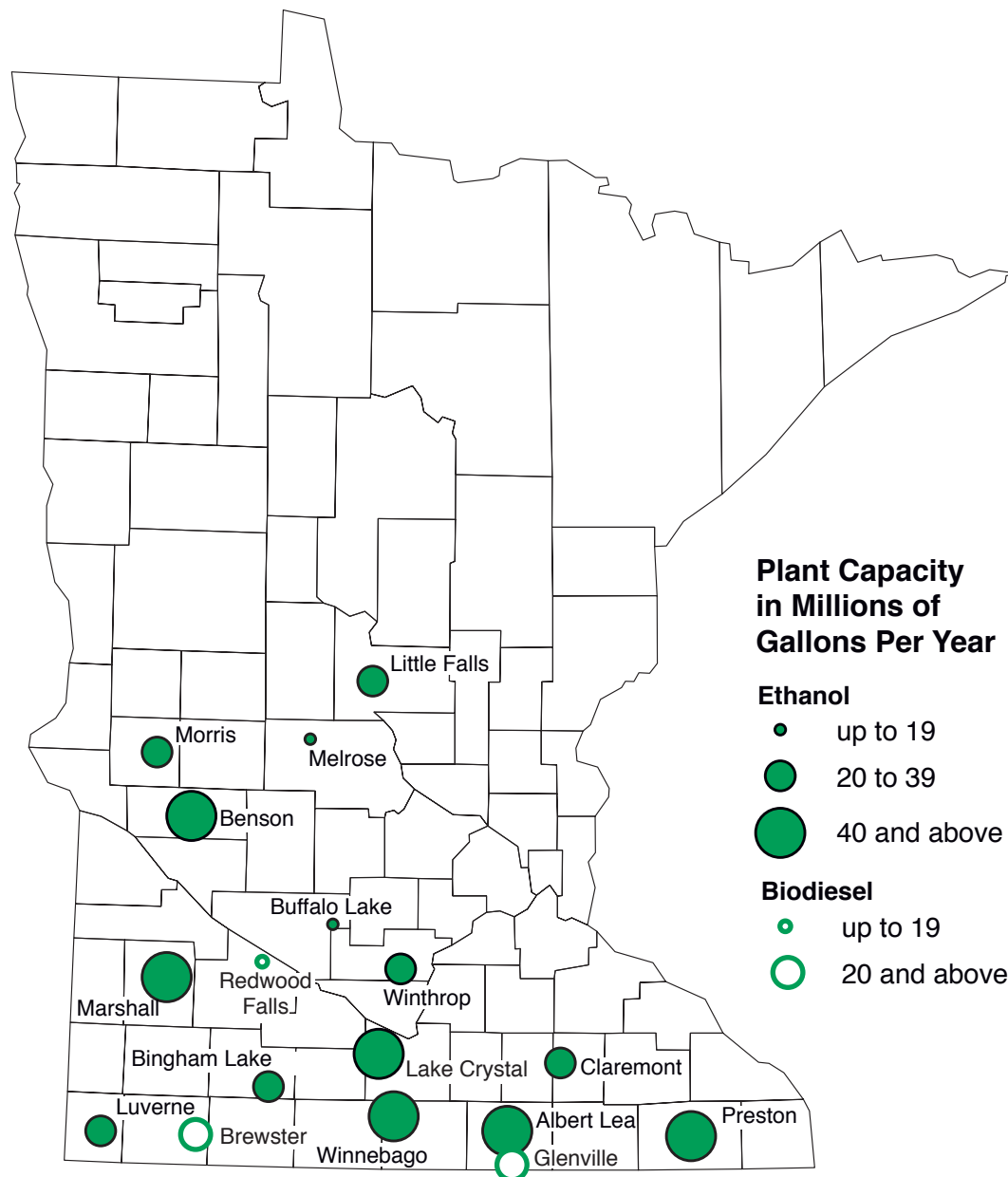


Ethanol & Biodiesel Production, 2005

In 1986 Minnesota had a few small plants that produced about a million gallons of ethanol. Today there are 14 ethanol plants with an annual production capacity of 450 million gallons—enough to replace 10% of the state’s gasoline and export 180 million gallons. The state’s corn milling industry grinds over 200 million bushels for use in ethanol and many other products including livestock feed, carbon dioxide, starch and sweeteners. For more information, see www.mda.state.mn.us/ethanol/about.htm

The Minnesota biodiesel program promotes another renewable home grown fuel as an alternative to imported oil. Biodiesel is a high lubricity, clean burning fuel for use in existing diesel engines. It can be created from soybean oil, other vegetable oils, animal fats, or recycled cooking oil. There are currently three biodiesel plants operating in Minnesota, two of which are the largest biodiesel plants in the US. As of August 2005, Minnesota has 58 million gallons of ethanol production, more than any other state. This year Minnesota will be the first state in the US to require that virtually all diesel fuel sold or offered for sale in the state must contain 2% biodiesel. For more information, see <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/ams/biodiesel/default.htm>



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