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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)	\$1.926	\$1.864	\$1.628	3.3%	18.3%
Anhydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$2.330	\$2.313	\$2.031	0.7%	14.7%
Hydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$2.147	\$2.123	\$1.928	1.2%	11.4%
Anhydrous - Hydrous Spread	\$0.182	\$0.190	\$0.103	-4.3%	76.0%
Gulf discount/premium from Santos	-\$0.404	-\$0.449	-\$0.403	-10.0%	0.2%
Ethanol (FOB PNW)	\$2.040	\$1.976	\$1.737	3.2%	17.4%
Gasoline/Chemical components &					
additives					
MTBE (FOB Gulf)	\$2.285	\$2.269	\$3.036	0.7%	-24.7%
MTBE Premium/Discount to Ethanol	\$0.359	\$0.405	\$1.408	-2.6%	-43.0%
(FOB Gulf)	φ0.559	φ0.403	φ1.400	-2.0%	-43.076
"Aromatic" Octane Enhancers (BTX)					
Benzene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$3.177	\$3.157	\$4.249	0.6%	-25.2%
Toluene NITN (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$2.941	\$2.977	\$3.693	-1.2%	-20.4%
Mixed Xylene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$2.832	\$2.825	\$3.808	0.2%	-25.6%
Weighted Average Aromatic Price (BTX)	\$2.906	\$2.910	\$3.829	-0.1%	-24.1%
Gasoline (FOB Gulf)	\$2.060	\$2.049	\$2.290	0.5%	-10.0%
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)	\$0.509	\$0.492	\$0.430	3.3%	18.3%
Anhydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$0.615	\$0.611	\$0.537	0.7%	14.7%
Hydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$0.567	\$0.561	\$0.509	1.2%	11.4%
Anhydrous - Hydrous Spread	\$0.048	\$0.050	\$0.027	-4.3%	76.0%
Gulf discount/premium from Santos	-\$0.107	-\$0.119	-\$0.106	-10.0%	0.2%
Ethanol (FOB PNW)	\$0.539	\$0.522	\$0.459	3.2%	17.4%
Gasoline/Chemical components &					
additives					
MTBE (FOB Gulf)	\$0.604	\$0.599	\$0.802	0.7%	-24.7%
MTBE Premium/Discount to Ethanol	\$0.095	\$0.107	\$0.372	-2.6%	-43.0%
(FOB Gulf)	<b>\$01000</b>	<b>\$</b> 01101	\$0.07 <u></u>	210 / 0	1010 / 0
"Aromatic" Octane Enhancers (BTX)					
Benzene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.839	\$0.834	\$1.123	0.6%	-25.2%
Toluene NITN (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.777	\$0.786	\$0.976	-1.2%	-20.4%
Mixed Xylene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.748	\$0.746	\$1.006	0.2%	-25.6%
Weighted Average Aromatic Price (BTX)	\$0.768	\$0.769	\$1.012	-0.1%	-24.1%
Gasoline (FOB Gulf)	\$0.544	\$0.541	\$0.605	0.5%	-10.0%

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	\$650.59	\$629.81	\$550.09	3.3%	18.3%
Ethanol, FOB PNW	\$689.19	\$667.57	\$586.82	3.2%	17.4%
Ethanol, FOB Brazil	\$725.45	\$717.11	\$651.19	1.2%	11.4%
Estimated CNF Prices					
U.S. Gulf - EC Mexico	\$662.44	\$640.93	\$569.83	3.4%	16.3%
U.S. Gulf - Brazil	\$692.19	\$668.45	\$600.29	3.6%	15.3%
U.S. Gulf - Peru	\$702.89	\$680.47	\$621.14	3.3%	13.2%
U.S. Gulf - W. Coast Cent. Am.	\$696.47	\$674.29	\$615.88	3.3%	13.1%
U.S. Gulf - China	\$705.53	\$681.77	\$617.59	3.5%	14.2%
U.S. Gulf - Europe	\$683.59	\$660.72	\$591.47	3.5%	15.6%
U.S. Gulf - South Korea	\$718.51	\$692.11	\$650.09	3.8%	10.5%
U.S. Gulf - Saudi Arabia	\$748.72	\$722.18	\$690.29	3.7%	8.5%
U.S. Gulf - Philippines	\$753.59	\$726.69	\$688.03	3.7%	9.5%
U.S. Gulf - Singapore	\$763.75	\$734.40	\$726.15	4.0%	5.2%
U.S. Gulf - India	\$740.90	\$712.97	\$693.38	3.9%	6.9%
U.S. Gulf - West Africa	\$683.66	\$660.77	\$591.98	3.5%	15.5%
U.S. Gulf - Morocco	\$679.30	\$656.70	\$586.27	3.4%	15.9%
U.S. Gulf - Algeria	\$682.24	\$659.44	\$589.96	3.5%	15.6%
U.S. Gulf - Egypt	\$690.71	\$667.37	\$600.63	3.5%	15.0%
U.S. PNW - Singapore	\$761.19	\$734.12	\$698.85	3.7%	8.9%
U.S. PNW - S. Korea	\$750.15	\$723.48	\$676.58	3.7%	10.9%
U.S. PNW - Philippines	\$765.84	\$737.87	\$699.68	3.8%	9.5%
U.S. PNW - India	\$784.05	\$755.55	\$731.62	3.8%	7.2%
Brazil - Singapore	\$772.44 \$221.49	\$761.56 \$816.84	\$708.94 \$702.10	1.4%	9.0%
Brazil - S. Korea	\$831.48 \$761.21	\$816.84 \$750.60	\$793.19 \$606.04	1.8%	4.8%
Brazil - Europe	\$761.21 \$782.00	\$750.60 \$771.52	\$696.04 \$721.80	1.4%	9.4%
Brazil - China	\$782.99 \$705.20	\$771.53 \$782.00	\$721.89 \$741.71	1.5%	8.5%
Brazil - India	\$795.30	\$782.99	\$741.71	1.6%	7.2%

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 4 percent higher and extended those gains in early week trading and rose 1.7 percent through Tuesday's close. Midwest wholesale rack ethanol prices were higher to end last week and were up 1.8 percent through Tuesday's market close to their last quote of 50.63 cents/liter (191.66 cents/gallon).

FOB Houston ethanol prices finished last week 2.6 percent higher and are up 1.8 percent through Tuesday's trading from Friday's close. FOB Houston ethanol prices are quoted at 50.87 cents/liter (192.58 cents/gallon). FOB Santos, Brazil anhydrous ethanol prices were higher last week; they are up in early week trading, rising 0.7 percent to 61.54 cents/liter (232.95 cents/gallon) through Tuesday's close.

The FOB Gulf-Santos, Brazil ethanol spread has narrowed from last week's close through Tuesday's trading and is currently at -10.67 cents/liter (-40.38 cents/gallon).

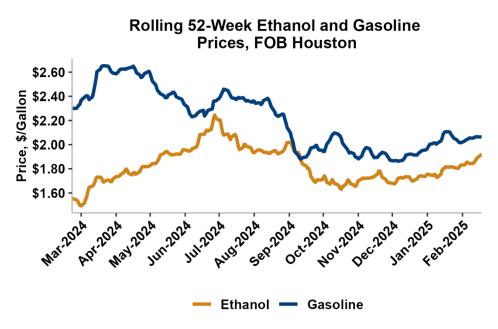
MTBE prices rose 1.6 percent last week and were stronger still in early week trading to gain 0.7 percent from Friday's close through Tuesday's trading. MTBE's premium to FOB Houston ethanol has decreased from last week's report and stands at 9.51 cents/liter (36.01 cents/gallon).

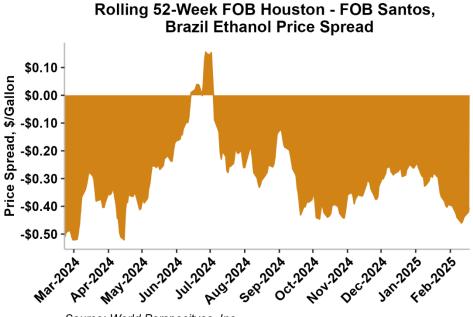
BTX component prices were mixed last week and continued that trend through Tuesday's market close: Benzene was up 0.6 percent while Toluene was down 1.1 percent, and Xylene was up 0.2 percent. The estimated weighted average aromatic price is currently 76.78 cents/liter (290.65 cents/gallon), down from last Friday's close. The BTX-Houston ethanol spread narrowed last week, and the weighted average BTX price is 25.91 cents/liter (98.07 cents/gallon) higher than the FOB Houston ethanol price.

Gasoline and petroleum products were mostly lower last week but pared back those losses in early week trade. RBOB futures are up 0.5 percent to start the week while 84 octane RBOB (Houston) and 87 octane CBOB (U.S. Gulf) gasoline prices are up 0.1 and up 0.1 percent, respectively. WTI futures are 2.3 percent higher at \$72.4/barrel while Brent futures are up 2.2 percent to \$76.36/barrel, from Friday through Tuesday's close.

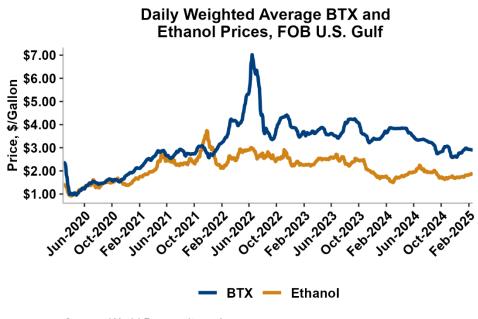
Liquid tanker rates are 7 percent higher on average this week with offers for the U.S. Gulf to South Korea seeing the largest gains (up 9 percent). Freight from the U.S. Gulf to the West Coast of Central America saw the largest declines and is down 3 percent from last week. On average, tanker freight from the U.S. Gulf is up 7 percent this week while freight from the PNW has posted a 9 percent increase. Liquid tanker freight rates from Brazil are up 6 percent, on average, this week. Freight rates across all origins are 26 percent lower than this same week in 2024.

On a cost-and-freight (C&F) basis, offers are mostly higher this week as both freight rates and FOB ethanol values have climbed higher. Prices for ethanol C&F to Central America from the U.S. Gulf are up 3.3 percent this week and are up 14.2 percent from this same week in 2024. Values for PNW ethanol to Southeast Asia average \$759.06/MT this week, up 3.7 percent from the prior week and up 9.8 percent year-over-year. That compares to U.S. Gulf to Southeast Asia C&F prices that average \$745.29/MT and are up 3.8 percent from last week and are up 8.4 percent year-over-year. C&F prices for Brazilian ethanol to Southeast Asia are up 1.5 percent from last week.

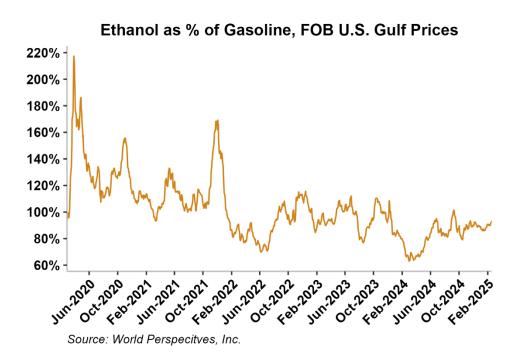


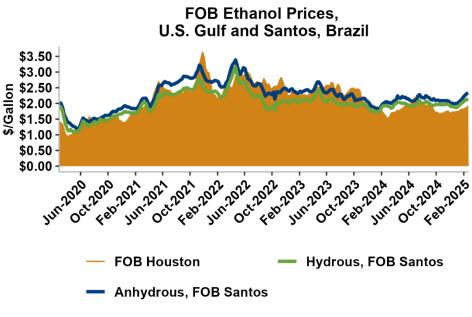


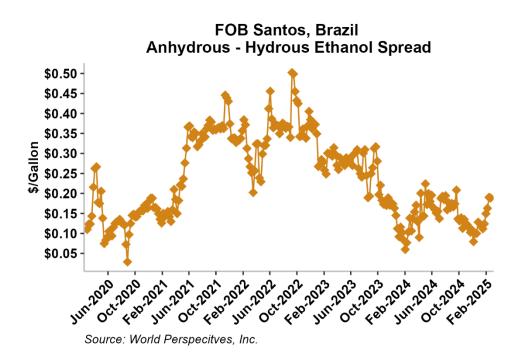
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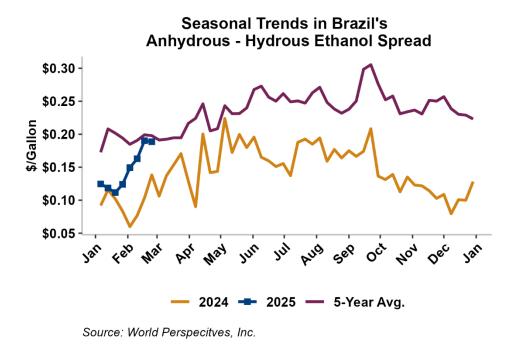


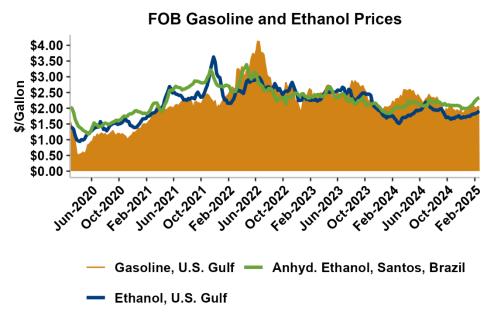
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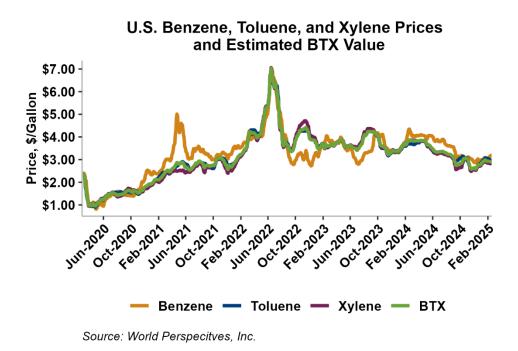


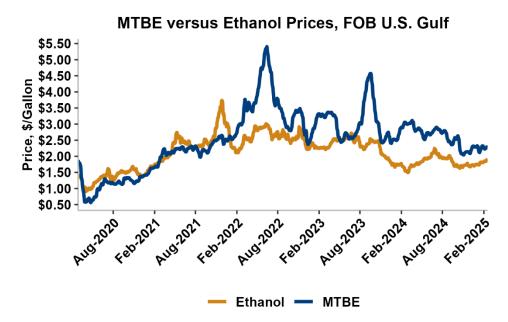


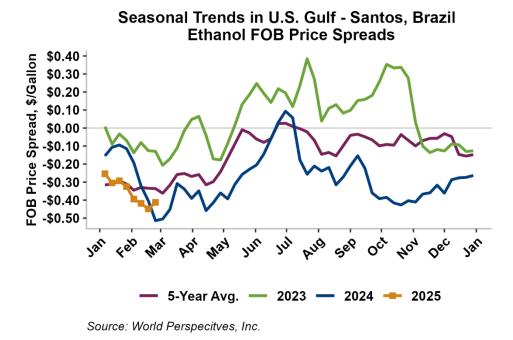


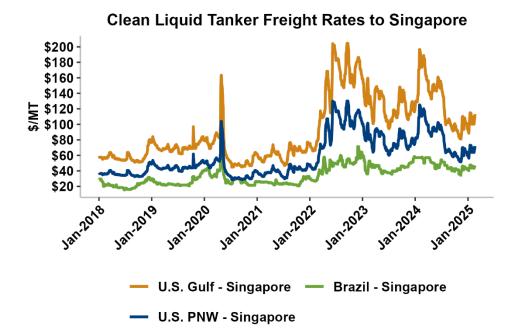


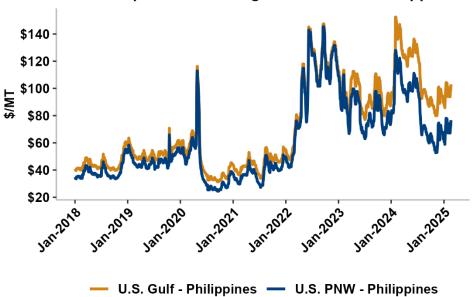




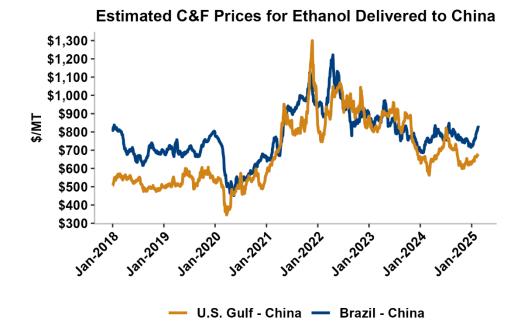


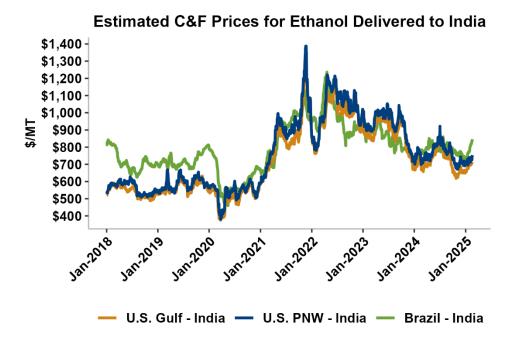


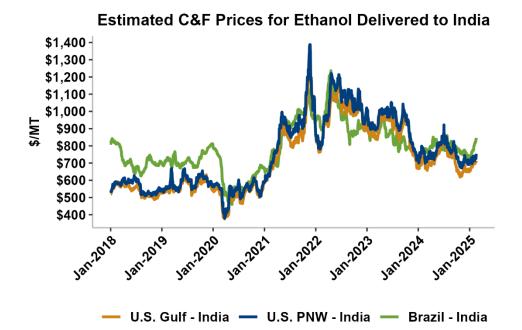


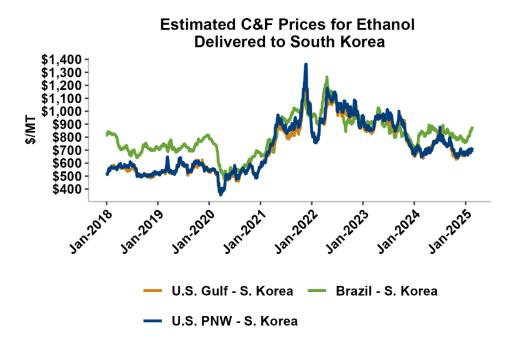


Clean Liquid Tanker Freight Rates to the Philippines









## **Tariff Rates**

HS Codes				
HS Code	Description			
2207106010	Ethyl alcohol, undenatured, 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, <i>for fuel use.</i>			

Global Tariff Rates on U.S. Ethanol				
Country	US Code	Rates of Duty		Natas
Country	HS 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%	-	
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	
-0)1-	Denatured, for fuel use	10%	Plus the larger of 150% or EGP15/L	14% VAT
European	Denatured, not for fuel Undenatured	10%	- EUR 0.192/L	
Union	Denatured	-	EUR 0.192/L	Erga Omnes tariffs, plus 21% VAT
Ghana	Undenatured Denatured	20% 20%	VAT on imports of 15%	
India	Undenatured	150%	_	Domestic ethanol supplied to OMC's for blending is subject to a combined Central and State GST of 5%.
	Denatured	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 Denatured	-	VAT on imports of 10%	KORUS

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Country		R	ates of Duty	Neter
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 Agreeme
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 Agreeme lowered U.S. import duties to 3% (denatured) and 0% (undenatured) Denatured duty down to 0% in 2018
Philippines	Undenatured	-	-	1% additional duty imposed if import ethanol is to be used for fuel-blendin purposes under Philippine Fuel
	Denatured	-	-	Ethanol Program.
Saudi Arabia	Undenatured Denatured	5% 5%	VAT on imports of 15%	GCC common external tariff.
Singapore	Undenatured	-	VAT on imports of 9%	SDG88/liter excise duty per L of pur alcohol.
South Africa	Denatured Undenatured Denatured	-	ZAR3.17/L	Plus Excise duty of ZAR 274.39/L ar 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 Denatured	45% 50% -	- - TRY19.2 / hl	VAT on imports of undenatured ethar of 20%
	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 pure alcohol on all denatured alcoh imports.
United Arab Emirates	Undenatured Denatured	5% 5%	VAT on imports of 5%	GCC common external tariff.
Jnited Kingdom	Undenatured Denatured	-	GBP 16 per HL GBP 8.5 per HL	VAT on imports of 20%
	Undenatured	10%		Lowered from 15% on 15 July 202

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 here.

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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 <b>2024</b> (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.
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