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Harper Government Supports New Ethanol Production Technology

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The Government of Canada is making an investment of \$3.7 million to help Integrated Grain Processors Cooperative (IGPC) Ethanol Inc. install Canada's first Fiber Separation Technology™ (FST) system to help boost production through operational efficiencies.

This investment will enable IGPC Ethanol to have a higher output of ethanol, corn oil and distillers' grains, develop new higher value animal feed products and lower the plant's energy consumption. The introduction of FST at the IGPC plant allows for the early separation of fibre from corn prior to its fermentation, increasing the efficiency of the distillation process and producing a cleaner fibre product.

Quick Facts

- This investment will enable IGPC Ethanol to purchase approximately 18 million bushels (up from 16 million currently) of corn grain from local farmers for use as feedstock, thereby boosting producers' bottom lines.
- This project builds on an earlier \$6.09 million investment under the ecoAgriculture Biofuels Capital Initiative (ecoABC) which helped the cooperative build the Aylmer plant and begin commercial operation in Dec. 2008.
- This repayable contribution is made through the AgriInnovation Program, a five-year, up to \$698 million initiative under the *Growing Forward 2* policy framework.
- Founded in 2002 by 780 farmers and agri-businesses, IGPC Ethanol is a division of IGPC Inc. and is one of Ontario's largest cooperatives. It employs 50 full-time staff at its plant in Aylmer, ON.

Quotes

"Our Government is proud to support the adoption of this first-in-Canada technology that will enable IGPC to improve the efficiency of its production processes and boost output of a renewable fuel such as ethanol. This expansion will boost the local economy while creating further demand for our corn producers' crops."

- Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz

"Funding such as this shows the government's commitment to innovation in agriculture, including renewable fuels production. This investment will help us bring new technology to our Aylmer facility, allowing us to greatly improve the efficiency of our plant, while laying the foundation for further investment in new technologies and new products."

- Jim Grey, CEO of IGPC Ethanol



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