



## U.S. Biodiesel Production Capacity

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There are presently 171 companies that have invested millions of dollars into the development of biodiesel manufacturing plants and are actively marketing biodiesel. The annual production capacity from these plants is 2.24 billion gallons per year. It is important to note that production capacity differs from the actual number of gallons sold.

According to NBB members, in 2007, actual production from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 was 450 million gallons.

Sixty companies have reported that their plants are currently under construction and are scheduled to be completed within the next 12-18 months. An additional three plants are expanding their existing operations. Their combined capacity, if realized, would result in another 1.23 billion gallons per year of biodiesel production.

Note: Annual Production Capacity only refers to the reported maximum production capacity of the facility. Therefore, it does not represent how many gallons of biodiesel were actually produced at each plant. In fact, due to current economic conditions, the capacity utilization at many of these facilities is extremely low.

A graph illustrating biodiesel production can be found at [http://www.biodiesel.org/pdf\\_files/fuelfactsheets/Production\\_Graph\\_Slide.pdf](http://www.biodiesel.org/pdf_files/fuelfactsheets/Production_Graph_Slide.pdf)