# COVID-19 impact on global ethanol markets

Brian D. Healy
Director of Global Ethanol Market
Development
U.S. Grains Council





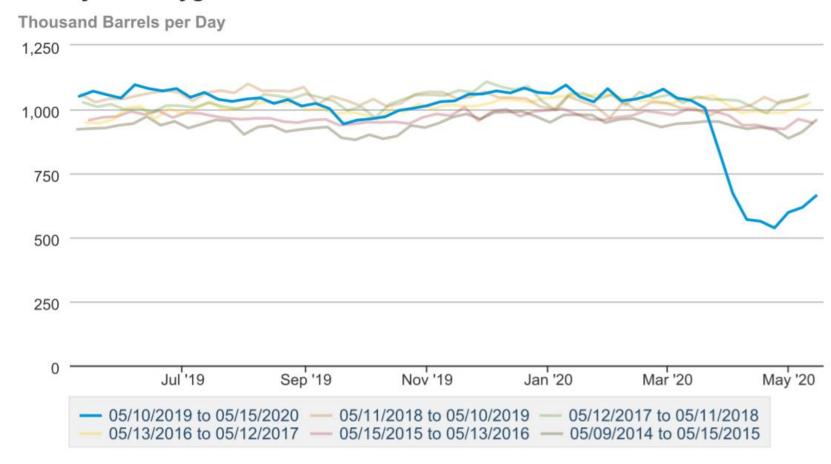
- Stay at home orders → overnight demand disappearance – gasoline demand down 50 percent in the U.S., about 11 percent inclusion rate
- Half of U.S. ethanol industry offline or operating under capacity – now starting to come back online
- Exports reductions not realized yet in trade data
- Prefaced with global glut of crude, price pressure easing as April agreement holds in May, likely June
- Demand recovery begins in China, EU, and U.S.
   as they slowly open, many countries facing worse of crisis now a structural change has occurred
- Human Health hand sanitizer hones attention



### U.S. ethanol production has recovered slightly; now 38 percent below May 15, 2019

Annual U.S. demand forecast down 20-25 percent for 2020

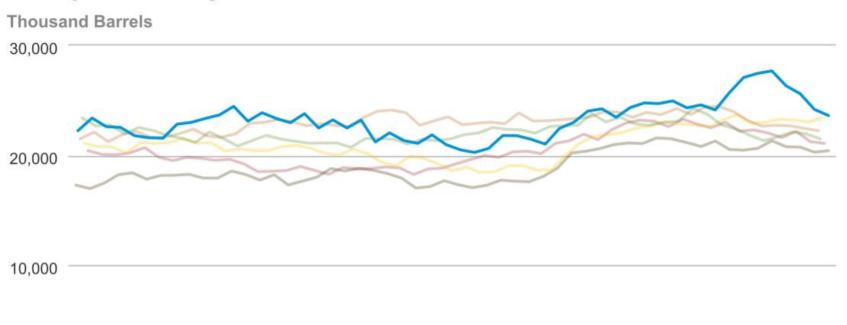
#### Weekly U.S. Oxygenate Plant Production of Fuel Ethanol





### Stocks also ease as production recovers, storage constraint relief

#### Weekly U.S. Ending Stocks of Fuel Ethanol







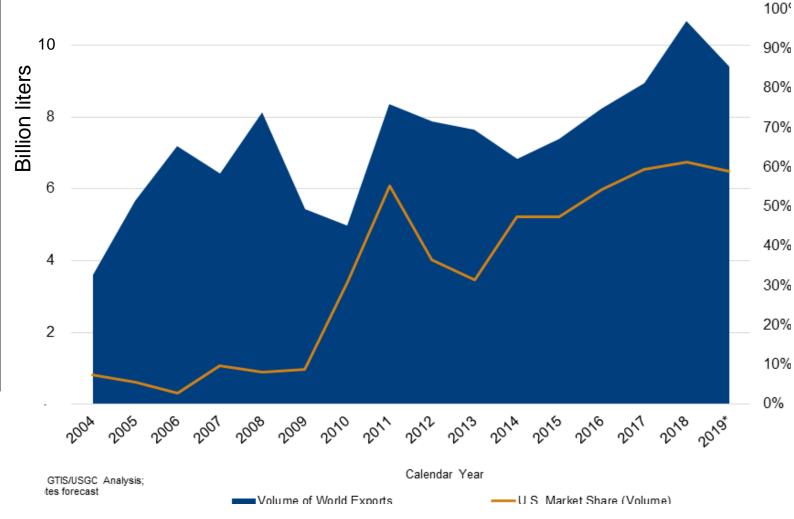


- 2019 trade down due to market access barriers & sugar price decline further weighed on Brazil demand
- 2020 global fuel ethanol trade will decline, industrial use to lesser extent
  - U.S. exports at 3.1 billion liters 09/19-02/20, up 3%
  - Fuel demand loss in top export markets will drive decline rest of MY20 – Brazil, Canada, EU
- Beyond 2020 policy implementation will be key for expanded demand



#### Worldwide Trade in Ethanol in 2019 Reaches 9.42 Billion Liters (2.8 Billion Gallons)

U.S. holds 59% share of world exports



Implementation delays have started in some markets after 13 have announced significant expansions to their policies over the past two years *Critical to keep policy progress moving forward* 

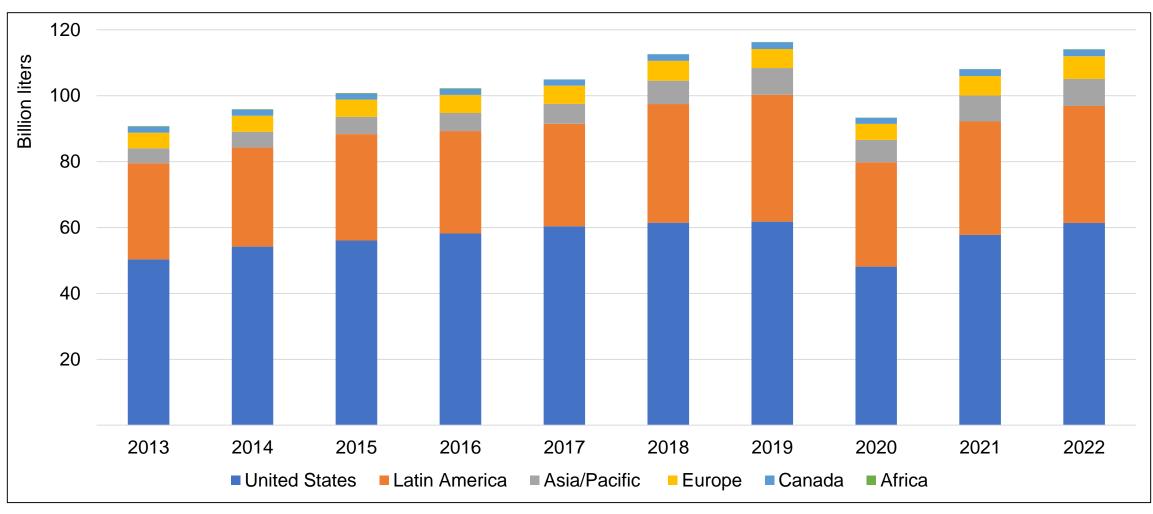
#### **Expanding global use**

- Bolivia E25 by 2025
- Brazil RenovaBio and corn ethanol industry expansion
- China E10 provincial mandates, national policy recently delayed
- Canada Ontario/Quebec: E10 by 2020/21, 15% renewable content by 2025, CFS national policy
- EU maintains feedstocks (RED II)
- UK E5 to E10
- India new feedstocks
- Japan new suppliers in 2019
- Mexico E10 allowance in 65 percent of the country
- Vietnam E5 to E10, 2020 and new feedstocks
- South Africa E2 blend
- Australia Bioenergy roadmap



### Global ethanol production forecast down 20 percent in 2020 – recovery not realized until 2022

23 billion liter production loss in 2020 – shuttering more than 250 ethanol plants globally



Source: Stratas Advisors



## Factors that will weigh on ethanol markets post COVID-19 *A long tail to recovery*

- Government responses to second wave and vaccine timing
- Readjustment to social proximity and overcoming learned behaviors & fear
- Global unrest from unemployment, deferred payments, access to fiscal support, nationalism
- Industry bankruptcies and consolidation
   structural change is underway, in some sectors has already occurred
- Pressure on current and future policies
- Pressure on feedstock producers in already difficult positions