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*2012 Iowa Caucus Voter Guide**



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The Iowa Caucuses remain the premiere grassroots political contest in the world – offering voters in Iowa and observers around the country a unique opportunity to have in-depth discussions on the vital issues with candidates. No issue is more vital to Iowa's economic future than agriculture and renewable fuels. From river to river, the volunteers of IOWANS Fueled with Pride have carried on a conversation with the presidential candidates regarding their vision for America's energy future and ethanol's role in it. Below is a summary of that conversation. For a more in-depth review of the candidates and the issues, please visit the IOWANS Fueled with Pride website. Or to hear candidates in their own words, visit the IOWANS Fueled with Pride YouTube channel.

Flip the page to see where the candidates stand on the issues important to renewable fuels.

2012 Presidential Candidates



President
Barack Obama



Representative
Michele Bachmann



Speaker
Newt Gingrich



Representative
Ron Paul



Governor
Rick Perry



Governor
Mitt Romney



Senator
Rick Santorum



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The Renewable Fuels Standard

Renewable fuels are one key way to reduce US dependence on foreign oil, thereby cutting funding to terrorists intent on doing us harm. And at the same time, renewable fuels production is driving rural economies forward – creating jobs and increasing farm income. However, it is difficult to grow the production and use of renewable fuels when the oil industry continues to receive massive support from the federal government:

- Federal tax policy favoring oil.
- Federal law mandating 85% oil-based fuel.
- Federally assisted oil distribution monopoly.
- Congressional efforts to ban E15.

Given the lack of a level playing field or free market for fuel choice in America today, the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) is the single most important federal policy to help unlock the many benefits of renewable fuels.















Does the candidate affirm support for the Renewable Fuels Standard?

| Candidate | Party | Yes | No |
|------------------------|---|---|---|
| President Barack Obama |  |  | |
| Rep. Michele Bachmann |  | |  |
| Speaker Newt Gingrich |  |  | |
| Rep. Ron Paul |  | |  |
| Gov. Rick Perry |  | |  |
| Gov. Mitt Romney |  |  | |
| Sen. Rick Santorum |  |  | |

A Fair and Equitable Energy Tax Policy

The short-term federal blenders tax credit for ethanol will expire on December 31, 2011. Yet the billions in permanent tax benefits for the petroleum industry are being protected by Congress. Therefore, on January 1st, the federal government will be incenting hugely profitable, 100-year old multi-national oil companies, but not the much younger domestic, renewable competitor. It will require proactive legislation to create a level playing field for energy taxes.














Does the candidate support a fair and equitable energy tax policy?

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| Speaker Newt Gingrich |  |  | |
| Rep. Ron Paul |  |  | |
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| Sen. Rick Santorum |  |  | |

Banning E15, a new consumer alternative to foreign oil

In one of the most outrageous displays of petroleum industry power, Members of Congress from oil states are forcing a vote to effectively ban the sale of E15. E15 was recently approved by the EPA after clearing the arduous federal testing process required for any fuel wishing to compete with petroleum. The move to ban E15 is anti-free market and anti-consumer choice.















Does the candidate oppose the effort to limit consumer choice by banning E15?

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| President Barack Obama |  |  | |
| Rep. Michele Bachmann |  |  | |
| Speaker Newt Gingrich |  |  | |
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Consumer Fueling Choice

The oil refineries in existence have been consolidated in recent years under larger and larger multi-national oil companies. These oil companies dictate, to a large extent, the fuel choices (or lack of choices) in the U.S. With very little competition, the petroleum companies decide what products to refine and put into the petroleum pipelines (distribution network) – a distribution network often created with government assistance including federal loan guarantees and the use of eminent domain. To break oil's fuel distribution monopoly, consumers need greater access to flexible fuel vehicles (FFVs) and blender pumps. FFVs combined with blender pumps puts the power of choice back in the hands of consumers.

Does the candidate support programs to promote FFVs and blender pumps?

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| Speaker Newt Gingrich |  |  | |
| Rep. Ron Paul |  | |  |
| Gov. Rick Perry |  | |  |
| Gov. Mitt Romney |  |  | |
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FIND YOUR CAUCUS LOCATION

Democrats: <http://thecaucuses.com/yourcaucus.php>

Republicans: <http://iowagop.org/caucus/findmycaucus.php>

Note: If you are registered "no party" or are eligible to vote but not registered, you may attend either of the party caucuses and register on site, so long as you are willing to register your party affiliation as a member of the party whose caucus you wish to attend.

Footnotes

RFS

Obama http://obama.3cdn.net/4465b108758abf7a42_a3jmvya5.pdf
Bachmann www.iowarfa.org/IRFACallsOnRep.BachmannToTellIowansWhereSheStandsonRenewableFuelsStandard.php
Vote: US House, roll call #1177, Dec. 18, 2007
Gingrich www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/16/eLboOwCn4nA
Paul www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/19/_HYw6L2vfxw
Perry www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/21/hMpGuf6Les0
Romney <http://iowansfueledwithpride.com/mitt-romney-remarks-on-ethanol-in-sioux-city-ia-121611>
Santorum www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/24/uJx4AyoZWI4

Tax Policy

Obama www.whitehouse.gov/energy/securing-american-energy
Bachmann www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/23/ehIH0xwJ0sc
Gingrich www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/26/58n5f_k_Bv4
Paul <http://newhampshireprimary.blogspot.com/2011/07/ron-paul-on-energy-subsidies-and-tax.html>
Perry www.iowarfa.org/IRFACallsOnGov.PerryToReconsider20MoreYearsofOilSubsidies.php
Romney www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/33/-hitC1Zg9A
Santorum www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/25/aeLWC_9ysqs

E15 Ban

Obama <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/1e5ab1124055f3b28525781f0042ed40/8206ab91f87cec088525781f0059e65c?OpenDocument>
Bachmann www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/46/eAg-zNpJeGY
Gingrich www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/47/EIRQJAb4TCs
Paul www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/43/HME4Hj-LGf0
Perry <http://iowansfueledwithpride.com/irfa-asks-gov-perry-to-join-other-presidential-candidates-in-opposing-e15-ban>
Romney [Aug. 11, 2011: http://iowansfueledwithpride.com/candidate-quotes/mitt-romney](http://iowansfueledwithpride.com/candidate-quotes/mitt-romney)
Santorum www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/42/tvC68f_CEH0

Consumer Fuel Choice

Obama www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks/REAP%20Folder/041811%20REAP%20news%20release.pdf
Bachmann [No; Vote: US House, roll call #454, June 16, 2011](http://www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/22/md2yE3jzde)
Gingrich www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/22/md2yE3jzde
Paul [Vote: US House, roll call #454, June 16, 2011](http://www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/4/ArVNEhXOMU)
Perry www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/4/ArVNEhXOMU
Romney www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/29/TJESu9viwe0
Santorum www.youtube.com/user/iowafuel#p/u/18/GUfErz_yYU0

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Iowans Fueled with Pride is a coalition of Iowa renewable fuels producers committed to providing accurate and current information to the public, elected officials and candidates for office. Further, we work to foster an open and comprehensive debate about the future of U.S. energy policy.

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