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Didion Hosts Wisconsin Biofuel Industry Event *DATCP Secretary Brancel and DNR Secretary Stepp attend*

Cambria, Wis. (September 30, 2011) – [Didion Ethanol](http://DidionEthanol.com) played host to Wisconsin's Biofuel Industry Event on Thursday, September 29th – co-sponsored by Wisconsin Bio Industry Alliance and Wisconsin Corn Growers Association.

The event educated attendees on Wisconsin's corn and ethanol industries and highlighted the Didion Ethanol production process. Attendees learned of that the economic impact of Wisconsin's ethanol industry is remarkable. For each 50 million gallon plant, 700+ direct and indirect jobs are created and about \$150 million gets pumped into the economy. For all of Wisconsin's nine plants, that equals 6,300+ direct and indirect jobs and about \$1.35 billion invested in the economy.

"We were delighted to have representatives from Wisconsin's Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Department of Administration (DOA), State Assembly, and representatives from our two U.S. Senators, displaying bipartisan support for the industry," said Didion CEO John Didion.

Two members of Governor Walker's Cabinet were also in attendance – DATCP Secretary Ben Brancel and DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp.

Many other organizations that have impacted the ethanol industry were also there in support including Wisconsin's Focus on Energy, American Lung Association, and Renewable Fuels Association. Four of the nine Wisconsin ethanol plants also had a presence at the event including Ace Ethanol in Stanley, Utica Energy in Utica, and Western Wisconsin Energy in Boyceville.

DATCP Secretary Ben Brancel spoke of the public's lack of current information on the ethanol industry, saying statistics typically used are ten years old. Representatives Keith Ripp (R-Lodi) of local District 47 and Representative Lee Nerison (R-Westby) were on hand to share their agricultural backgrounds with the audience and what it means to them.

"To see the bipartisan support for the industry was overwhelming and a great outlook for the future of Wisconsin's ethanol industry," John Didion, CEO said.

Didion is a family owned operation with more than 175 employees and four locations in Wisconsin. For nearly 40 years, the Didion family of companies has been an employer and innovator in Wisconsin's Agricultural community producing products.

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