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U.S. Biodiesel Production Hits Record Highs

NYC Pushing Fleets Into Increased Use Of Biofuels

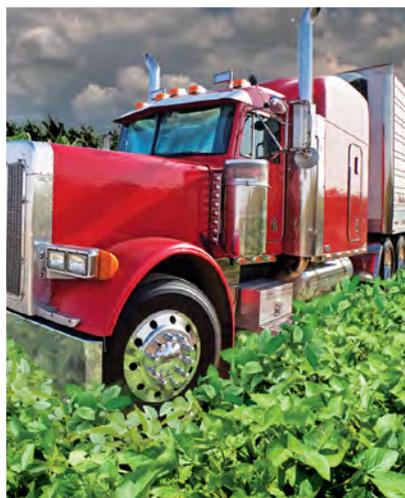
U.S. biodiesel production reached a record level of 111 million gallons in May, according to data released by the U.S. Energy Information Administration on July 30.

Production came from 116 active biodiesel plants with operable capacity of 2.2 billion gallons per year. Production for the first five months of 2013 was 449 million gallons, an increase of 17 million gallons from the same period in 2012.

The use of biodiesel as a motor fuel is supported by federal mandates for biodiesel blending under the Renewable Fuel Standard program. Under this program, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets annual targets for the use of biodiesel and other biofuel categories, such as advanced and total biofuels, which can also be satisfied through additional biodiesel use. Biodiesel blenders are also currently eligible for a federal tax credit of \$1 per gallon blended. Most biodiesel fuel is blended with diesel fuel derived from petroleum and is used in the transportation sector.

NYC Biodiesel Mandate

New York City has passed a new law that requires the entire city fleet to use a B5 biodiesel blend in its vehicles beginning July 1, 2014 and a B20 blend starting July 1, 2016, from April to November each year, according to the Renewable Energy Group (REG).



Whether it is soybeans or corn, Class 5 or Class 8 trucks, biodiesel is a key part of the environmental equation moving forward.

This new law, which follows a growing trend among large municipal fleets, will affect approximately 6,000 vehicles, according to REG. Implementing just a fraction of some of the municipal fleet in just a portion of the nation's largest cities could impact biofuel use significantly in a very short period of time.

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New York City also plans to launch a pilot program before Dec. 1, 2016, to study year-round use of B20 in at least 5% of the City's fleet vehicles. NYC's Mayor Michael Bloomberg signed the legislation into law. NYC Councilman Jim Gennaro introduced this legislation, which codifies the City's use of biodiesel in its fleet.

MORE INFO: <http://bit.ly/16ij4gw>
SOURCE: TruckingInfo.com

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Featured Video



The benefits of the new Luber-finer Extreme Clean HD Premium Cabin Air Filter are explained in detail in a video featuring John Gaither, PE Director of Heavy-Duty Engineering, FRAM Filtration. [Click here to view the video in it's entirety.](#)

Featured Products



Extreme Clean HD Premium Cabin Air Filter – The Luber-finer® Extreme Clean HD™ Premium Cabin Air Filter provides protection to passengers in the truck cab from dust, smog and pollen while using carbon and Arm & Hammer™ Baking Soda to filter unwanted odors.



New Luber-finer Time Release Technology (TRT™) – TRT™ filters are a breakthrough in oil management systems. Luber-finer TRT filters help your fleet extend oil-change intervals by impeding oil degradation found in modern diesel engines. Calculate your TRT maintenance costs at www.luber-finer.com.

Upcoming Industry Events

Vipar Heavy-Duty Shareholders Meeting
Oct. 21-25

2014 Heavy-Duty Aftermarket Week
Jan. 27-30

Vendor-Managed Inventory Trend Gaining More Popularity

Vehicle maintenance operations pressed to reduce costs and to run more used and aging vehicles are considering a shift to Vendor-Managed Inventory (VMI) systems as a way to cope with more comprehensive fleet management needs. Parts management and maintenance have become an area of intense scrutiny and VMI systems are becoming a more attractive option.

According to David Nitzsche, senior vice president for AmeriQuest Transportation Services, with a VMI, the manufacturer or a distributor of MRO (Maintenance, Repair, Operations) supplies and maintains all or part of a fleet's inventory.

Nitzsche said the process is simple, "The vendor monitors a fleet's sales and inventory levels for their products. With that knowledge, it manages



reordering calculations based on actual demand, lead time and other factors.

"The system then recommends replenishment orders. A technological platform reviews and places the orders," he said. "Supplier and fleet can keep communications to a minimum, confining it to exceptional situations."

MORE INFO: <http://bit.ly/15PnUoc>

SOURCE: VehicleServicePros.com

New Cabin Filters Can Help Drivers During Fall Allergy Season, Remove Offensive Odors

As many as one-in-six Americans currently suffer from asthma or some type of allergy caused by airborne contaminants. These conditions can be magnified when traveling in a vehicle that does not have proper air circulation or appropriate filtration.

A heavy-duty vehicle is subjected to assault from exhaust gases, pollen, bacteria, dirt, dust and soot. Any one of these contaminants may cause an allergic or adverse reaction for the driver.

When you look at the opportunity for a front line of defense for occupants of the cabin, the Luber-finer® Extreme Clean HD™ Premium Cabin Air Filter

can remove up to 98% of (5-100 micron) particles before anyone ever breathes them.

This latest advancement in Cabin Air Filter technology combines carbon and Arm & Hammer™ Baking Soda. The carbon removes volatile organic compounds, such as gas fumes and hydrocarbons, while the baking soda removes a range of other offensive odors.

To download a new White Paper on the benefits of Cabin Air Filters, or to find more information on Luber-finer Extreme Clean HD Premium Cabin Air Filters, please go to www.luber-finer.com/extremeclean.

Facts and Trends

Used Commercial Vehicle Volume Trends Up 9% in 2013

Registration of used commercial vehicles rose over 9% during the first half of the 2013 calendar year compared to the same period last year, according to automotive market-intelligence firm Polk. Based on Polk's analysis, nearly 357,100 used commercial registrations were recorded during the January-June timeframe. The firm also found that used transactions during the second quarter of the 2013 calendar year were the highest since the second quarter of the 2011 calendar year, reflecting continued demand for clean used equipment.



MORE INFO: <http://bit.ly/15TQVbv>
SOURCE: FleetOwner.com



HDAW Registration Begins For 2014 Vegas Exhibition

Online registration has launched for Heavy Duty Aftermarket Week (HDAW) 2014. The ninth annual conference will be held Jan. 27-30, 2014, at the Mirage in Las Vegas. Registration for HDAW'14 exhibiting suppliers is made available when exhibit contracts are approved.

MORE INFO: <http://bit.ly/1ao4DbA>
SOURCE: AftermarketNews.com

Refurbished Diesel Frames Get Newest CNG & LNG Kits

A lot of fleets are attracted to the idea of natural gas-powered heavy duty trucks. And a lot of fleets turn and walk the other way when they see the sticker prices on brand-new natural gas trucks. But there may be an end-run around those steep acquisition costs. Glider kits – refurbished frames mounted with new powertrain components may give fleets a more-affordable way to get in the natural gas game.

MORE INFO: <http://bit.ly/15hvg1h>
SOURCE: OverdriveOnline.com

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