

Corn Wet/Dry Mill
(Focus Questions for Day 1 - 2012 Goal)

Scope: Determine the role of Corn Wet/Dry Mill Pathway in contributing to meeting national and OBP goals for biofuels production.

Deliverables: Project the future of the Corn Wet/Dry Mill Pathway and determine how it established a volumetric baseline and contributes to the 2012 goal.

Questions:

- At some point there will be a practical volumetric limit of ethanol produced from starch, what do you think the limit will be?
- Should the industry shift its focus from a value/unit feed basis to a value/unit of land?
- Do you feel there is a way for the efficiency and profitability of a grain to ethanol plant to be improved? If so, where could improvements be made?
- What do you feel is the most effective policy for accelerating the acceptance for grain based ethanol?
 - What would help encourage the incorporation of non-starch conversion within a grain ethanol facility?
- Do you see lignocellulosic and fiber biomass being incorporated into the existing industry?
- What are the biggest challenges to furthering the development of the ethanol industry?
 - What R&D needs to occur to address these challenges?
 - What policy development activities need to occur to address these challenges?
 - What is the role of the government in implementing the above activities?
- With the potential increase of “protein co-products” saturating the market, should the industry look at expanding the protein co-products market, and/or changing the product (technology)?
- What are the major distribution and storage challenges which need to be addressed in order to increase the role of biofuels in U.S. fuel markets by 2012?