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US ethanol plants lift output as stocks build



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Verified figures

For the week ending 13 November, US fuel ethanol plants averaged 1.129 million barrels a day, up 8,000 from the previous week. Midwest plants accounted for 7,000 barrels a day of that increase. The US Energy Information Administration released the figures on 18 November.

Where stocks accumulated

US ending stocks rose by 563,000 barrels to 24.908 million barrels. Gulf Coast stocks rose by 356,000 barrels and West Coast stocks by 183,000. Together those two regions accounted for about 96% of the net national increase. Midwest stocks rose by just 33,000 barrels.

NALAM trade desk observation

For a corn seller pricing a delivery to a Midwest ethanol plant, local throughput is a better starting point than the national stock build. The two series measure different things: production is a daily flow and stocks are a week-end balance. Before drawing a conclusion about a particular plant, check its cash corn bid and receiving window. EIA gives no plant-level corn purchase volumes or destination for the extra ethanol.

Sources checked 19 November 2026

EIA weekly ethanol plant production

EIA weekly fuel ethanol stocks