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### **Nebraska gas prices highest in U.S.** *Ethanol offers cheaper, cleaner alternative for drivers*

As Nebraska's gas prices soar to the highest in the United States, drivers can find a little relief for their battered wallets by filling up with ethanol blends like E-10 and E85.

Recent media reports revealed that Nebraska's average gas price of \$3.29 per gallon now ties Hawaii and Michigan for the highest in the country. Experts cite skyrocketing prices for crude oil and the shutdown of gas refineries as cause for rapidly inflating gas prices.

But Nebraska drivers can save money by filling up with ethanol blends, said Todd Sneller of the Nebraska Ethanol Board.

"E-10 is typically six to ten cents cheaper, it burns cleaner and has a higher octane rating than unblended gas. It's a no-brainer: Nebraska-produced ethanol blends are the best choice for Nebraska drivers," Sneller said. Sneller also noted that E85 most prices were significantly lower than gas prices. E85 is \$2.10 at a Patriot fuels location in Sutherland, compared to the statewide average gasoline price of \$3.29.

E-10 is ten percent ethanol, 90 percent gasoline and is approved for use in cars made since the 1980s. E85, an 85 percent ethanol blend, is designed for use in Flex Fuel Vehicles, which can burn any blend of gasoline and ethanol.

"Nebraska imports 100 percent of its gasoline supply, about 1.2 billion gallons per year. Nebraska motorists could save ten million dollars a month if all gasoline in the state contained ethanol," Sneller said.

"Ethanol is the best choice for Nebraskans to save money, burn cleaner gas and enrich Nebraska's economy," Sneller said.

*Established in 1971, the Nebraska Ethanol Board assists ethanol producers with programs and strategies for marketing ethanol and related co-products. The Board supports organizations and policies that advocate the increased use of ethanol fuels ---and administers public information, education and ethanol-focused research projects. The NEB also assists companies and organization in the development of ethanol production facilities in Nebraska*