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NEWS RELEASE

Checkoff Teams with NTPA to Show Power of Biodiesel

Tractors in Light Pro Stock Pulling Class Will Run Exclusively on Biodiesel

ST. LOUIS (May 10, 2011) – For the second year in a row, tractor pullers in the National Tractor Pullers Association’s (NTPA) Light Pro Stock class will be powered by high-performance biodiesel, thanks to a partnership with the United Soybean Board (USB) and soybean checkoff.

USB and the NTPA have partnered since 2007 to increase the availability and use of biodiesel among pulling fans, many of whom work in the agriculture and trucking sectors.

“The partnership with the NTPA represents a good way to reach an interested group of people who are potential diesel users, whether they’re participants or spectators,” says USB Communications Chair Russ Carpenter, a soybean farmer from Trumansburg, N.Y. “The majority of the people are there because they like horsepower and this partnership is a great way to show off how well biodiesel performs.”

In conventional diesel engines, soy biodiesel delivers horsepower, mileage and hauling rates comparable to petroleum diesel but offers higher cetane levels than petroleum diesel and better lubricity and BTU content than any other renewable fuel. Tractor pullers will be putting these performance attributes on display throughout the summer.

Check the [NTPA schedule](#) to find out if Light Pro Stock “Powered by Biodiesel” hooks will be in your area. NTPA Office General Manager Gregg Randall says 15 tractor pullers competed in the class last year and expects that number to double this year.

“Last summer was the first year for the Light Pro Stock class, and you would have to go back over 20 years to find a brand new class that garnered as much interest as the Light Pro Stock Powered by Biodiesel class did in 2010,” says Randall. “The competitors were excited that USB was a sponsor of the new class, and all look forward to a larger circuit of events for the division.”

In addition to powering the Light Pro Stock class, NTPA will use biodiesel to fuel its pulling sleds and track-grooming equipment at select events and to fuel its on-road vehicles as they travel from pull to pull.

The soybean checkoff funds biodiesel research and promotion efforts through the National Biodiesel Board in an effort to help increase the use of U.S. soybean oil. Soybean oil remains the dominant feedstock for U.S. biodiesel production.

Biodiesel qualifies as the United States' first domestically produced advanced biofuel under the revised federal Renewable Fuels Standard. This requirement calls for the use of at least 800 million gallons of biomass-based diesel this year and at least 1 billion gallons per year in 2012 and beyond.

According to a recent checkoff-funded study, the biodiesel industry's demand for U.S. soybean oil supported U.S. soybean prices by as much as 27 cents per bushel over the past five years, bringing U.S. soybean farmers an additional \$2.7 billion in net returns.

USB is made up of 69 farmer-directors who oversee the investments of the soybean checkoff on behalf of all U.S. soybean farmers. Checkoff funds are invested in the areas of animal utilization, human utilization, industrial utilization, industry relations, market access and supply. As stipulated in the Soybean Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service has oversight responsibilities for USB and the soybean checkoff.

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