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## Group Wants Iowans To Pump More Ethanol

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**DES MOINES, Iowa** -- The Iowa Renewable Fuels Association wants Iowa to increase its use of ethanol in motor fuels.

Association vice president Monte Shaw notes the percentage of fuel sold in Iowa with ethanol blended in has been stuck around 75 percent. He said the percentage of ethanol-blended gasoline now stands at 80 percent in the rest of the nation.

To increase Iowa's consumption, Shaw said the association will ask the Legislature to pass a bill requiring motor gasoline in the state carry at least 10 percent ethanol.

Shaw estimates with a state mandate, ethanol use in Iowa would increase from 100 million gallons annually to about 140 million gallons.

Republican Rep. Annette Sweeney, of Alden, indicates there is interest in the Legislature in the ethanol producers' proposal.

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Here's an idea: Take a look in your owner's manual (It's a little book, probably in your glove compartment) and put the stuff in your tank that the engine is designed to run on. Your car and your wallet will both thank you for it.

Jan. 26, 2010 1:37pm CST | from [wraith0078](#)

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I get 5 mpg more NOT using ethanol. I will not use it in tractors, or my motorcycle. Nor will I use it in a chainsaw, weedeater, etc. Forcing people to use a product is BS.

Jan. 26, 2010 1:07pm CST | from [justme261](#)

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I get better gas mileage with the 10% ethanol blend than I do with the non-ethanol blend. I've tried the non-ethanol blend & my engine ended up backfiring & not running as well. (fuel injected vehicles are NOT suppose to be able to backfire) You have to try both before you figure out which gets the better gas mileage.

Jan. 26, 2010 10:26am CST | from [mopar28m](#)

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It's a fact. You don't get the gas mileage out of Ethanol blends. The ONLY reason they continue to try to use it is for the subsidies. Corn that is meant for cattle/hog feed gets diverted to making ethanol, which drives up the cost of our food. We're robbing peter to pay paul here folks, ethanol DOES NOT WORK.

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If something makes sense, it will stand on its own two feet. I think the subsidies have been around long enough for ethanol to stand on its own two feet. Apparently it can't. Let the consumer decide what's best. They are usually right.

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