

barometer

1,318

Number of days without a lost-time accident at **POET Biorefining – Big Stone, S.D.**



Going for Gold

Since March 2004, **POET Biorefining – Hanlontown, Iowa**, has loaded 3,608 rail cars and 8,629 trucks with Dakota Gold products for a total production of 664,388 tons. During the past two months, **90% of its feed product has shipped as Dakota Gold standard.**

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

POET Biorefining – Emmetsburg, Iowa, is the proud winner of a POET Laboratory Quality Assurance Award. The Emmetsburg plant was bestowed a first-place award after being graded on various aspects of its lab.

The quality control laboratory at **POET Biorefining – Hanlontown, Iowa**, was the POET Quality Control Top Performer in 2007.

POET Biorefining – Lake Crystal, Minn., was awarded a certificate of commendation from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for its wastewater treatment facility.

by Region

South Dakota

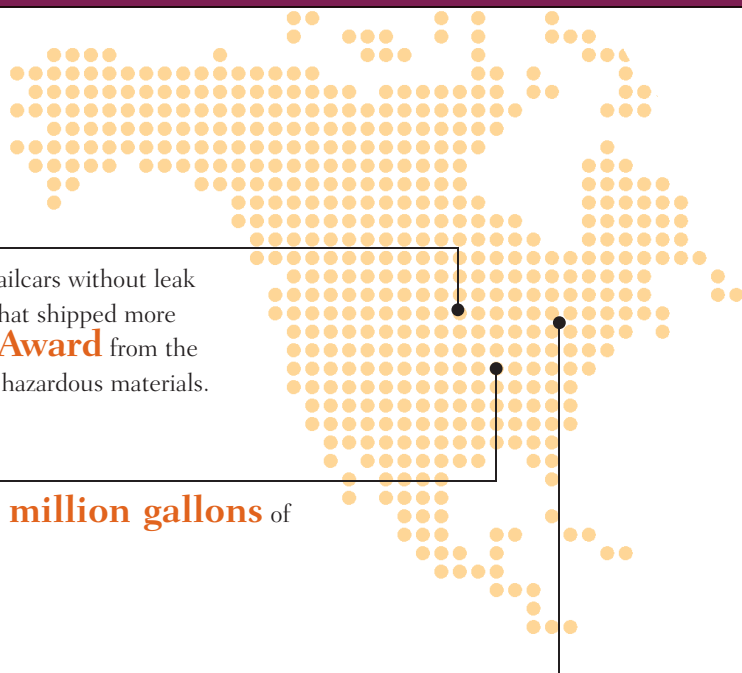
POET Biorefining – Mitchell, S.D., in 2007 transported 2,248 railcars without leak or incident. The Mitchell plant, along with five other POET plants that shipped more than 1,000 cars each, was awarded a **2007 Stewardship Award** from the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad Co. for safe transport of hazardous materials.

Missouri

In March, **POET Biorefining – Laddonia, Mo.**, produced **4.4 million gallons** of ethanol, a plant record.

Indiana

On March 12, **POET Biorefining – Portland, Ind.**, loaded out **40 ethanol trucks** in just 24 hours.



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POET Biorefining – Bingham Lake, Minn.’s number of days without a lost-time accident.

ANOTHER SOLID YEAR

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POET Biorefining – Gowrie, Iowa, turned two in June.

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May marked the third anniversary for *POET Biorefining – Lake Crystal, Minn.*

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POET Biorefining – Groton, S.D., celebrated its fifth anniversary in May.

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POET Biorefining – Preston, Minn., will commemorate a decade in operation this August.

A CHAIN REACTION

In 2007, the ethanol industry added **\$47.6 billion** to the U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) through a combination of spending on annual operations, ethanol transportation and capital spending for new plants under construction.

The combination of increased GDP and higher household income generated an estimated **\$4.6 billion** in tax revenue for the federal government and nearly \$3.6 billion in additional tax revenue for state and local governments.

The increased economic activity resulting from ethanol production created **238,541 jobs** in all sectors of the economy, 46,000 of those in the manufacturing sector.

Those new jobs led to higher levels of income for American households. Ethanol production in 2007 put an additional **\$12.3 billion** into the pockets of consumers.