

# Missouri's Newest Ethanol Plant Hosts Grand Opening

## CARROLLTON, MO.

Over 600 people were in attendance as Show Me Ethanol, LLC celebrated the grand opening of Missouri's newest ethanol plant in Carrollton, Mo. Members of the Missouri Corn Growers Association (MCGA) as well as state and community leaders participated in the open house and ribbon cutting at the new site.

"We are proud of our plant, proud of our employees and pleased to open the plant to our supporters at this celebration," said Show Me Ethanol General Manager Greg Thomas. "This open house is our way of thanking the farm families who invested in an economic opportunity that creates jobs, uses a domestic commodity and reduces our foreign oil dependency."

Celebrations included a program featuring comments from the plant's board of directors, Sen. Bill Stouffer (R-Napton), Rep. John Quinn (R-Chillicothe) and MCGA CEO Gary Marshall. Plant tours were available during the open house. Attendees were also treated to lunch and door prizes.

"It is very rewarding to see this plant come online," said Marshall. "Our congratulations go out to the 560 members of Show Me Ethanol for their foresight and determination in providing an alternative source of energy for our state and nation. This once again proves farmers are willing to step up to the plate to do their part in diversifying our limited fuel supply."

After breaking ground in March of 2007, Show

Me Ethanol began producing ethanol in May of this year. The state-of-the-art ethanol facility employs 35 people and will utilize approximately 20 million bushels of corn to produce 55 million gallons of ethanol annually. Dried distillers grains, the high protein livestock feed created in the ethanol process, will be marketed by Ray-Carroll County Grain Growers Inc.

"By utilizing local grain and marketing distillers grains to farmers, Show Me is providing feed for livestock while circulating dollars and strengthening the economy in Missouri," said Marshall. "With fewer American-owned companies and billions of dollars leaving the U.S. daily, it is a breath of fresh air to see a farmer-owned business contributing to this state and community."

Show Me Ethanol is the sixth ethanol plant to begin production in the state of Missouri. Other farmer-owned ethanol plants are located near Macon, Craig, Malta Bend, Laddonia and St. Joseph. Missouri's ethanol production is projected to exceed 270 million gallons annually. A map of Missouri's existing farmer-owned ethanol plants is available online at [www.mocorn.org/cornethanolmap.pdf](http://www.mocorn.org/cornethanolmap.pdf). For more information regarding Show Me Ethanol, LLC, visit [www.showmeethanolllc.com](http://www.showmeethanolllc.com). To learn more about ethanol and the Missouri Corn Growers Association, call 1-800-827-4181 or visit Missouri Corn Online at [www.mocorn.org](http://www.mocorn.org). Δ