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**STUDY BACKS CONSUMER DESIRES TO USE MORE RENEWABLE FUELS**

*Data Shows U.S. to Benefit from Increased Biofuel Usage*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – More than 5 million jobs and \$700 billion in economic activity could be generated if the U.S. pursued a plan to get 25 percent of its energy from homegrown sources by the year 2025, according to a study conducted by the University of Tennessee's Agricultural Economics Center.

The data, commissioned by the 25x'25 coalition last year, supports a new poll conducted by Harris Interactive® in which nearly nine in 10 respondents agreed the nation should pursue renewable energy sources.

"This study validates the consumers' confidence that our country can in the near future transition to cleaner, cheaper and renewable energy sources," said Doug Durante, executive director of the Clean Fuels Development Coalition, which commissioned the poll.

The study – entitled *25% Renewable Energy for the United States By 2025: Agricultural and Economic Impacts* – outlines how America can achieve more renewable energy usage while still allowing for reasonable food, feed and fuel prices. The U.S. House of Representatives last week adopted a resolution supporting the 25x'25 goal.

The University of Tennessee researchers used two computer models to conclude the U.S. is capable of generating 25 percent of its energy from renewable sources, such as 86 billion gallons of ethanol, by the year 2025. Currently, renewable energy accounts for about 6 percent of the country's overall energy use.

Reaching the goal is contingent on commercial introduction of cellulosic ethanol conversion and the development of an energy-dedicated crop economy with 105.8 million planted acres.

"With the latest scientific advances in cellulosic ethanol technology and increased production of corn ethanol, we are well on our way to meeting the ethanol needs of tomorrow," Durante said. "The additional supply of ethanol is projected to decrease gasoline consumption by 59 billion gallons in 2025 and that is exactly the positive direction we need to head towards for the future."

"American consumers and policymakers alike are aware of the significant benefits of biofuel and they want to pursue the development of homegrown renewable energy sources such as ethanol," Durante said.

The Harris Interactive poll, released Oct. 15, showed significant support of renewable energy. Eighty-eight percent of U.S. adults agreed that the U.S. should pursue development and 78 percent think the use of ethanol would lessen our countries' dependence on foreign oil.

For a complete copy of the 25x'25 study, please visit <http://www.25x25.org/>.

For results of the poll conducted by Harris Interactive®, please visit <http://www.cleanfuelsdc.org/>.

The Clean Fuels Development Coalition (CFDC) is a not-for-profit organization that actively supports the development of new technologies and the increased production of fuels that can reduce air pollution, stimulate the economy, and lessen our dangerous dependence on imported oil. Our goal is to drive the demand for clean low-carbon fuels, like ethanol, through a combination of efforts that include collaborating with industry, educating and communicating with the media and other strategic influencers, and supporting legislative initiatives that will help us achieve our mission. More information is available at [www.cleanfuelsdc.org](http://www.cleanfuelsdc.org).