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Fill Up with Michigan-Made Flex Fuel This Memorial Day Weekend

MICHIGAN – The Corn Marketing Program of Michigan today reminded drivers that they can save money at the pump and help combat Michigan’s energy emergency by using more flex fuel when then fill up for this Memorial Day weekend travel.

“If you drive a flex fuel vehicle, your car is designed to run on fuel blends up to E-85,” said **Jim Zook**, executive director of the **Corn Marketing Program of Michigan**. “E-85 is a cheaper option than gasoline, it reduces harmful greenhouse gas emissions from the tailpipe, and it’s made right here in Michigan. This is especially important as many drivers have big vacation plans and will be doing a lot of driving this holiday weekend.”

Flex fuel vehicles (FFVs) can run on any blend of ethanol and gasoline. This includes regular gasoline, which contains ten percent ethanol, up to E-85 which contains 85 percent ethanol. If drivers aren’t sure if they’re driving an FFV, they can look for the following:

- An FFV badge or insignia on the vehicle
- A sticker inside the fuel door
- A message on the gas cap (some FFVs have bright yellow gas caps)
- Information in the owner’s manual

Earlier this week, Governor Rick Snyder declared an energy emergency in Michigan due to gasoline shortages caused by the shutdown of a pipeline in Wisconsin and an unplanned outage at the Marathon refinery in Detroit. The outage has pushed gasoline prices up by 20 cents per gallon statewide.

Drivers can find flex fuel stations near them by visiting <http://www.ethanolretailer.com/flex-fuel-station-finder/> or using the AltFuels app on their phones.

Headquartered in Lansing, the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan is a statewide check-off program that invests in research, education, and market development to enhance the economic position of Michigan corn farmers. For more information, visit the Michigan Corn website at www.micorn.org.

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