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Canadian Farmers Pleased Government Moving Forward on Renewable Fuels

The Grain Growers of Canada are pleased with the Government of Canada's decision to introduce proposed regulations that would require gasoline to have at least five per cent renewable fuel content by September 2010.

Farm organizations like the Grain Growers have lobbied for several years to see a renewable fuel standard in Canada and last March had called on the government to implement these regulations in 2010. Grain Growers of Canada President Doug Robertson says the regulations are good for both the environment and for farmers.

"The proposal will reduce emissions as much as taking one million cars off the road, while expanding the market for corn and wheat producers," said Robertson. "This is smart policy that will create jobs for Canadians, increase opportunities for our farmers and make our transportation industry more environmentally friendly."

The government plans to publish the proposed regulations in the Canadian Gazette in the near future, according to an April 1, 2010 government press release.

"Farmers look forward to working with the government and industry on this file and ensuring that the regulations will work well for us," said Robertson.

"We also need to see any further consultations on biodiesel fast-tracked to also get those regulations in place. There is a short window for financing the processing plants and we can't afford to wait much longer."

The Grain Growers of Canada represent over 80,000 successful farmers through their membership organizations.

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