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**RFA Responds to RFS Waiver Petition**

Comments from RFA President Bob Dinneen

The [Renewable Fuels Association](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001bouv6vYeoApPiS3Ou5F7TQFTjlny8IeQ7w__NKG8oS4iGMJD0u0yJ49_VZxSMZ6JFMow9II85Rh01kAQPsw9cXg-F9o3KTV4Tf7acOfb9dI=) (RFA) expects the waiver requested this week by livestock and poultry groups of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) [will be denied](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001bouv6vYeoAoxKM1QXX4VjKV0z9h0aw6KPxS3Ze9EPdiTALIMxXDNAMos4xUXzRiYSy3qouvRcLHTv1Lx4DVvjz8KkrO1m6dmq5kvz8kGR_ExVvx3T_gAfqMVb4KNBySVQYAUvb9yPf0grnucX5Sgl-Eh-FtjoJ6MwLqsiwqMCWDCZ_kqPoW-Ig==) by the Environmental Protection Agency, despite the impact one of the worst droughts in history is having on the nation’s corn crop.

In this edition of “The Ethanol Report,” RFA president and CEO Bob Dinneen explains how a waiver will not help livestock producers and why the RFS should remain, even though corn ethanol production is likely to drop below the requirement this year.

**[Ethanol Report on RFS Waiver Request 10:24](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001bouv6vYeoApmoBrwT138xnmAbd20FZ0dpJV21fyP8d1lTpIHzQfTXP0jc0GbcadkboRJZPm2cXVpksvAj8wtF4iLwXc9VYh-m4dwVmhv1EVyW_9c-9HNK9HYceSnrI_as7Nx3UtPxe4=)**

*The report is voiced by reporter Cindy Zimmerman in the format of a complete program called "The Ethanol Report." Please feel free to use as you wish, edited or in its complete form. If you have any problems downloading the audio files, please contact ZimmComm New Media at 850- 780-6617. Links to separate sound bites from the interview can be found below.*

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This is the Ethanol Report

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[Dinneen :37](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001bouv6vYeoArOcsz2wspUKO27G-SEpGZatckukGqc3Pftjp-eUAlClLrN6G8lPf3ttYMcvBz3zT7C7HO0bTieTqS2dtW3LPUTi0Hn4VTWs7ZhbJjzVMtr8o0JakPe50dgYYRqwm_D3IaEX1W7U5bv0A==)

RFA president and CEO Bob Dinneen expects the waiver to be denied.

[Dinneen :44](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001bouv6vYeoAr5An3f2zSKWQJC0lGosOAUERwTw1PLIzx8LCalJsPdNmQ_4H3CELGVDZ0YZf7H2mooZW_dBfAa8igSxJyve6WWnCq3tTUo106aEPJjlhvMCPL0jXowQJKNnd3h7qi0bHf_L3hSzmL24g==)

Dinneen says changing the RFS will not impact what is already happening in the marketplace.

[Dinneen :52](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001bouv6vYeoArItejUBG57T_ZUlNPkuzREIjOCs6JEGgZympYbbpXDs208HMe_Vd25Lem8n6Rwb_7TxE9NYJ7LcCqjeMUH7WuiEskxPAVubLvTITqmX3an2cWO4CFY8PK5pkV4cZKD8dFlaBW5KUwlTg==)

According to Dinneen, the RFS already has provisions for market shortages.

[Dinneen :50](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001bouv6vYeoAozquS8K2AmjMrn-SV56OfA9cMynksbtZln1WuglNu9s0SVjzDnOjnG6xMw0w9xDKTVe9DpxiK-c8rdOvXOoRqIsh_y8tY7b8hxGx_p0I2J9svetdHPUgOGTyJAi7MP1EipmZ75fp_NSQ==)

Further reducing ethanol production would impact availability of feed by reducing supplies of the ethanol co-product distillers grains.

[Dinneen :41](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001bouv6vYeoAqOZlD5roUrNezcqtW3GZhxLn0wTqwnwijAtp12qQdb8WFKq_zHPbLH4vzcOCUdbNRyXSmCn-sC6WEI9GRaEpD6egiFoXHq0J8a-S4E9NgFrme_AyHUTGi9vdgNqLgJpYMfDRRc1Y757g==)

If the ethanol industry fails to produce enough ethanol this year to meet the RFS, the renewable fuel credits and ethanol stocks should help to make up for it.

[Dinneen :29](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001bouv6vYeoApJRUZBXbm-s-Q25ll-HFLwB8IH048OUvOsLLkMsYBwLaF36tr7AbzqG1WPS3eIU8dlDs7wFiMCNJ8hiS6eb0wGenXQlvRDLSlWgjJnOi9vF0DHcGFlR1fHGr00noODR0xuL7sobdfK7Q==)