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Farm Bureau Delegates Approve Aggressive Biofuels Agenda

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Nashville – As part of an aggressive agenda for biofuels expansion, delegates to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) annual convention Tuesday [Jan. 10] endorsed a legislative mandate that all diesel sold in the United States should be a biodiesel blend and all gasoline should be an ethanol blend.

They also voted to support legislation requiring all new gasoline-powered vehicles to be capable of running on 85% ethanol.

There are millions of flexible-fuel E85 vehicles on U.S. highways, but they are a small percentage of total vehicles. In addition, the delegates agreed that all vehicles capable of running on E85 should have yellow gas caps to distinguish that capability.

By a vote of 258-121, delegates said that new renewable energy plants that utilize public funding, such as tax deferments or grants, should offer a percentage of investment opportunity to local producers “to keep gains realized in rural America.” Although a majority of plants are farmer-owned, delegates said they objected to Wall Street investment in some plants without farmer involvement.