# Michigan to Receive USDA Grant to Increase Biofuel Pump Infrastructure

LANSING – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that Michigan is one of 21 states that will receive grants through the Biofuel Infrastructure Partnership (BIP) to add infrastructure needed to supply more renewable fuel to America's drivers. The Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) partnered with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and local gasoline retailers to apply for the grant money.

"Thanks to this successful collaboration, Michigan will be able to install 89 additional flex fuel pumps offering a range of fuels from E-15, which contains 15 percent ethanol, up to E-85, which contains 85 percent ethanol," said **Jamie Clover Adams**, director of MDARD.

According to USDA press release: The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) received applications requesting more than $130 million, outpacing the $100 million that is available. With a more than 1:1 match from private and state resources, USDA estimates that the BIP grants will support nearly 5,000 pumps at over 1,400 fueling stations across the country."

"This grant will go a long way toward opening up consumer choices at the pump and supporting Michigan-made ethanol," said **Jim Zook,** executive director of CMPM. "Ethanol saves consumers money at the pump and helps clean up our air by reducing harmful emissions, and it's made right here in Michigan from corn grown by local farmers. We appreciate the USDA for investing into rural America, providing more consumer choices at the pump and supporting this growing American industry."

Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia-Maryland (jointly), West Virginia and Wisconsin will also be receiving grant money. The final amounts will be announced at a later date.

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