

## ETHANOL ADVISORY PANEL

Panel Recommendation	Action
#1 – Extension of Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit	AGREED. MITC will be available to new ethanol plants until mandate reached.
#2 – Manitoba advantages promoted	AGREED. Economic development officers have been promoting Manitoba ethanol across North America.
#3 - New ethanol plants to have best available pollution control technologies	AGREED.
#4 – Emphasize to the Manitoba public the environmental benefits of ethanol	AGREED. See new Environmental Fact Sheet at <a href="http://www.manitobaenergy.com">http://www.manitobaenergy.com</a> .
#5 – Lobby federal government to institute national mandate	AGREED. Lobbied at ministerial and official level. As yet no commitment from federal government.
#6 – Support wheat variety research	AGREED. Continued support for agricultural technology, training, outreach. MAF and AAFC will test 12 high-yielding varieties this season.
#7 – Support development of fibre based ethanol production	AGREED.
#8 – Work co-operatively with rural communities	AGREED. Intergovernmental Affairs has dedicated one senior official to co-ordinate this task. MAF provides technical support to local interest groups and a departmental working team has been established.
#9 – Research and document nutritional value of wheat distillers’ dried grain (DDG)	AGREED. Work taking place in conjunction with Saskatchewan government – Federal/Provincial Feedstock and Co-Products working groups established. Manitoba Food Development Centre will be consulted on human food use.
#10 – Develop communications material to share wheat DDG advantage with livestock producers	AGREED. Work taking place in conjunction with Saskatchewan government.
#11 – Work with proponents of integrated ethanol/livestock facilities	AGREED. Government officials are working with Arbog, Russell and others.
#12 – Lobby federal government to license fusarium resistant wheat varieties and advocate changes to regulatory system to foster approval of disease resistant wheat varieties	AGREED. Provincial effort continues. Feedstock Working Group also involved in conjunction with other jurisdictions. Province is pursuing, with the Grains Commission, efforts that could enhance the availability of high-yielding disease resistant wheat.
#13 – Undertake R and D to examine alternative ethanol production methods to reduce fusarium toxins from DDG	AGREED. Preliminary work taking place in conjunction with Saskatchewan government.
#14 – Develop research strategy to develop additional co-products	AGREED. Initial discussions are taking place in conjunction with Saskatchewan government.
#15 – Co-op strategy including increased staff capacity, educational components, and review of current regulatory issues	AGREED. Regulatory review still underway.
#16 – Government to caution communities against unintegrated small ethanol facilities	AGREED. Proposals of this sort no longer known to government.
#17 – Investigate viability of other green fuels like bio-diesel	AGREED. Work taking place in conjunction with Saskatchewan government.

#18 – Examine potential for increased cattle finishing	AGREED. Ongoing discussions with numerous communities, producer groups and feed companies. MAF ethanol working group, including livestock specialists, have established an economic advantage working team
#19 – Grandparent Minnedosa plant	AGREED.
#20 – Lobby the federal government for fair ethanol incentives	AGREED. Lobbied at ministerial and official level. As yet no commitment from federal government.
#21 – Manitoba to provide competitive incentives	AGREED. Establish an ethanol fund - equivalent to 20 cents per litre (pure ethanol) for first two years declining over eight years.
#22 – Monitor fluctuations in inputs of ethanol	AGREED. Energy Development Initiative is tracking fluctuations.
#23 – Commit to evaluating ethanol program once full mandate has been achieved	AGREED.
#24 – 85 per cent of fuel to contain 10 per cent ethanol by Sept. 2005	AGREED. Enabling legislation will be introduced in this sitting of the legislature.
#25 – Consult with industry before moving to 100 per cent mandate.	AGREED.
#26 – Establish one-stop ethanol office	AGREED. Announced on Jan. 14. Contact them at 945-E-GAS, long distance at 1-800-282-8069 (ext. E-GAS), or email at <a href="mailto:ethanol@gov.mb.ca">ethanol@gov.mb.ca</a> .
#27 – Authorize ethanol office to co-ordinate R&D, work with other jurisdictions, and develop communications strategy based on economic and environmental benefits of ethanol	AGREED. Ethanol Office active on all recommended duties.
#28 – Ethanol office to meet with communities regarding ethanol	AGREED. Meetings have taken place in Arborg, Beausejour, Dauphin, Gilbert Plains, Killarney, Morden, Niverville, Notre Dames du Lourdes, Roblin, Russell, St. Jean, Ste. Rose du Lac, Swan River and Virden. Presentations have been made by MAF staff at a number of other locations.
#29 – Develop common specification for base gasoline with Saskatchewan	AGREED. Meetings have been held with Saskatchewan officials. Work ongoing.
#30 – Develop enabling legislation to permit mandating of ethanol and other green fuels	AGREED. Will be introduced in this upcoming sitting of the legislature.
#31 – Department of Energy, Science and Technology to take government lead on ethanol	AGREED.
#32 – Duty to report to legislature once per year	AGREED.