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## **Growing Forward 2 is Good News for Canadian Biofuels**

*Homegrown renewable fuels drive economic growth in rural Canada and are a key part of our Bio-Economy future*

OTTAWA, ON—(April 3, 2013) The Canadian Renewable Fuels Association (CRFA) applauds the official launch of the Growing Forward 2 (GF2) policy framework announced by the Hon. Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture on April 1, 2013.

GF2 programs will focus on innovation, competitiveness and market development so that Canadian producers will have the tools and resources needed to increase innovation and successfully capture new emerging market opportunities. This is good news for Canada's renewable fuels industry and the farmers who work so closely with biofuels producers.

Today, CRFA members are producing clean-burning renewable fuels across the country. This success is a testament to our Canadian farmers as well as government initiatives to promote economic growth and prosperity, like the federal Renewable Fuels Regulations, the NextGen for Biofuels Fund, and most recently, GF2.

"Farmers across the country are clear winners with increased production and promotion of domestic renewable fuels" said CRFA President W. Scott Thurlow. "Canada's renewable fuels sector creates jobs and is helping grow the economy in rural Canada. Now, our members are taking the platform created by ethanol and biodiesel technology and using it to develop fuels, and value-added agricultural and chemical products, from a growing range of biomass. Programs like GF2 will help build-out this innovation so that the economic and business risk management benefits of domestic renewable fuels production will accrue for our farmers today and well into the future."

The CRFA welcomes the opportunity to continue to work with the government through programs like GF2. As was the case in growing domestic ethanol and biodiesel production, working together is the best way to turn our industry's innovations into our country's success.

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### **About the CRFA**

Founded in 1984, the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association (CRFA) is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote the use of renewable fuels for transportation through consumer awareness and government liaison activities.

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