

Press Release
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Prairie Pride Inc.

On this cool fall day, November 16, 2007 some celebration is going on at Prairie Pride Inc. The long awaited production of our first biodiesel is happening!

PPI started as the dream of a handful of agricultural producers. After a successful feasibility study back in 2005 this group organized a Missouri New Generation Cooperative and took their plan on the road. The plan, a \$90 Million combination soybean crush/biodiesel process plant might have been a hard sell. Belief in the dream and a solid plan enabled this group, now known as the Board of Directors, to enroll well over a thousand producer members. Equity of over \$36 Million dollars was raised in less than four months.

Site prep work began in November 2006, just in time for a long icy winter and very wet spring, slowing construction. Now with the first phase of operations coming on line Prairie Pride expects to produce biodiesel from purchased crude soybean oil until the soybean crush/extraction phase is completed sometime in 2008. Once the soybean crush/extraction phase is complete the plant will be fully operational. Regional producers will benefit from the local demand for soybeans as will animal producers that utilize the soymeal product as feed.

Biodiesel is a non toxic, biodegradable, cleaner burning renewable fuel that is produced from raw soybean oil. The oil is washed from the soybean as part of the process of making high protein animal feed and was until recently considered a product with diminishing use. The biodiesel process adds value to an existing crop while helping the environment and economy.

Pictured are all the available Prairie Pride and A-Lert Construction staff gathered in front of the plant, centered a technician holds a sample bottle of just produced quality biodiesel.