

Re: brazil ethanol

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Ian Stirling wrote:

> conradeaton@xxxxxxxxxxx wrote:
>> Is this right??? It seems different from much of what I read here, but
>> it is hard to doubt the WSJ.
>> "After nearly three decades of work, Brazil has developed a
>> cost-effective alternative to gasoline... (and) expects to become
>> energy independent this year (down from importing 80% in the 1970s--the
>> U.S. imports about 60% currently)...Brazil can make ethanol from sugar
>> cane for about \$1 a gallon, according to the World Bank. That compares
>> with the international price of gasoline of about \$1.50 a gallon. Even
>> though ethanol gets less mileage per gallon than gasoline, in Brazil
>> it's still much cheaper per mile driven."
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> So green.
> All they need to do is chop down that annoying forest, and plant sugar
> cane.

Brazilians, freed from the oil dictatorship, succumb to the one of ethanol.

The ethanol prices are sky high in Brazil and Brazilians, who started to be free from the dictatorship of the high international prices of oil and gas, now succumb to the sugar cane producer prices.

The Brazilian government has called the industry for a meeting next week, alarmed by the consecutive prices of the so called alcohol (ethanol fuel, manufactured from sugar cane. Today a sensible part of the Brazilian car park is working with this fuel)

According to the industry, in 2006 the price of this fuel increased in the country an average of 6 percent. According to the press, the increases are much higher.

Last Saturday, the Secretary to the Minister of Energy, Nelson Hubner, warned in a press conference that the government could reduce the ethanol mix with gas from 25 to 20 percent, if producers do not reduce prices.

In Brazil, the sugar cane ethanol is a fuel in itself and besides can go mixed with the gas sold to public.

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Brazil is the first world producer of sugar cane, thus allowing them the technology development of the ethanol as fuel.

At present, more than 70 percent of the cars sold in Brazil are bifuel; that is, they can be used with alcohol or gas, no matter which; a technology developed in previous years that seemed to have relieved Brazilians from the high prices dependency of the oil derivatives.

But the ethanol, with all the consecutive increases is close to the gas prices.

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