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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)	\$1.871	\$1.836	\$1.918	1.9%	-2.4%
Anhydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$2.177	\$2.177	\$2.147	0.0%	1.4%
Hydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$1.950	\$1.968	\$1.967	-0.9%	-0.9%
Anhydrous - Hydrous Spread	\$0.227	\$0.208	\$0.180	9.2%	26.5%
Gulf discount/premium from Santos	-\$0.306	-\$0.341	-\$0.229	-10.2%	33.5%
Ethanol (FOB PNW)	\$1.935	\$1.930	\$2.028	0.3%	-4.6%
Gasoline/Chemical components & additives					
MTBE (FOB Gulf)	\$1.941	\$1.970	\$2.674	-1.5%	-27.4%
MTBE Premium/Discount to Ethanol (FOB Gulf)	\$0.070	\$0.135	\$0.757	-3.4%	-25.0%
"Aromatic" Octane Enhancers (BTX)					
Benzene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$2.617	\$2.601	\$4.053	0.6%	-35.4%
Toluene NITN (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$2.800	\$2.774	\$3.508	0.9%	-20.2%
Mixed Xylene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$2.780	\$2.771	\$3.516	0.3%	-20.9%
Weighted Average Aromatic Price (BTX)	\$2.765	\$2.751	\$3.580	0.5%	-22.7%
Gasoline (FOB Gulf)	\$2.058	\$2.080	\$2.427	-1.0%	-15.2%
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)	\$0.494	\$0.485	\$0.507	1.9%	-2.4%
Anhydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$0.575	\$0.575	\$0.567	0.0%	1.4%
Hydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$0.515	\$0.520	\$0.520	-0.9%	-0.9%
Anhydrous - Hydrous Spread	\$0.060	\$0.055	\$0.047	9.2%	26.5%
Gulf discount/premium from Santos	-\$0.081	-\$0.090	-\$0.061	-10.2%	33.5%
Ethanol (FOB PNW)	\$0.511	\$0.510	\$0.536	0.3%	-4.6%
Gasoline/Chemical components & additives					
MTBE (FOB Gulf)	\$0.513	\$0.520	\$0.707	-1.5%	-27.4%
MTBE Premium/Discount to Ethanol (FOB Gulf)	\$0.018	\$0.036	\$0.200	-3.4%	-25.0%
"Aromatic" Octane Enhancers (BTX)					
Benzene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.691	\$0.687	\$1.071	0.6%	-35.4%
Toluene NITN (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.740	\$0.733	\$0.927	0.9%	-20.2%
Mixed Xylene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.734	\$0.732	\$0.929	0.3%	-20.9%
Weighted Average Aromatic Price (BTX)	\$0.731	\$0.727	\$0.946	0.5%	-22.7%
Gasoline (FOB Gulf)	\$0.544	\$0.549	\$0.641	-1.0%	-15.2%

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	\$632.15	\$620.11	\$647.94	1.9%	-2.4%
Ethanol, FOB PNW	\$653.72	\$652.03	\$685.14	0.3%	-4.6%
Ethanol, FOB Brazil	\$658.78	\$665.00	\$664.69	-0.9%	-0.9%
Estimated CNF Prices					
U.S. Gulf - EC Mexico	\$642.86	\$626.09	\$658.61	2.7%	-2.4%
U.S. Gulf - Brazil, North	\$657.29	\$642.51	\$682.32	2.3%	-3.7%
U.S. Gulf - Brazil, South	\$664.86	\$649.24	\$692.68	2.4%	-4.0%
U.S. Gulf - Peru	\$676.34	\$657.12	\$698.60	2.9%	-3.2%
U.S. Gulf - W. Coast Cent. Am.	\$670.42	\$651.21	\$692.02	3.0%	-3.1%
U.S. Gulf - China	\$672.67	\$661.00	\$697.94	1.8%	-3.6%
U.S. Gulf - Europe	\$652.73	\$640.93	\$675.84	1.8%	-3.4%
U.S. Gulf - South Korea	\$674.87	\$662.83	\$700.79	1.8%	-3.7%
U.S. Gulf - Saudi Arabia	\$701.69	\$693.45	\$745.31	1.2%	-5.9%
U.S. Gulf - Philippines	\$679.75	\$667.71	\$706.82	1.8%	-3.8%
U.S. Gulf - Singapore	\$692.99	\$681.25	\$731.85	1.7%	-5.3%
U.S. Gulf - India	\$705.16	\$693.48	\$740.24	1.7%	-4.7%
U.S. Gulf - West Africa	\$660.25	\$645.01	\$680.77	2.4%	-3.0%
U.S. Gulf - Morocco	\$657.45	\$642.21	\$677.01	2.4%	-2.9%
U.S. Gulf - Algeria	\$658.45	\$643.21	\$678.35	2.4%	-2.9%
U.S. Gulf - Egypt	\$661.64	\$646.39	\$682.63	2.4%	-3.1%
U.S. PNW - WC Mexico	\$671.99	\$673.10	\$715.28	-0.2%	-6.1%
U.S. PNW - Singapore	\$701.79	\$699.82	\$764.52	0.3%	-8.2%
U.S. PNW - S. Korea	\$695.55	\$693.48	\$763.70	0.3%	-8.9%
U.S. PNW - Philippines	\$694.70	\$692.77	\$752.74	0.3%	-7.7%
U.S. PNW - India	\$734.11	\$732.82	\$786.77	0.2%	-6.7%
Brazil - Singapore	\$714.82	\$721.21	\$707.46	-0.9%	1.0%
Brazil - S. Korea	\$729.41	\$735.91	\$801.49	-0.9%	-9.0%
Brazil - Europe	\$698.32	\$706.69	\$720.04	-1.2%	-3.0%
Brazil - China	\$727.28	\$735.60	\$798.51	-1.1%	-8.9%
Brazil - India	\$708.93	\$715.57	\$761.56	-0.9%	-6.9%

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 3.5 percent higher and continued that rally in early week trading and rose 0.6 percent through Tuesday's close. Midwest wholesale rack ethanol prices were higher to end last week and unchanged through Tuesday's market at 50.89 cents/liter (192.63 cents/gallon).

FOB Houston ethanol prices finished last week 1 percent lower but are up 0.1 percent through Tuesday's trading from Friday's close. FOB Houston ethanol prices are quoted at 49.43 cents/liter (187.12 cents/gallon). FOB Santos, Brazil anhydrous ethanol prices were lower last week; they are up in early week trading, rising 0 percent to 57.52 cents/liter (217.74 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 -8.09 cents/liter (-30.62 cents/gallon).

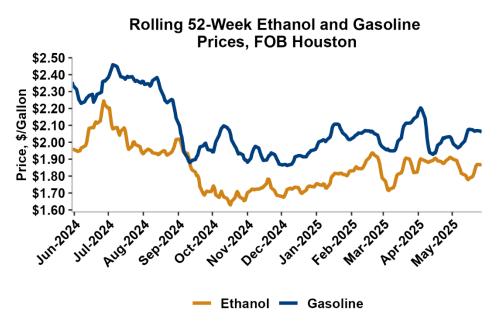
MTBE prices fell 0.6 percent last week and were weaker still in early week trading to fall 1.4 percent from Friday's close through Tuesday's trading. MTBE's premium to FOB Houston ethanol has decreased from last week's report and stands at 1.91 cents/liter (7.23 cents/gallon).

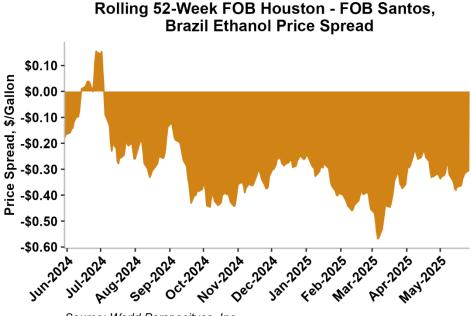
BTX component prices were sharply higher last week and saw that support continue through Tuesday's market close: Benzene was up 0.6 percent while Toluene was up 0.8 percent, and Xylene was up 0.3 percent. The estimated weighted average aromatic price is currently 73.03 cents/liter (276.45 cents/gallon), up from last Friday's close. The BTX-Houston ethanol spread widened last week, and the weighted average BTX price is 23.6 cents/liter (89.34 cents/gallon) higher than the FOB Houston ethanol price.

Gasoline and petroleum products were mostly lower last week but were lower in early week trade. RBOB futures are down 0.9 percent to start the week while 87 CBOB (FOB Gulf) and 87 conventional gasoline (FOB Gulf) prices are down 1.6 and 2.1 percent, respectively. WTI futures are 0.6 percent higher at \$61.9/barrel while Brent futures are down 0.5 percent to \$64.48/barrel, from Friday through Tuesday's close.

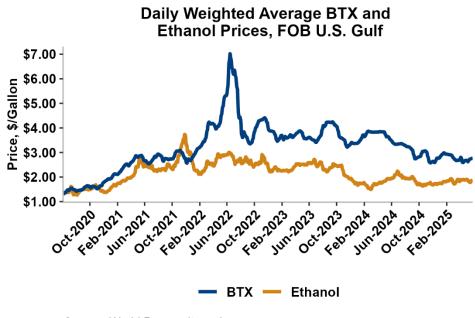
Liquid tanker rates are 7 percent higher on average this week with offers for the U.S. Gulf to the East Coast of Mexico seeing the largest gains (up 79 percent). Freight from U.S. PNW - WC Mexico saw the largest declines and is down 13 percent from last week. On average, tanker freight from the U.S. Gulf is up 12 percent this week while freight from the PNW has posted a 0.1 percent increase. Liquid tanker freight rates from Brazil are down 2 percent, on average, this week. Freight rates across all origins are 24 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 offers have climbed higher. Prices for ethanol C&F to Central America from the U.S. Gulf are up 2.9 percent this week and are down 2.9 percent from this same week in 2024. Values for PNW ethanol to Southeast Asia average \$697.35/MT this week, up 0.3 percent from the prior week but down 8.3 percent year-over-year. That compares to U.S. Gulf to Southeast Asia C&F prices that average \$682.53/MT and are up 1.8 percent from last week but are down 4.3 percent year-over-year. C&F prices for Brazilian ethanol to Southeast Asia are down 1 percent from last week.

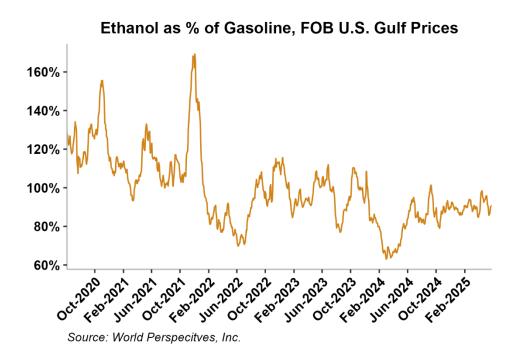


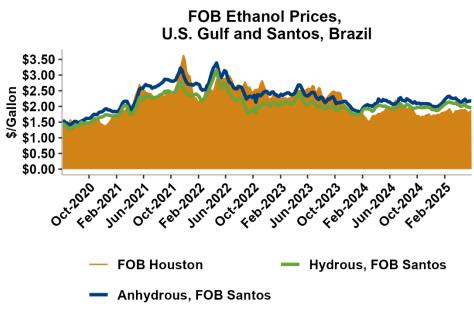


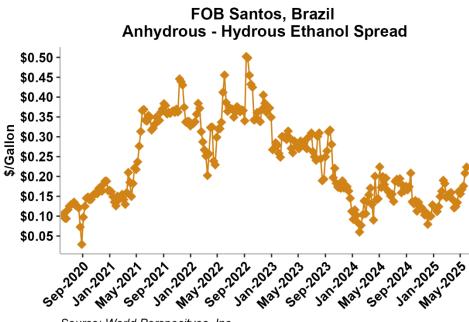
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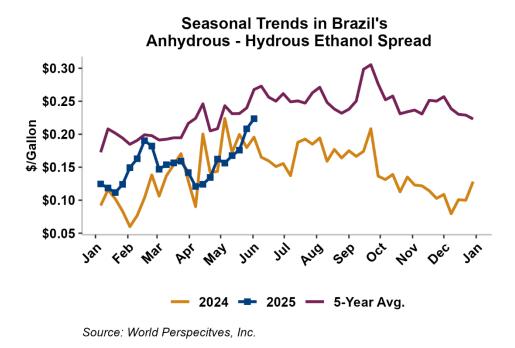


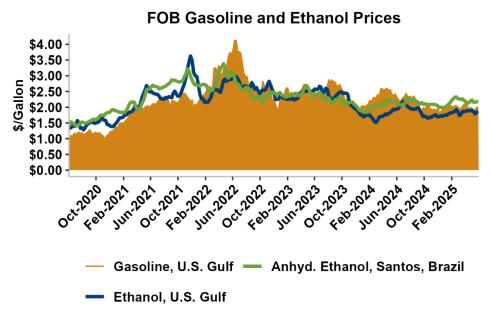
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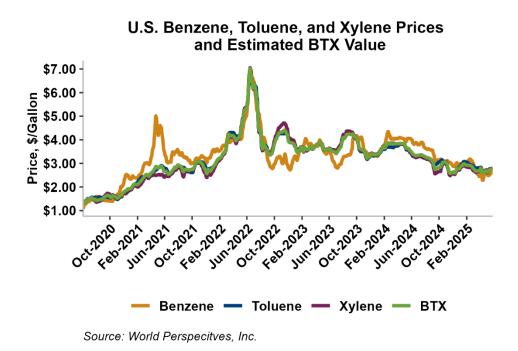


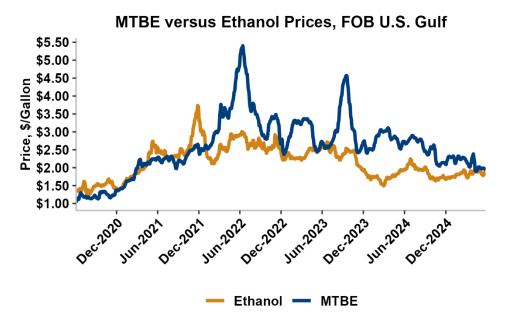


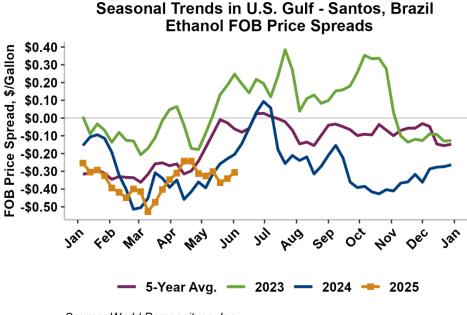




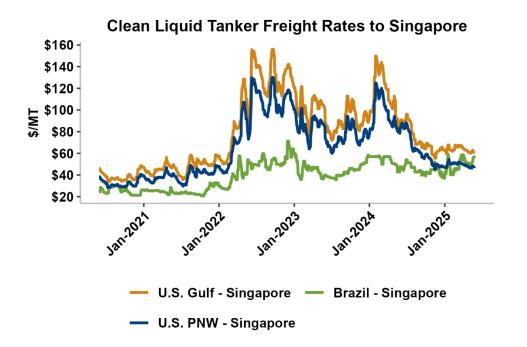






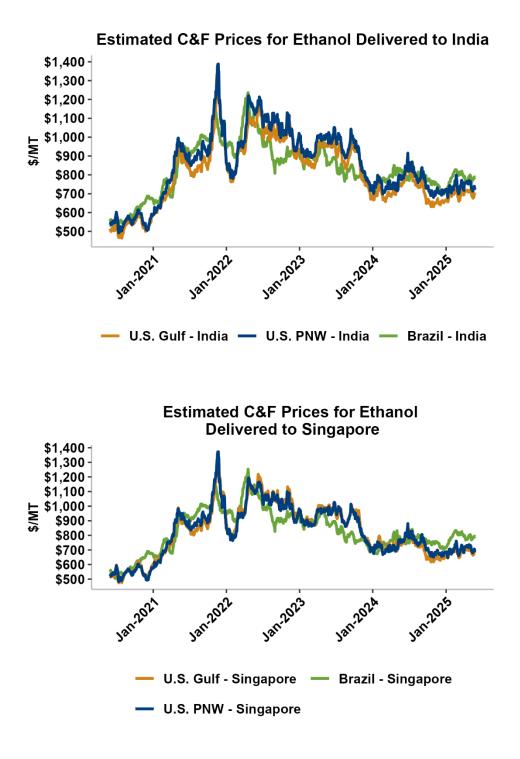


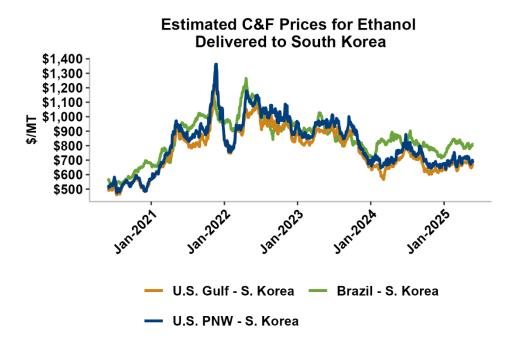
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## **Tariff Rates**

\*\*\* Note: Recent policy developments have created sudden changes in the tariffs some countries apply to imported U.S. ethanol. The information below is believed to be accurate but may not reflect the latest policy developments. Traders should consult local government officials to ascertain current 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	HS Code	F	Rates of Duty	- Notes	
Country		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	
China	Undenatured Denatured	10% 10%	VAT on imports of 13%.	90-day pause in retailatory tariffs startin 12 May 2025	
Colombia	Undenatured	-	\$0.1997/gallon + 10% VAT	In January 2023, the Colombian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism's (MINCIT	
	Denatured	-	\$0.1997/gallon + 10% VAT	extended the 20-cent CVD for 5 years.	
Egypt	Undenatured	10%	Plus the larger of 150% or EGP15/L		
Egypt	Denatured, for fuel use	10%	Plus the larger of 150% or EGP15/L	14% VAT	
	Denatured, not for fuel	10%	-		
European Union	Undenatured Denatured	-	EUR 0.192/L EUR 0.102/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 Centra and State GST of 5%. Ethyl alcohol for other/industrial uses is	
	Denatured 5%		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	

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	Global	Tariff Rate	es on U.S. Ethanol	
Country	HS Code	R	ates of Duty	Notes
country	H3 COUE	General Special		Notes
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
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 Agreement 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 imported ethanol is to be used for fuel-blending purposes under Philippine Fuel Ethano
	Denatured Undenatured	- 5%	-	Program.
Saudi Arabia	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	
	Undenatured Extr. from ag products, Extr. from ag products, in immediate pickings Other, ethyl alcohol, bulk	45% 50% -	- - TRY19.2 / hl	VAT on imports of undenatured ethano of 20%
Turkey	Denatured Extr. from ag products, Extr. from ag products, in immediate pickings	25% 30%	-	Excise duty of TRY1,062.6209 / liter or pure alcohol on all denatured alcohol
	Other, ethyl alcohol, bulk	-	TRY10.2 per % VOL per hl	imports.
United Arab Emirates	Undenatured Denatured	5% 5%	VAT on imports of 5%	GCC common external tariff.
United Kingdom	Undenatured Denatured	0% 0%	VAT on imports of 20%	Tariffs eliminated in May 2025 UK-US trade deal
	Undenatured	5%	-	Lowered from 15% on 15 July 2023, Lowered from 10% on 25 March 2025
Vietnam	Denatured	5%	-	Lowered from 15% on 15 July 2023, Lowered from 10% on 25 March 2025

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
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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.
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