

# Press Release



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## ***STRONG GROWTH IN 2006 BIOETHANOL FUEL PRODUCTION***

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2006 showed like the year before a strong growth in bioethanol fuel production. Total production was around 1.56 billion litres, an increase of 71% compared to 2005 production.

Highest production was achieved in Germany (431 mio litres) followed by Spain (402 mio litres). In France too we have seen a strong growth because of additional government support measures. Strong increases also in Poland and Italy. The latter is almost exclusively because of wine alcohol processing.

There was no change in the number of Member States producing bioethanol fuel. However, in Finland there was no bioethanol fuel production in 2006 and for the Czech Republic there was production for the first time. The total number of countries therefore stays at 11. This year and certainly in 2008 we will see an increase in number of Member States where production of bioethanol fuel will take place.

EU consumption of bioethanol fuel in 2006 is estimated at just over 1.7 billion litres. Imports from Brazil are estimated at just over 230 million litres. Countries of destination were Sweden, the UK and Finland. In the latter this was for the production of ETBE.

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## Comparison between 2004, 2005 and 2006 production

Country	2006	2005	2004
Germany	431	165	25
Spain	402	303	254
France	250	144	101
Sweden	140	153	71
Italy	128	8	0
Poland	120	64	48
Hungary	34	35	0
Lithuania	18	8	0
Netherlands	15	8	14
Czech Republic	15	0	0
Latvia	12	12	12
Finland	0	13	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>528</b>

*In million litres*

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