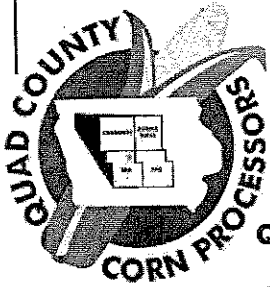


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### Comparing Plant to Plant

By Charlie Voss, Production Manager

One year ago, Quad County Corn Processors formed an alliance with Ascendent Partners based in Colorado and three other similarly sized ethanol plants in the Upper Midwest to create a peer group. Our goal is to share information in the areas of production, finance, procurement, and marketing. In a unique arrangement, data is compiled so we can compare; with the goal of gaining efficiencies in all areas of plant operations.

The other ethanol plants in our peer group are based out of Wisconsin, Kansas, and Iowa. Each plant is similar in terms of size, challenges, and goals. Over the last 12 months, we have focused on collecting data in the same manner so our comparisons are

reliable. Now that we have a common baseline for comparison, the monthly reports and quarterly meetings will be valuable to Quad County and provide us with a way to measure our performance.

We are excited about the insights we will gain by working together with these other plants. When Quad County Corn Processors was founded 10 years ago, our employees were all new to ethanol production and made business decisions based on sound principles. Over the years, we have incorporated hands-on learning on industry standards as we gained experience. Now, as our business and the ethanol industry matures, we are looking forward to shaping our future using the best information possible.

### Grain Track - Online Tool for Grain Clients

Quad County Corn Processors now offers grain customers a new tool called Grain Track so you can monitor your corn contracts and scale tickets online 24/7. To get your user name and password for Grain Track, contact Janet Fitch at Quad County by calling 712-282-4628 or email janetf@Quad-County.com. She will help you get set up to use this new, free, and secure online service designed to help you monitor your information at your convenience.

When you log on to www.Quad-County.com, there's a button on the lower left corner labeled "GT Pass Login." When you click the button, you are taken to the Vertical Software log in page.

We hope you find this new tool a valuable resource and would appreciate your feedback.

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Password:	<input type="password"/>
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## What's Up in the Lab?

By Travis Brotherson, Plant Engineer

When I was hired by Quad County Corn Processors in December 2008, I was given the responsibilities of increasing plant efficiencies for the company as well as conducting for-hire research and development work in Quad County's state-of-the-art R&D lab.

We spend a great deal of time trialing enzymes and working to determine the most cost efficient dosages of enzymes for maximum plant operations. Our goal is to minimize enzyme usage while achieving the highest ethanol yields possible. For example, we are working with enzymes performing the final breakdown of sugars during the fermentation process for yeast to consume.

We also pre-trial enzymes in our R&D lab before they are introduced into full production so we only incorporate enzymes that will benefit Quad County's net income.

The lab is also looking at possible changes to some process temperatures to help reduce energy usage in the production process, just one more way we seek to make the most profit possible.

We are happy to be doing our first for-hire testing at the Quad County Corn Processors lab. This month-long project started on November 15, 2010, and will generate additional revenue for the company and help us fully utilize all the resources available in the lab. We are visiting with other companies regarding the possibility of testing for them in the future as well.

## 547 Days and Counting

By Ryan Ruble, Lab Supervisor

Safety is a primary focus at Quad County Corn Processors and we are proud to report as of December 8, 2010, we have 547 accident/injury free days of production.

We hold quarterly company-wide safety meetings where we update staff on policies, procedures, changes, and success stories.



Every newly hired employee at Quad County Corn Processors goes through safety training before they step onto the production floor. This includes lock-out, tag-out, emergency action plans, emergency situations, plans for accounting for personnel at the plant, how to contact and direct emergency management services, and plans for every possible scenario.

Our day-to-day commitment to safety reflects the value we place on our most important asset - our staff.

## Thanks for Choosing Golden Bran®

By Rick Heaton, Golden Bran® Sales

Quad County Corn Processors completed our annual Golden Bran® contracting program in September for 2010-2011. At this time, 100 percent of Golden Bran® 32, Golden Bran® Dry, and Golden Bran® Liquid is contracted. Please continue to stay in touch with us for spot loads that may become available.

Golden Bran® co-products are in high demand because:

1. Consistent product
2. Quality control within plant on feed products
3. Competitive pricing and contracting alternatives.

To provide the best possible service, we remind co-product customers that all loads must be scheduled in advance of delivery.

Contact Rick Heaton or Marcia Loucks for delivery and pick-up schedules. Reach Rick by calling 712-368-4311 and call Marcia at 712-282-4628.

These quality co-products are locally produced with revenue staying in the area. Monthly analysis is available so livestock producers have all the data they need for ration formulation as well.



# Dryer Back in Service

By Rex Rimmer, Maintenance Manager

On April 6, Quad County Corn Processors experienced a fire inside one of the dryer cyclones. We are happy to report there were no injuries during this event. Unfortunately, it meant our dryer was out of service for six months. We would like to thank all of our customers and Rick Heaton for the extra effort and flexibility during the period the dryer was out of service. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to the Galva and Holstein Fire Departments for their quick and professional response.

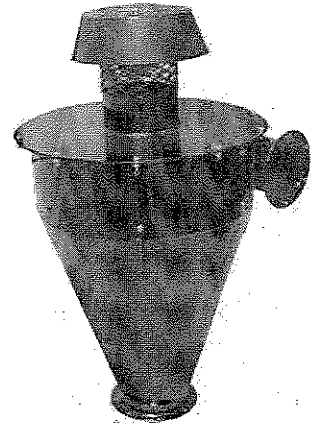
Our insurance company hired Lundin Construction to perform needed repair and replacement. They removed the roof over the dryers, cut out the damaged units, installed two new cyclones, and replaced the roof. The entire process took

six months and the new cyclones went online on October 25. The new units are running well.

We used the time while we were replacing the damaged dryers to perform preventative and required maintenance.

We also installed additional fire snubbing equipment to prevent future fires.

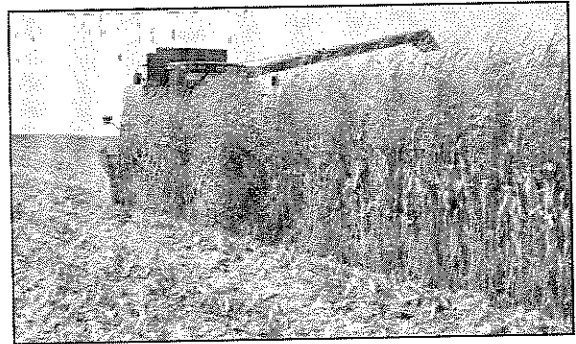
Quad County is pleased to have the dryer back in operation. Thanks again for your support and understanding!



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## Thank You!

The harvest season was near perfect with beautiful weather which allowed for a quick harvest and great yields. As the 2010 corn crop came into Quad County, our staff appreciated how those delivering corn paid attention to signs and instructions. A special thank you to those who displayed ID cards in their vehicles. It helped all of us do a better, more efficient job during a very busy time.



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## By the Numbers - Quad County Corn Processors Production History

Ethanol Produced Gallons	209,680,688
Corn Processed Bushels	80,486,592
GoldenBran® Dry Sales Tons	77,355
GoldenBran® 32 Sales Tons	1,270,426
GoldenBran® Liquid Sales Tons	742,011
E85 Sales Gallons	1,711,004

\* These figures are from 2002 - October 2010.

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## Management Transition

Jeff Nelson, general manager at Quad County Corn Processors since October 26, 2009, resigned earlier this fall and accepted the general manager position at Aspinwall Cooperative. His last day at Quad County was November 5, 2010. We appreciate the leadership he brought to QCCP during his tenure and wish him the best at his new position.

Delayne Johnson has temporarily resigned from the Quad County Board of Directors to accept a half-time position acting as interim general manager at the plant. The board of directors is reviewing some of its marketing contracts before actively pursuing a full-time general manager.



## Quad County Corn Processors Team

We are proud of the team we have assembled at Quad County Corn Processors.

We appreciate the employees' loyalty, dedication, and extra effort critical for Quad County Corn Processors to achieve its goals. The chart below is a list of employees with five years of service or more. Thank you!

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Kristi Brotherson, office manager	9
Chad Ehrp, boiler operator	9
Jon Heitmann, utility	9
Terry Rasmussen, utility	9
Rex Rimmer, maintenance and project manager	9
Charlie Voss, production manager	9
Roy Williams, lead manager	9
Brad Yearous, lead operator	9
Marcia Loucks, administration	8
Rich Naberhaus, distillation operator	8
James Bumgardner, lead operator	7
James Kunneke, boiler operator	7
Chad Clausen, cook operator	5
Joe Williams, production supervisor	5

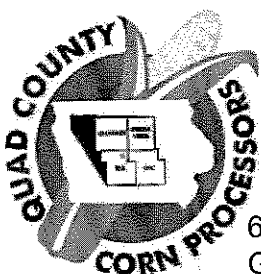
## What's the Future Hold for Iowa's Renewable Fuels Industry?

The Iowa Renewable Fuels Association is hosting the 5th Annual Iowa Renewable Fuels Summit on January 25, 2011, at the Polk County Convention Complex in Des Moines. This event brings together ethanol and biodiesel producers, plant investors, technology providers, equipment manufacturers, service providers and biofuels advocates to address the ever-changing landscape for Iowa's renewable fuels economy.

The program will focus on introducing the newest ethanol blend - E15 - to Iowa motorists. Earlier this year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced approval of E15 for 2007 and newer model years. EPA has indicated this approval will be extended to 2001 and newer vehicles early next year.

Visit the trade show to see the latest technology and equipment for ethanol and biodiesel. Chat with exhibitors to learn more about new technology and efficiencies available to improve the bottom line for Iowa's biofuels producers.

Plan to join fellow renewable fuels advocates in Des Moines on January 25. To register for this free event, go to [www.IowaRFA.org](http://www.IowaRFA.org).



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