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American Coalition for Ethanol Statement on New USDA Biofuels Report

Sioux Falls, SD (June 23, 2010) – The U.S. Department of Agriculture today released a “biofuels strategic production report” titled “A USDA Regional Roadmap to Meeting the Biofuels Goals of the Renewable Fuels Standard by 2022.” Brian Jennings, Executive Vice President of the American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE), made the following statement about the report:

“While this is a comprehensive report, we want to highlight that USDA’s recommendation for more flexible fuel vehicles and blender pumps is exactly the right formula for breaking America’s addiction to oil. Until the regulations are modernized to allow more than 10 percent biofuels in a gallon of gasoline, petroleum still has a 90 percent mandate at the pump. Introducing flexibility into the nation’s fuel system will finally allow competition and give consumers choice over what fuel to put in their vehicle. Unfortunately EPA is not fulfilling its legal responsibility to approve up to E15, and the agency’s outdated regulations are preventing the Renewable Fuels Standard biofuels targets from being met. The U.S. Congress should take action now to provide consumer fuel choice through more flexible fuel vehicles and blender pumps, and this report by the Department of Agriculture spells out exactly the course of action needed to finally break Big Oil’s grip at the pump.”

The USDA report can be read online at http://www.usda.gov/documents/USDA_Biofuels_Report_6232010.pdf.

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