

BIODIESEL FOR MICHIGAN

How a strong biodiesel industry benefits our state



What biodiesel means for Michigan

Home-grown product

■ Biodiesel is made from soybean oil, used cooking oil and other fats and vegetable oils that are readily available in-state



■ Biodiesel adds value to soybeans grown by Michigan farmers

Healthier communities

■ Harmful emissions from diesel engines contribute to lung disease and other health issues. Cleaner-burning biodiesel reduces emissions for better air quality



■ A B20 blend will achieve a 15% carbon reduction today without requiring any changes to vehicles or expensive infrastructure

Economic growth

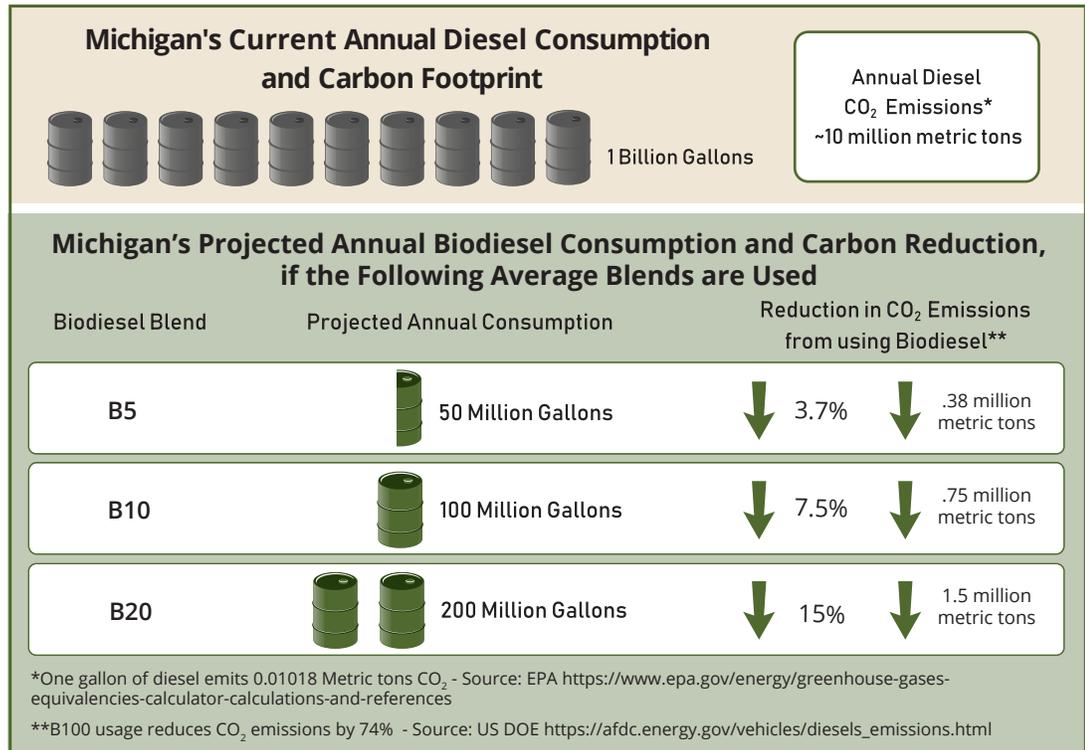
■ Biodiesel supports Michigan's economy, builds revenue and creates jobs through in-state production, distribution and sales



Many Michigan fleets take advantage of the proven benefits of biodiesel fuel. This renewable alternative to petroleum diesel provides a cleaner environment and adds economic value to our state.

Despite the benefits biodiesel offers, a recent survey of more than 250 retail fuel stations across Michigan showed that only three stations carried biodiesel blends of B5 to B20.

Many Midwestern states offer tax incentives to encourage adoption of higher biodiesel blends at the retail level. Similar programs in Michigan would increase biodiesel availability for diesel vehicle drivers.



Opportunities for Michigan's future

Michigan has significant potential to improve the quality of life for its citizens by encouraging greater biodiesel use, whether it's through a biodiesel standard or through incentives to encourage investment in soybean processing or biodiesel production, blending and distribution.

Many Midwestern states offer incentives and other programs to encourage adoption of higher biodiesel blends. These programs correspond to higher biodiesel consumption.