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# Renewable energy newsletter available

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new electronic newsletter focusing on Renewable Energy is available from Iowa State University. This monthly newsletter addresses economic and business issues associated with a wide range of renewable energy topics. It focuses mainly on biofuels but also includes wind, solar, and other renewable energy sources.

Examples of renewable energy issues addressed by the newsletter include:

- Industry and Price Trends
- Current Media Issues (e.g. food vs. fuel debate)
- New Technologies
- Alternative Feedstocks
- Profitability
- Policy Developments
- Other topics of interest

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## **Decision Tools**

The following decision tools have been added to www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm.

**Delayed Planting and Replanting Evaluator -** Use this decision tool to evalutate delayed planting, replanting, and prevented planting alternatives.

### **Current Profitability**

The following profitability tools have been updated on www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm to reflect current price data.

**Corn Profitability** – A1-85

Soybean Profitability - A1-86

**Ethanol Profitability** – D1-10

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