

UK Biofuels – industry overview

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Biofuel targets around the globe

- EU commitment to 10% reduction in emissions by transportation by 2020

 Yes
- UK RTFO 5% by 2013/14; 10% by 2020 Yes
- US RFS stipulate 25.7bn litres biofuel in 2010, 227bn by 2020 30% by 2030
- China- biofuel to meet 15% of transport energy by 2020 Yes
- India considering a 10% biofuel target by 2010 No, 20% of diesel & gasoline by 2017
- Brazil all petroleum to contain 24-27% ethanol 2.5bn litres of biodiesel by 2013
- Australia 2010 1% biofuel; 2020 5.75% biofuel Different states have different mandates – currently circa 5% for 2010/11.
- 47 countries have declared targets
- The above represents over 51% of world population, 70% of all cars





UK biofuels: market overview

- UK market
 - 1,568 million litres (3.33% of total supply) in 2009/10
 - 71% biodiesel; 29% bioethanol; biogas negligible
- Biofuel sources
 - 10% sourced from UK production
 - Balance imports from Argentina (20%), Brazil (20%), USA (7%), Germany (7%); Malaysia (5%)
- Existing commitments
 - EU Renewable Energy Directive 10% of transport fuel by 2020 (under pressure)
 - UK RTFO target 5% by 2013/14 (originally 5% by 2010/11- revised in 2009 after Gallagher Review)
- Achievement 2009/10
 - 3.33% against revised target of 3.25%
- Outlook strong growth
 - IEA WEO 2010 global consumption grows from 1.1 mb/d today to 4.4 mb/d in 2035
- Issues
 - Missing emissions targets
 - Unintended consequences food prices, deforestation, increased GHG emissions
 - Lack of policy support
 - <1/3 UK biofuels meet UK government environmental standards
 - Majority of UK suppliers miss GHG savings target of 50% (excludes impact of changes in land use)



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EU and UK Government policy

Agricultural subsidies

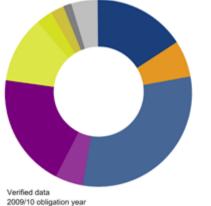
- EU Energy Aid Payments Scheme (€45/hectare) closed December 2009
- Energy Crops Scheme (England) available for miscanthus (ligno-cellulosic ethanol feedstock); grant for 50% of all eligible costs incurred
- Direct support mechanisms
 - Fuel duty incentive (20p/litre) abolished in April 2010 but available for UCO until 2012
 - RTFO Renewable Transport Fuel Certificates (RTFCs) value set by market but buy-out-price "floor" (30p/litre)
- Capital expenditure
 - Capital support for building biofuel-processing plants from RDAs (closes March 2012)
- Government supported R&D
 - BBSRC Sustainable Bioenergy Centre (£24m) 6 research programmes (focus on lignocellulosic biofuels e.g. new (marine borer) enzymes for non food biomass conversion)
 - Research Councils' UK Energy Programme £14.4m bioenergy funding of 76 projects spanning technical, economic, environmental and social issues





Feedstocks current

UK biofuel feedstocks



Volume of feedstock, litres

Oilseed rape 250m | 16% Palm 99m | 6% Soy 480m | 31% Sugar beet 76m | 5% Sugar cane 308m | 20% Tallow 182m | 12% UCO 43m | 3% Wheat 36m | 2% Other 22m | 1% Unknown 72m | 5%

'Other' includes barley, cassava, corn, corn oil, molasses, municipal solid waste, sulphite, sunflower and triticale

International feedstocks

Proportion of: biofuel volume | gross land area | net land area

Oilseed rape France 4% | 2% | 4% Oilseed rape Germany 10% | 6% | 9% Oilseed rape Ukraine 1% | 1% | 2% Oilseed rape UK 3% | 2% | 3% Oilseed rape USA 1% | 1% | 2% Palm Indonesia 2% | 1% | 2% Palm Malaysia 5% | 2% | 4% Soy Argentina 29% | 59% | 40%

Source: RFA Year Two of the RFO



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Feedstocks future

- Advanced (2nd /3rd generation) biofuels
 - Lignocellulosic
 - Waste biomass crop residues
 - Industry waste e.g. wood chips, fruit pulp
 - Energy biomass crops e.g. miscanthus, jatropha, switchgrass
 - Algal
 - Not all UK appropriate
- Mainly in R&D / pilot stage
 - Not commercial before 2020?
- Geographies
 - More locally sourced?







UK investment environment

- RTFO 2nd annual report (2009/10) UK is a particularly challenging market in which to secure investment
 - Lower ethanol trade tariffs than rest of EU
 - 'Voluntary' nature of the RTFO's
 - Carbon and sustainability reporting requirements
 - Policy uncertainty
- Recent news
 - UK-based investment in 'green' energy projects slumped to around £2 billion in 2010, compared to £7 billion in 2009 almost every other G20 country recorded spending rises (Pew Report)
 - Carbon Trust's budget cut by 40% eliminating the grant for Newcastle University's algae-for-biofuels research program
 - Renewable Fuels Agency dissolved on March 31st
 - Green Investment bank unlikely to be online until September 2012
 - Feed in Tariff announcement of consultation and review of FIT for solar power has driven investors away
- Coalition Government Policy
 - Government currently undertaking review of RTFO and biofuels more widely
 - Policy direction: Use of biofuels must be sustainable requirement for robust LCA; address specific concerns re indirect land change use
 - Consultation launched on implementation of EU Renewable Energy & Fuel Quality Directives
 - Legislation due by end of 2011



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Has the industry now come of age?

- Once oil is over \$70 a barrel, conventional and new generation biofuels become cost competitive
- What is required of government(s)?
 - Joined-up policy ensure biofuels seen in context of overall carbon / sustainability goals
 - Stable policy
 - R&D support for advanced biofuels
 - Soft loans to bridge "technology valley of death"
 - International certification scheme to ensure that production of biofuels meets certain carbon, sustainable, human rights etc. conditions and takes into account full LCA
 - Appropriate trade tariffs





But plenty of issues to consider.....

- Potential to reduce GHGs
 - Some biofuels may lead to greater overall emissions (palm oil)
- Efficiency of biofuels versus electric vehicle
 - Biomass to power to EVs potential for greater energy efficiency
- Rural development
 - Impact of biofuel crops on sustainable rural development in the UK
- Security of supply
 - Biofuels = diversification, but require fossil fuels for production
- Competition with food crops
 - Competing demands for land
- Area of land
 - Large areas of land UK would require 1-1.5m hectares to reach 5% target (20-30% of total arable land)
- Land use change
 - Conversion of natural / semi natural habitats to farmland can increase GHG emissions
- Biodiversity
 - Land use change and agricultural practices may have negative impact



