall 1.7 percent from Friday's close through Tuesday's trading. MTBE's premium to FOB Houston ethanol has decreased from last week's report and stands at 13.82 cents/liter (52.31 cents/gallon).

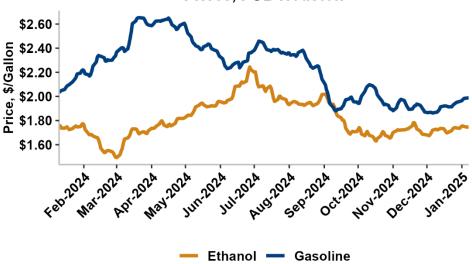
BTX component prices were higher last week and were stronger still through Tuesday's market close: Benzene was up 1.2 percent while Toluene was up 2.6 percent, and Xylene was up 2.7 percent. The estimated weighted average aromatic price is currently 75.8 cents/liter (286.94 cents/gallon), up from last Friday's close. The BTX-Houston ethanol spread widened last week, and the weighted average BTX price is 29.47 cents/liter (111.54 cents/gallon) higher than the FOB Houston ethanol price.

Gasoline and petroleum products were higher last week but were weaker in early week trade. RBOB futures are down 1 percent to start the week while 84 octane RBOB (Houston) and 87 octane CBOB (U.S. Gulf) gasoline prices are down 1.6 and 1.6 percent, respectively. WTI futures are 0.8 percent higher at \$74.56/barrel while Brent futures are up 1 percent to \$77.3/barrel, from Friday through Tuesday's close.

Liquid tanker rates are 1 percent lower on average this week with offers for nearly every route from the U.S. Gulf and PNW and Brazil trading lower. Freight from the U.S. Gulf to the East Coast of Mexico saw the largest declines and is down 7 percent from last week. On average, tanker freight from the U.S. Gulf is down 2 percent this week while freight from the PNW has posted a 1 percent decline. Liquid tanker freight rates from Brazil are down 1 percent, on average, this week. Freight rates across all origins are 30 percent lower than this same week in 2024.

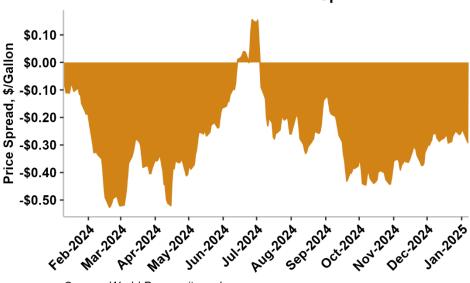
On a cost-and-freight (C&F) basis, offers are mostly higher this week as gains in FOB prices for ethanol offset the weaker freight market. Prices for ethanol C&F to Central America from the U.S. Gulf are up 0.2 percent this week and are up 0.5 percent from this same week in 2024. Values for PNW ethanol to Southeast Asia average \$667.98/MT this week, down 3.5 percent from the prior week and down 2.4 percent year-over-year. That compares to U.S. Gulf to Southeast Asia C&F prices that average \$669.05/MT and are up 0.1 percent from last week but are down 0.2 percent year-over-year. C&F prices for Brazilian ethanol to Southeast Asia are up 2.2 percent from last week.

# Rolling 52-Week Ethanol and Gasoline Prices, FOB Houston

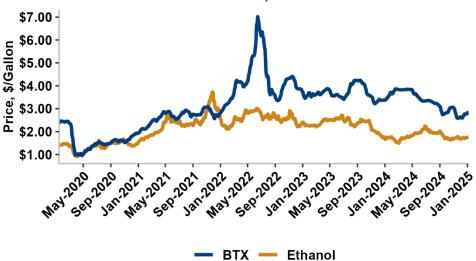


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#### Rolling 52-Week FOB Houston - FOB Santos, Brazil Ethanol Price Spread

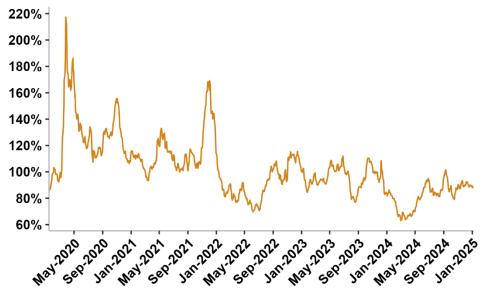


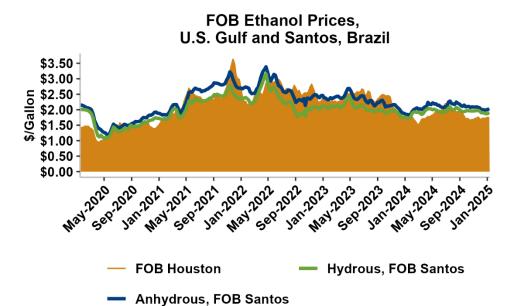
## Daily Weighted Average BTX and Ethanol Prices, FOB U.S. Gulf

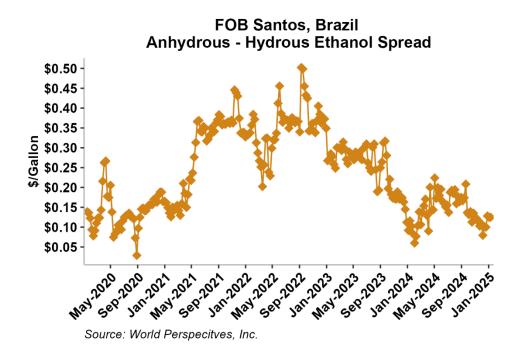


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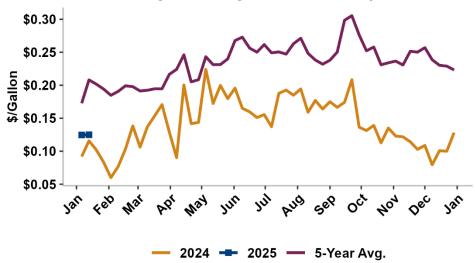
#### Ethanol as % of Gasoline, FOB U.S. Gulf Prices





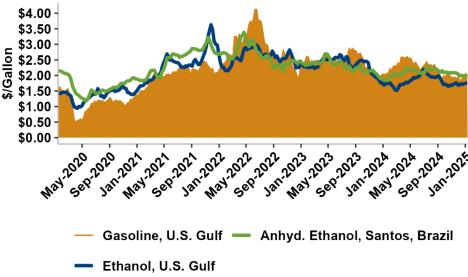


## Seasonal Trends in Brazil's Anhydrous - Hydrous Ethanol Spread

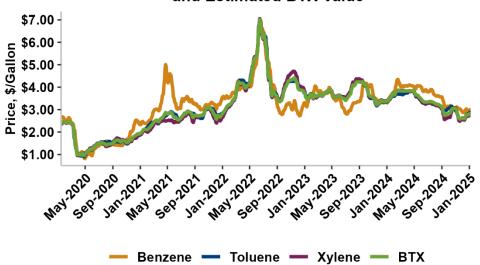


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#### **FOB Gasoline and Ethanol Prices**

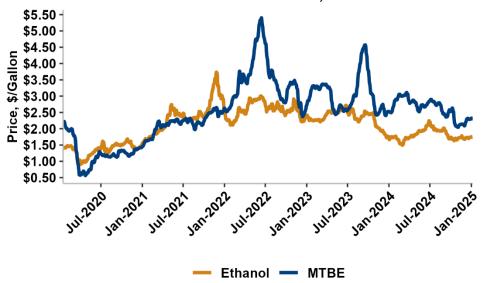


### U.S. Benzene, Toluene, and Xylene Prices and Estimated BTX Value

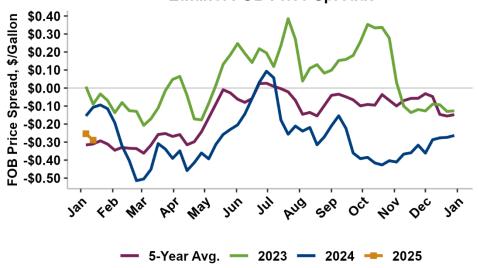


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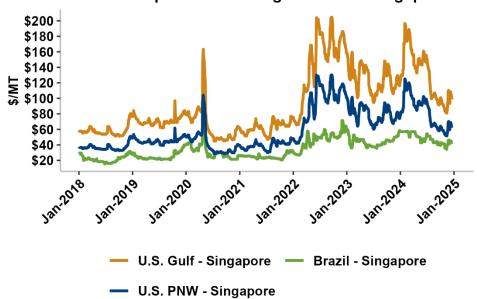


#### Seasonal Trends in U.S. Gulf - Santos, Brazil Ethanol FOB Price Spreads



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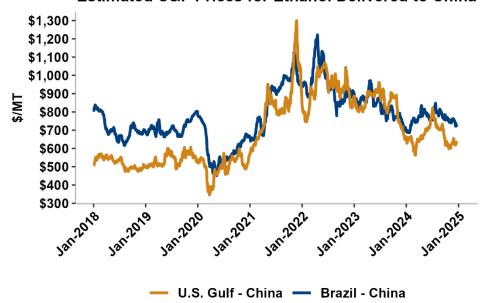
#### **Clean Liquid Tanker Freight Rates to Singapore**



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U.S. Gulf - Philippines — U.S. PNW - Philippines

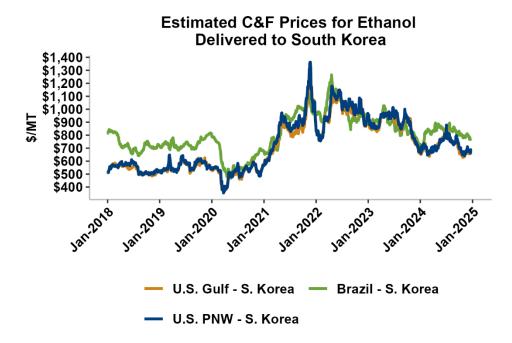


#### **Estimated C&F Prices for Ethanol Delivered to India**



# Estimated C&F Prices for Ethanol Delivered to Singapore





#### **Tariff Rates**

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

Global Tariff Rates on U.S. Ethanol					
Country	Country HS Code		Rates of Duty	Notes	
Country	ns code	General	Special	Notes	
Angola	Undenatured Denatured	55% 55%	15% VAT	Tariffs on ethanol were lowered from 60% in 2024	
Brazil	Undenatured Denatured	18% 18%	<del>-</del>		
Canada	Undenatured Denatured	- -	5% VAT	USMCA	
	Undenatured	65%		40% MFN rate + 25% Section 301 tariff	
China	Denatured	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	-	\$0.1997/gallon + 10% VAT	In January 2023, the Colombian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism's (MINCIT) extended the 20-	
	Denatured	-	\$0.1997/gallon + 10% VAT	cent CVD for 5 years.	
Egypt	Undenatured	10%	Plus the larger of 150% or EGP15/L		
-8)   1	Denatured, for fuel use	10%	Plus the larger of 150% or EGP15/L	14% VAT	
Furances	Denatured, not for fuel	10%	EUR 0.192/L		
European Union	Undenatured Denatured		EUR 0.192/L	Erga Omnes tariffs, plus 21% VAT	
Ghana	Undenatured Denatured	20% 20%	VAT on imports of 15%		
	Undenatured	150%		Domestic ethanol supplied to OMC's for blending is subject to a combined	
India	Denatured	5%	-	Central and State GST of 5%. Ethyl alcohol for other/industrial uses is subject to a combined Central and State GST of 18%.	
Indonesia	Undenatured Denatured	30% 30%	-	Plus Excise duty of 20,000 IDR per L & 14% VAT	
Japan	Undenatured Denatured		– JPY38.1/L	Plus 10% excise duty	
Kenya	Undenatured Denatured	35% 35%	-	Plus 16% VAT & the greater of 4% or KES 5,000	
Korea, South	Undenatured	- -	VAT on imports of 10%	KORUS	

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Global Tariff Rates on U.S. Ethanol, Continued					
Country	IIO Code	F	Rates of Duty		
Country	HS Code	General	Special	- Notes	
Mexico	Undenatured Denatured	-	VAT on imports of 16%	USMCA	
Morocco	Undenatured Denatured	-	VAT on imports of 20%	U.SMorocco Free Trade Agreement	
Nigeria	Undenatured Denatured	20% 10%	7.5% VAT on imports		
Oman	Undenatured Denatured	-	VAT on imports of 5%	U.SOman FTA	
Peru	Undenatured Denatured	-	VAT on imports of 18%	U.SPeru Trade Promotion Agreemer Iowered U.S. import duties to 3% (denatured) and 0% (undenatured). Denatured duty down to 0% in 2018.	
Philippines	Undenatured	-	-	1% additional duty imposed if importe ethanol is to be used for fuel-blending purposes under Philippine Fuel	
	Denatured	-	-	Ethanol Program.	
Saudi Arabia	Undenatured Denatured	5% 5%	VAT on imports of 15%	GCC common external tariff.	
Singapore	Undenatured Denatured	-	VAT on imports of 9%	SDG88/liter excise duty per L of pure alcohol.	
South Africa	Undenatured Denatured	-	ZAR3.17/L	Plus Excise duty of ZAR 274.39/L and 15% VAT	
Taiwan	Undenatured Denatured	20% 20%	5% VAT		
Turkey	Undenatured Extr. from ag products, bulk Extr. from ag products, in immediate pickings Other, ethyl alcohol, bulk	45% 50% -	- - TRY19.2 / hl	VAT on imports of undenatured ethanology of 20%	
Turkey	Denatured Extr. from ag products, bulk Extr. from ag products, in immediate pickings Other, ethyl alcohol, bulk	25% 30% -	- - TRY10.2 per % VOL per hl	Excise duty of TRY1,062.6209 / liter o pure alcohol on all denatured alcoho imports.	
United Arab Emirates	Undenatured Denatured	5% 5%	VAT on imports of 5%	GCC common external tariff.	
United Kingdom	Undenatured Denatured	-	GBP 16 per HL GBP 8.5 per HL	VAT on imports of 20%	
Vietnam	Undenatured Denatured	10% 10%	-	Lowered from 15% on 15 July 2023 Lowered from 15% on 15 July 2023	

Note: Unit of Quantity for tariffs is \$/liter unless otherwise noted.

Tariff Rate Database: If you are interested in tariff rate data for U.S. export markets, click <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Additional Market Resources**

USDA GAIN Reports	
Report Title	Description
Argentina Biofuels Annual 2024 (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 2024 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Brazil.
Canada Biofuels Annual 2024 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Canada.
China Biofuels Annual 2024 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in China.
Colombia Biofuels Annual 2024 (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 2024 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in the EU-27.
EU-27: Biofuel Mandates in the EU by Member State in 2024 (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 2024 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in India.
Indonesia Biofuels Annual 2024 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Indonesia.
Japan Biofuels Annual 2024 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Japan.
Malaysia Biofuels Annual 2024 (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 2024 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Peru.
Philippines Biofuels Annual 2024 (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 2024 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Thailand.