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# **The Renewable Diesel Boom** What Does the Future Look Like?

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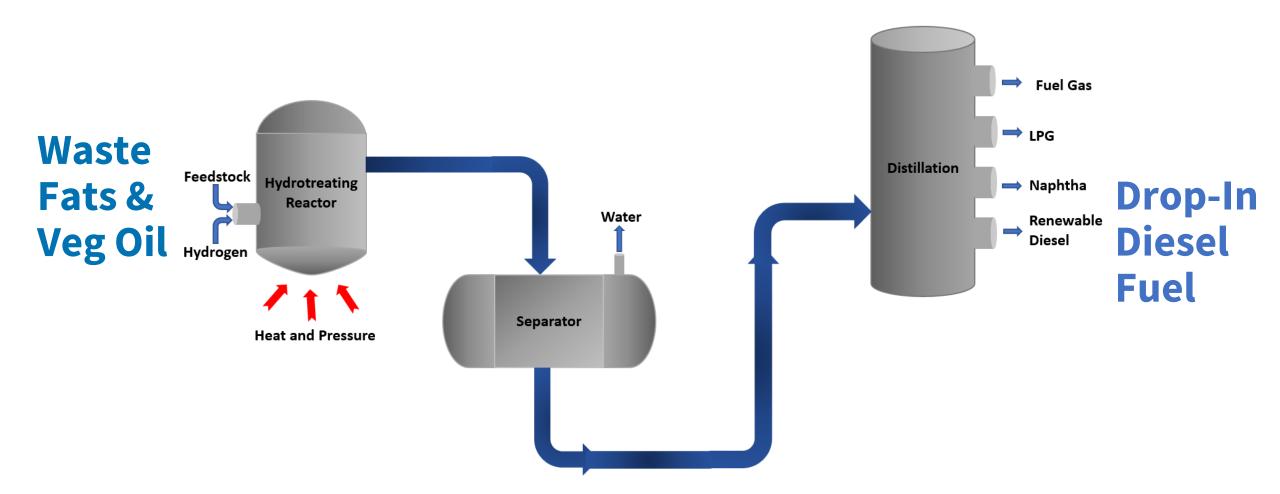
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# What is Renewable Diesel?





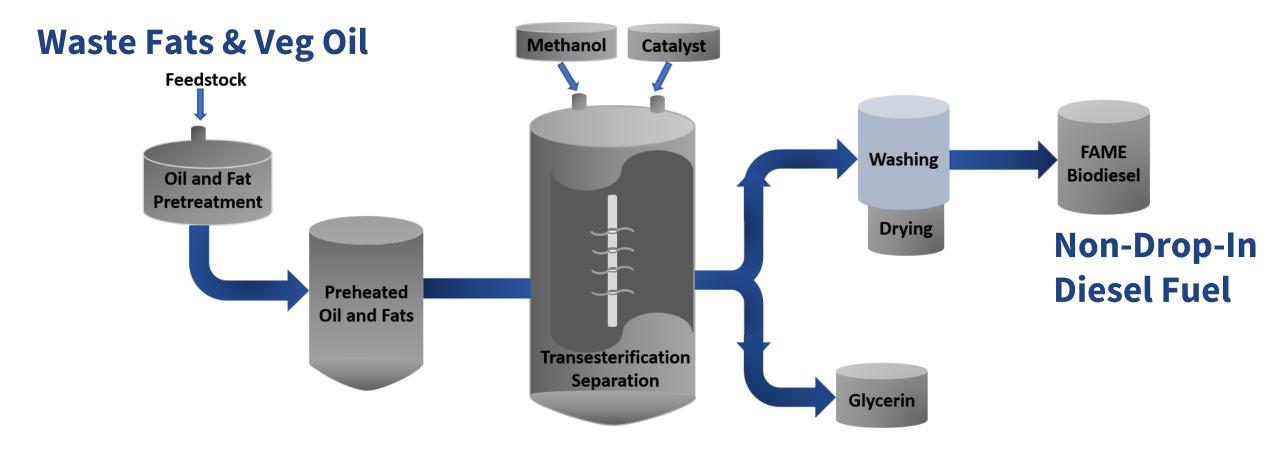
## **Renewable Diesel Production Process**



## **Petroleum Refining Technology**



# FAME (Fatty Acid Methyl Ester) Biodiesel Production Process

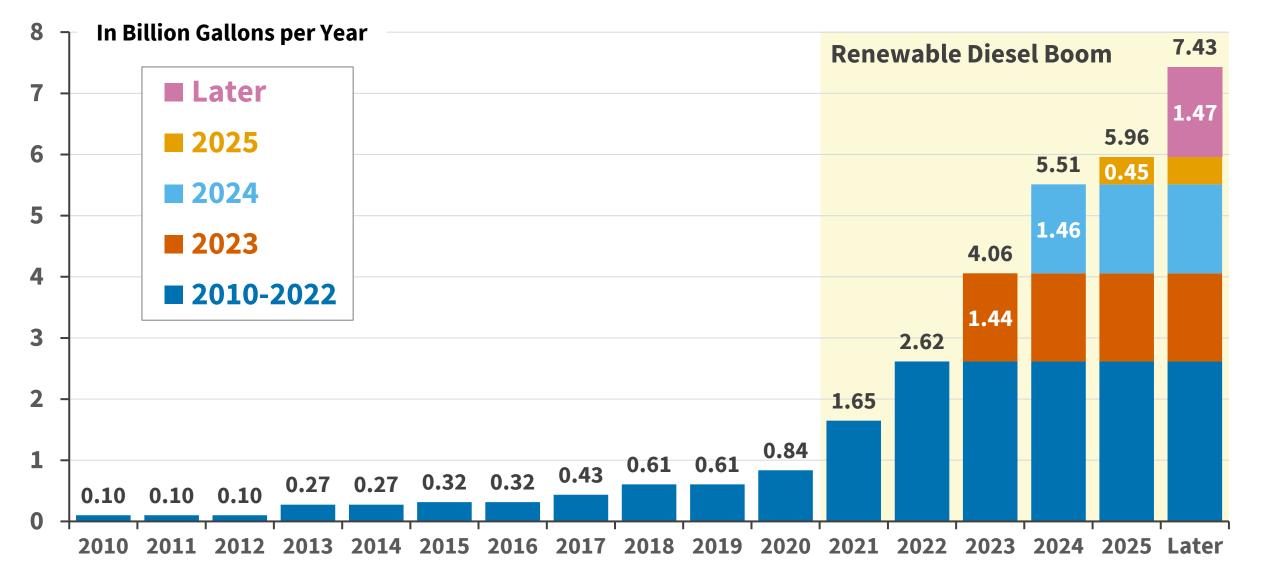


## **Polyester Production Technology**



# What Do We Know About the Renewable Diesel Boom?

### Annual U.S. Renewable Diesel Nameplate Production Capacity Actual for 2010 - 2022 and Projected for 2023 - 2025 and Later

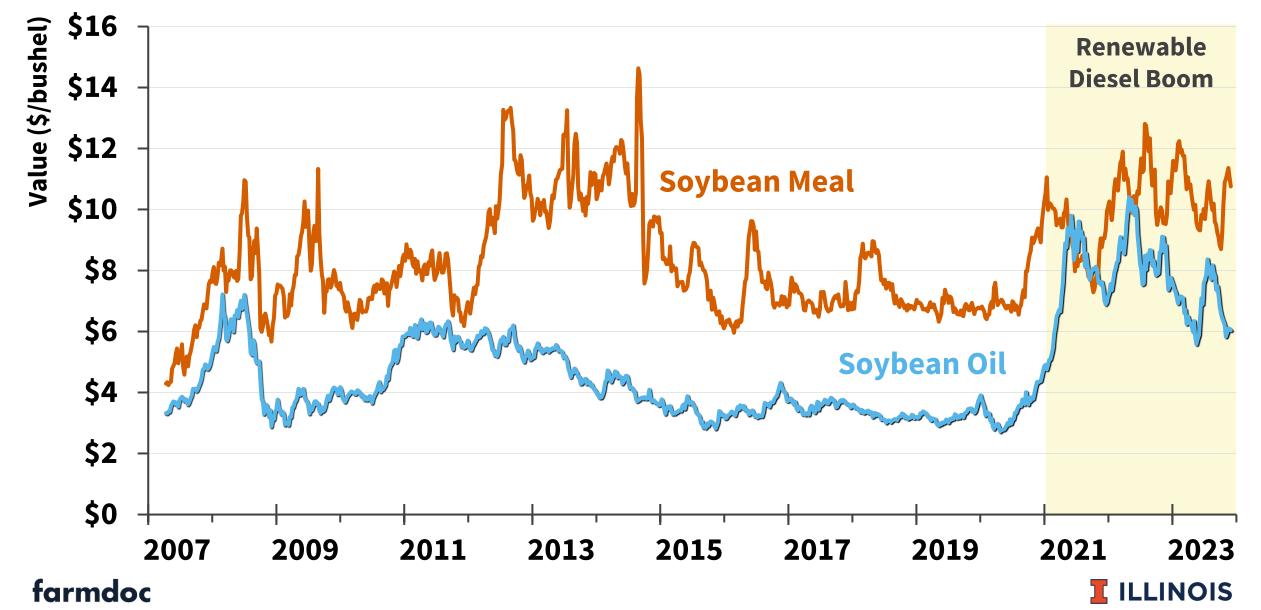


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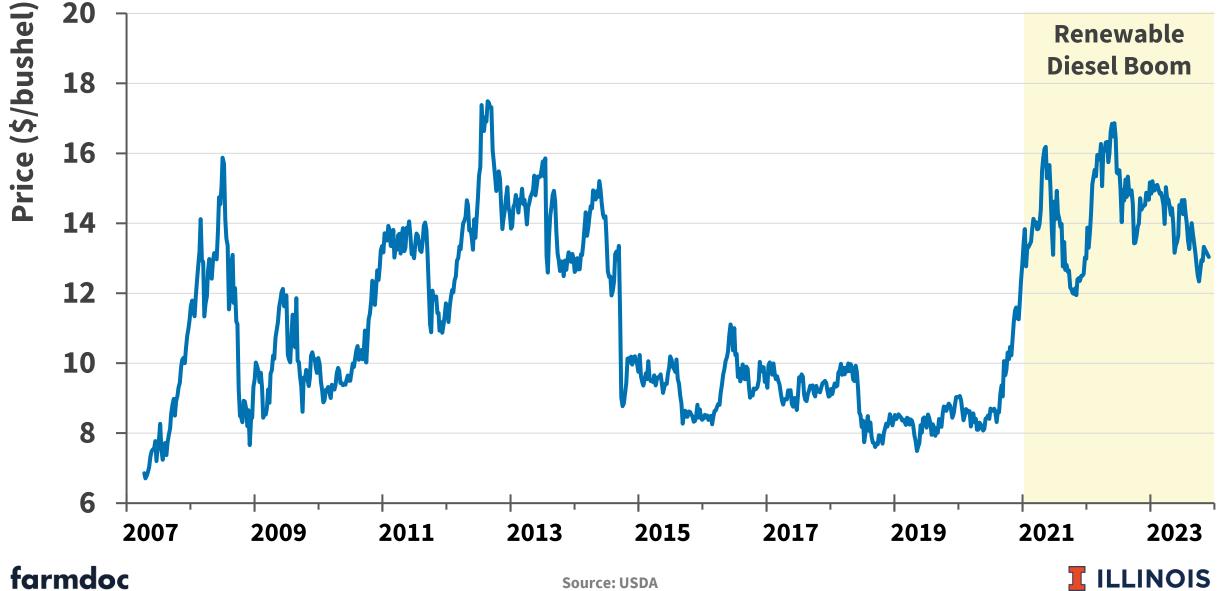
Sources: ElA, Render and Biodiesel Magazines, and Other Industry Sources

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### Weekly (Friday) Crush Value of Soybean Meal and Soybean Oil at Iowa Plants, 01/26/2007 - 12/01/2023

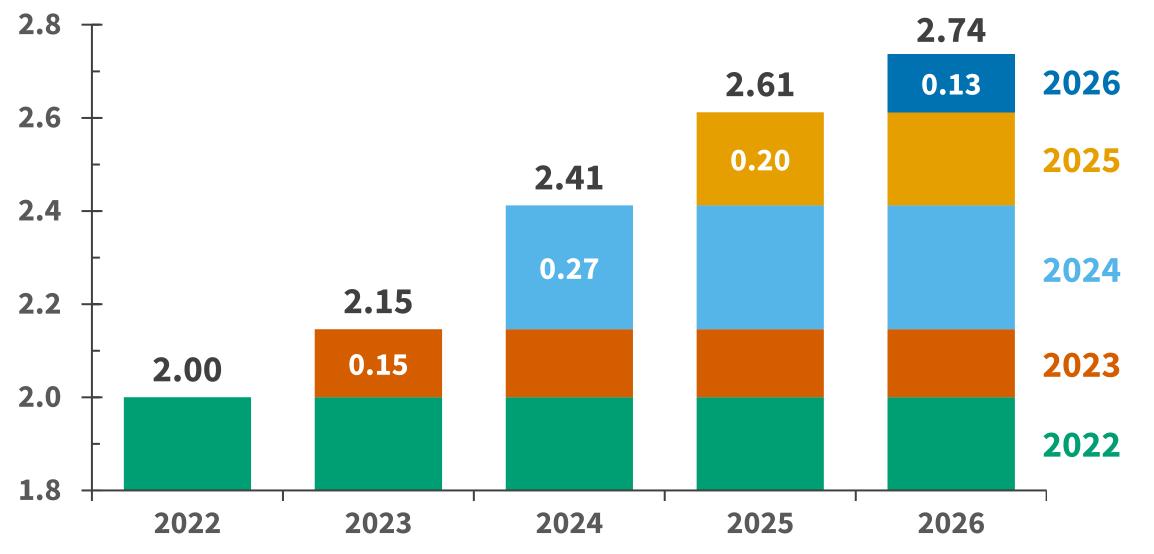


### Weekly (Friday) Price of Soybeans at Iowa Plants 01/26/2007 - 12/01/2023



Source: USDA

### **Current and Expected U.S. Soybean Crush Capacity** *in billion bushels from 2022 - 2026*



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Source: American Soybean Association

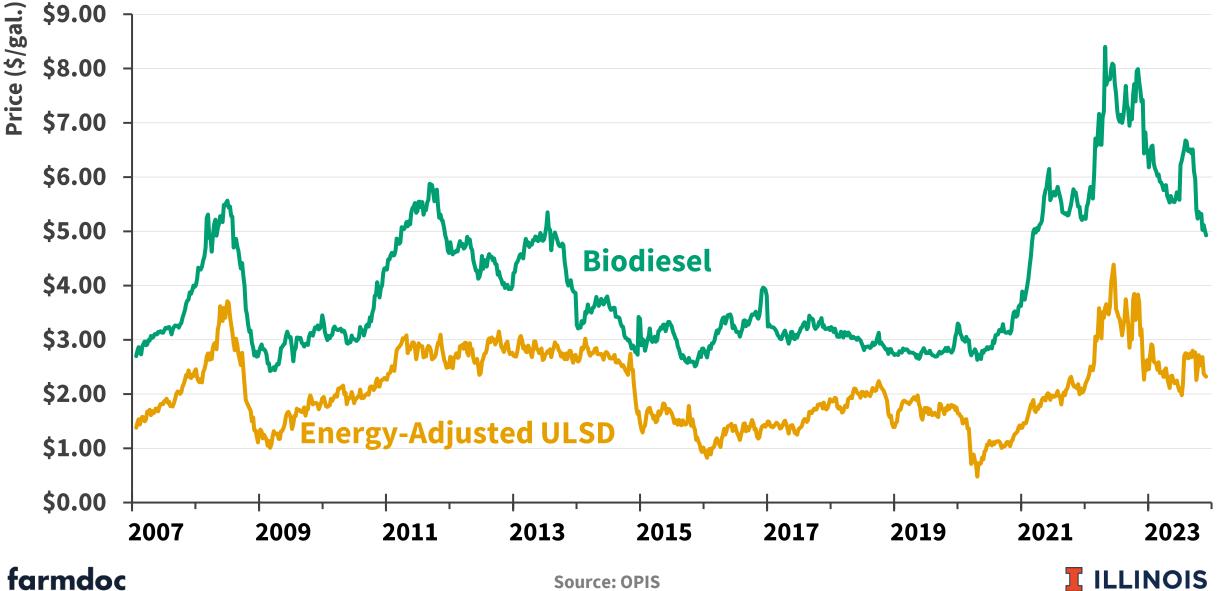
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What is Driving the Renewable Diesel Boom?



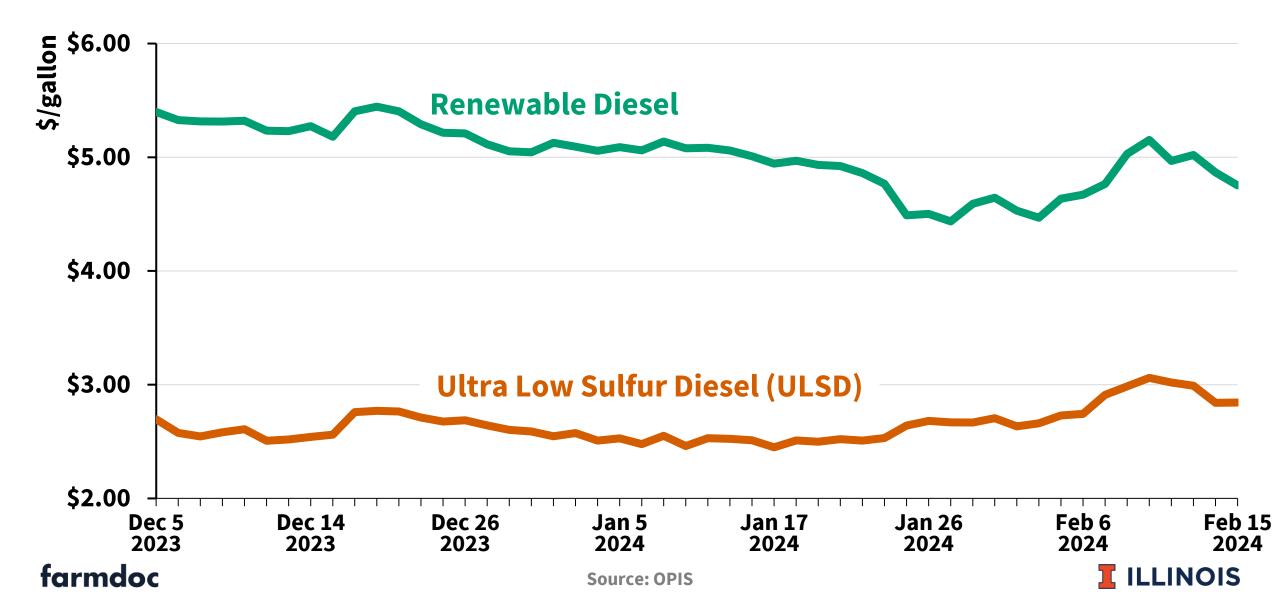


### Weekly (Thursday) Wholesale Biodiesel and Energy-Adjusted Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) Price at Chicago, 01/25/2007 - 11/30/2023

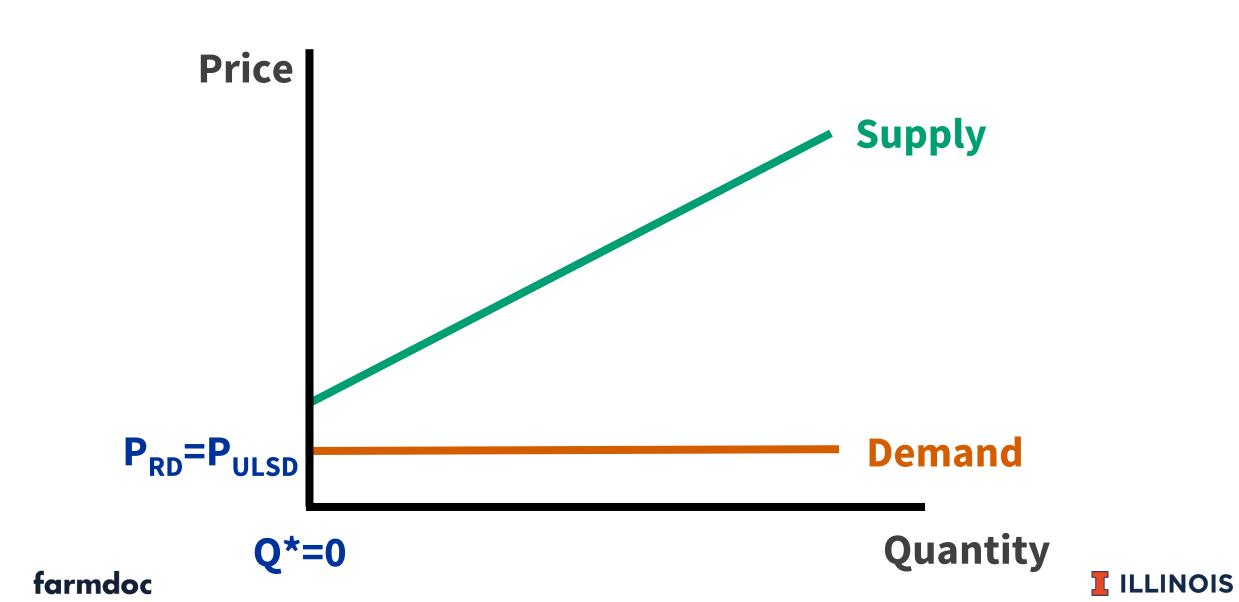


Source: OPIS

### Daily Renewable Diesel and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) Prices in Los Angeles, 12/05/2023 - 02/15/2023



## **The Renewable Diesel Market**



# The Policy Stack for a Policy Market

- **1. U.S. Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)** minimum volumetric mandates for biofuel use
- 2. U.S. Blenders Tax Credit (BTC) \$1 per gallon credit for each gallon of renewable diesel and FAME biodiesel blended with diesel
- 3. U.S. Import Tariffs

duties on major U.S. import competitors of 54 to 70% per gallon of FAME biodiesel



# The Policy Stack for a Policy Market

## 4. State FAME Biodiesel Blend Mandates

variety of programs (e.g., Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa)

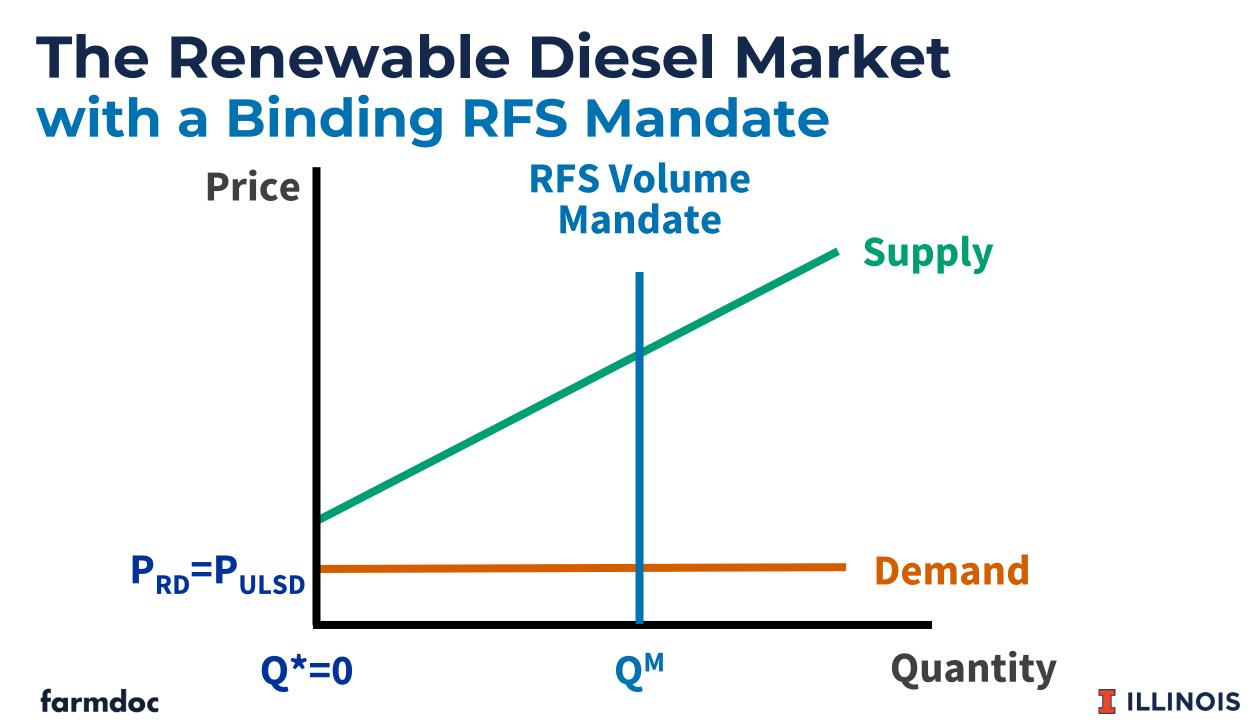
5. State Low Carbon Fuel Standards (LCFS) variable credits for supplying low carbon fuel into fuel market (California, Oregon, Washington)

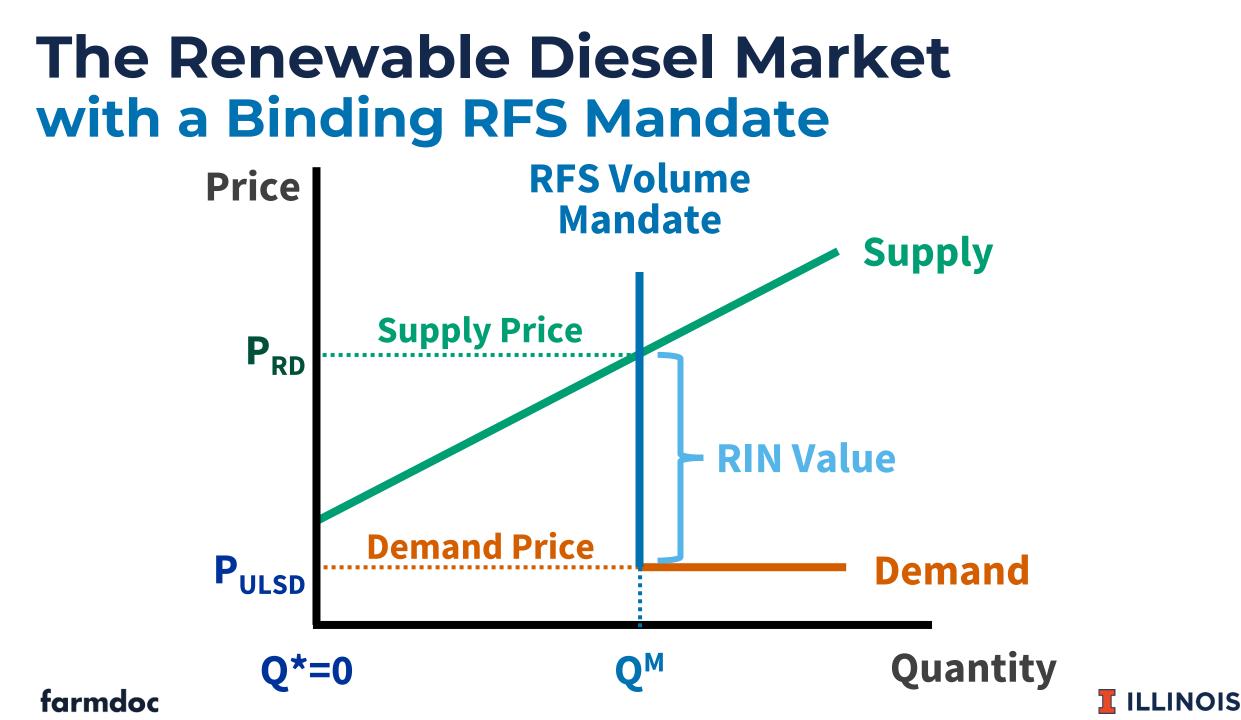




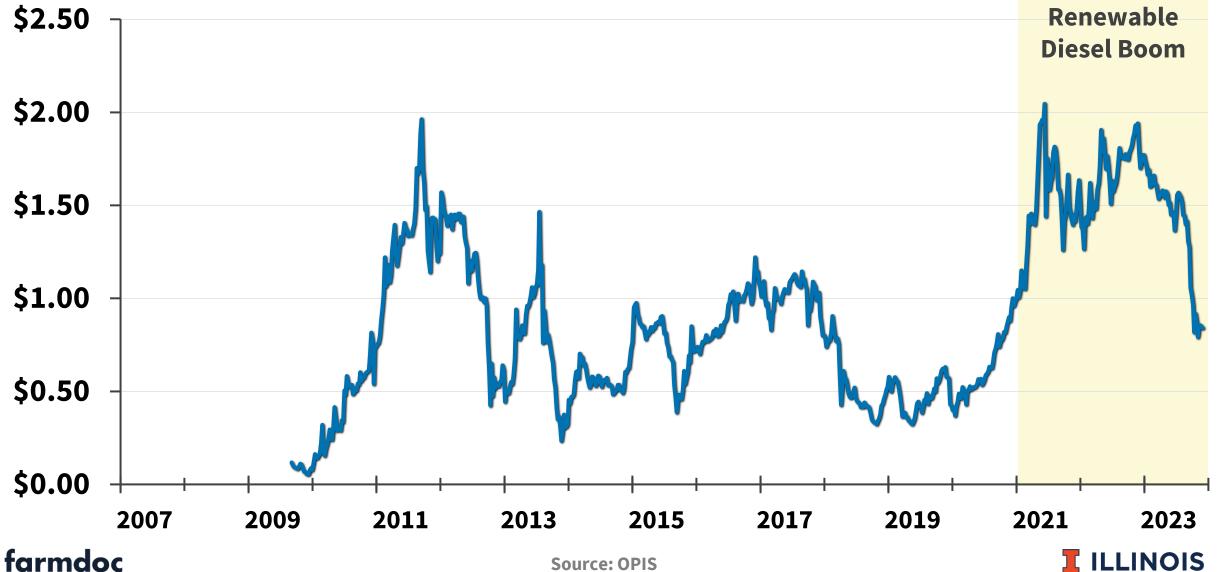
## Where is the Renewable Diesel Boom Headed?



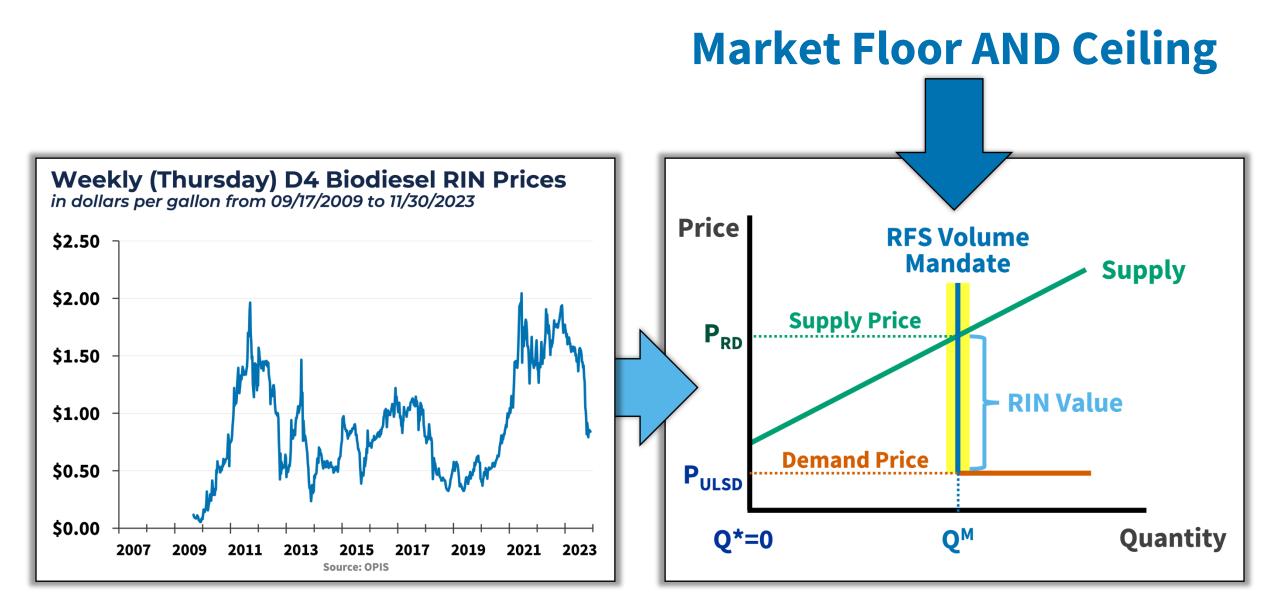




### Weekly (Thursday) D4 Biodiesel RIN Prices in dollars per gallon from 09/17/2009 to 11/30/2023



Source: OPIS





## **Renewable Diesel and FAME Biodiesel Fill Three Buckets in the RFS**







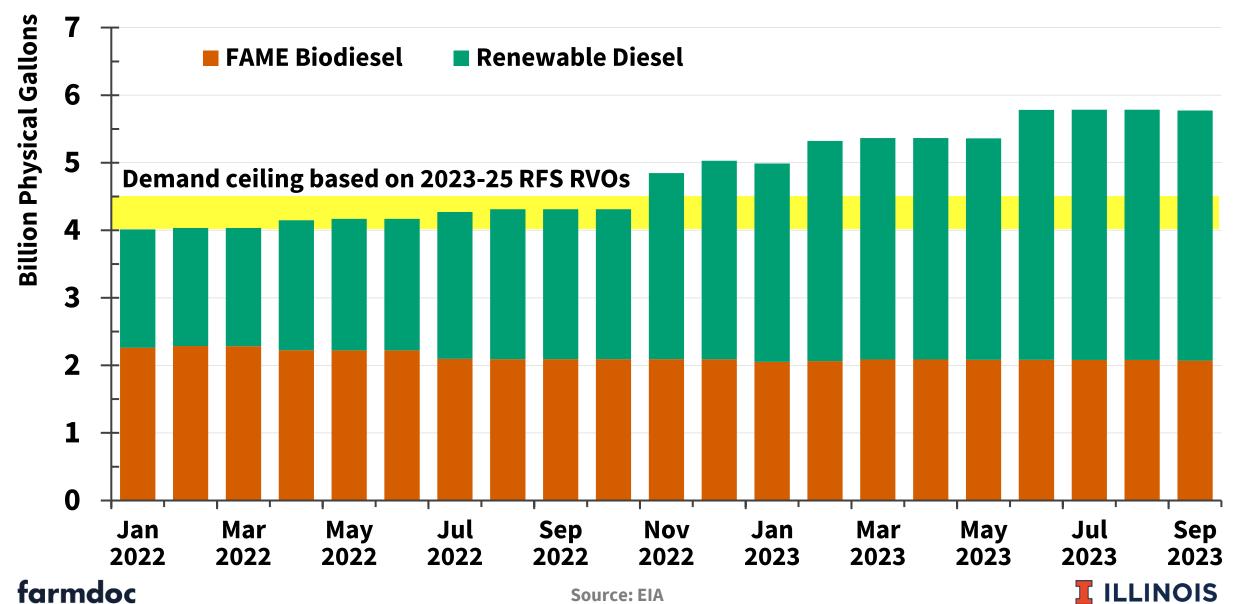
**Biodiesel Mandate** 

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\*\*2023-25 RFS renewable volume obligations (RVOs) imply these three buckets add up to a maximum demand for renewable diesel and FAME biodiesel of **4.0 to 4.5 billion gallons per year** 



### **Operable FAME Biodiesel and Renewable Diesel Production Capacity in the U.S., January 2022 - September 2023**



# **The Bearish Scenario**

- 1. Plans for new renewable diesel plants shelved
- 2. Capacity utilization for existing renewable diesel and FAME biodiesel plants reduced
- 3. FAME biodiesel plants mothballed
- 4. Some combination of all three





# **A Potential Bullish Scenario**

- 1. RVOs increased
- 2. RIN bank refilled
- 3. Reduction in renewable diesel and FAME biodiesel imports (conversion of blender tax credit to producer tax credit)
- 4. Renewable diesel exports increased (O Canada!)



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