European renewable ethanol – key figures 2014

Renewable ethanol production of ePURE members

Since 2009 the total renewable ethanol production of ePURE members grew by nearly 70%.

Co-products of EU renewable ethanol production

Animal feed makes up the largest share of co-products produced by ePURE members. Nonetheless, a large and increasing range of other useful co-products are also being produced.

Origin of feedstock used to produce renewable ethanol in the EU

Nearly 90% of all feedstock used by ePURE members to produce renewable ethanol were grown in the EU.

Type of feedstock used to produce renewable ethanol in the EU

The share of maize as a feedstock to produce renewable ethanol has grown over the past years. Since 2013, maize has replaced wheat as the dominant feedstock. In 2014, maize accounted for 42% of all feedstock used by ePURE members.

Share of feedstock used to produce renewable ethanol in the EU

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In 2014, ethanol imports into the EU were at a historic low. At the same time the share of duty free imports grew rapidly in the past years, reaching nearly 80% of total ethanol imports in 2014.

Imports of ethanol into the EU from most exporting countries have declined in 2014 compared to the previous year. Bolivia and Costa Rica being the only notable exceptions.

*ePURE members account for 7.8 billion litres of total European production capacity.