

An Ethanol Production Guidebook for Northeast States

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This Guidebook is intended to serve as a resource for state officials as they consider opportunities to develop ethanol production capacity in the Northeast. The Guidebook was written with guidance provided by officials from Midwest states, many of whom have been instrumental in successfully developing significant ethanol production capacity over the past two decades.

Opportunity exists for Northeast states to begin to develop regional ethanol production capacity. This opportunity is manifest in the near-term through the use of traditional starch and sugar-based feedstock, and in the long-term through the use of cellulosic feedstock, such as wood and paper waste, agricultural waste, and certain types of municipal solid waste. In recognition of this opportunity, this Guidebook:

- provides information about ethanol production potential in the Northeast;
- highlights associated economic and environmental impacts;
- describes traditional and emerging ethanol production technologies; and
- identifies key issues that state officials will need to consider if they wish to stimulate ethanol industry growth in their states.