

Detailed California-Modified GREET Pathway for Conversion of Midwest Soybeans to Renewable Diesel



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SUMMARY

Detailed California-GREET Pathway for Conversion of Midwest Soybeans to Renewable Diesel

A Well-To-Tank (WTT) fuel cycle analysis of the soybean derived renewable diesel pathway includes all steps from soybean farming to final finished 100% Renewable Diesel. A Tank-To-Wheel (TTW) analysis includes actual combustion of fuel in a motor vehicle for motive power. Together, WTT and TTW analysis are combined to provide a total Well-To-Wheel (WTW) analysis.

A Life Cycle Analysis Model called the **G**reenhouse gases, **R**egulated **E**missions, and **E**nergy use in **T**ransportation (GREET)¹ developed by Argonne National Laboratory has been used to calculate the energy use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated during the entire process starting from farming soybeans to producing and combusting renewable diesel in an internal combustion engine. Staff with assistance from Life Cycle Associates modified the original GREET model to create a California specific model termed the CA-GREET model. Changes were restricted mostly to input factors (emission factors, generation mix, transportation distances, etc.) with no substantial changes in methodology inherent in the original GREET model. This California modified GREET model (v1.8a, release December 2009) forms the basis of this document. It has been used to calculate the energy use and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions associated with a WTW analysis for Renewable Diesel from Midwest Soybeans used in a Heavy Duty diesel vehicle.

The CA-GREET model calculates the direct impacts from the production and use of renewable diesel. Indirect impacts that could result from the diversion of soybean derived oil to produce renewable diesel has been analyzed using the GTAP model. Complete details of this analysis for indirect effects is published as a companion document with the release of this fuel pathway document and is available on the Low Carbon Fuel Standard website (www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/lcfs.htm). Only the final result from the GTAP analysis has been used here to allow for a total WTW carbon intensity to be presented in this document.

The pathway described here includes soybean farming, soybean transport, soyoil extraction, renewable diesel production, transport and distribution (T&D) and use of Renewable Diesel in an internal combustion engine. The pathway documented here includes soybean farming and soyoil extraction in the Midwest, followed by transportation of soyoil by rail to California. Renewable diesel produced in California is transported to fueling stations for use in heavy-duty vehicles in California.

Most of the basic inputs, assumptions, and calculation methodology used in this analysis are provided in the soybean to biodiesel (and renewable diesel) technical

¹ GREET Model: Argonne National Laboratory:
http://www.transportation.anl.gov/modeling_simulation/GREET/index.html

document from Argonne². The modifications to the CA-GREET include the use of California specific factors (e.g. renewable diesel production, vehicle combustion, etc.). Those modifications are detailed in Appendix B. Additional factors that have been modified for California for the use of fuels such as electricity, natural gas, etc. within the state are detailed in companion documents that have been published on the Low Carbon Fuel Standard website³. To summarize, the pathway documented here includes soybean farming and soyoil extraction in the Midwest, followed by transportation of soyoil to California. Soyoil is then transformed to renewable diesel and transported to blending stations for use in an internal combustion vehicle.

Renewable Diesel in the CA-GREET model is considered as RD II – this process co-produces propane and is similar to the Neste Oil Renewable Diesel production process⁴. Figure 1 below shows the discrete components that form the renewable diesel pathway including farming, transport of soybeans, soyoil extraction and transport, renewable diesel production and distribution to refueling stations and final use in a transportation vehicle.

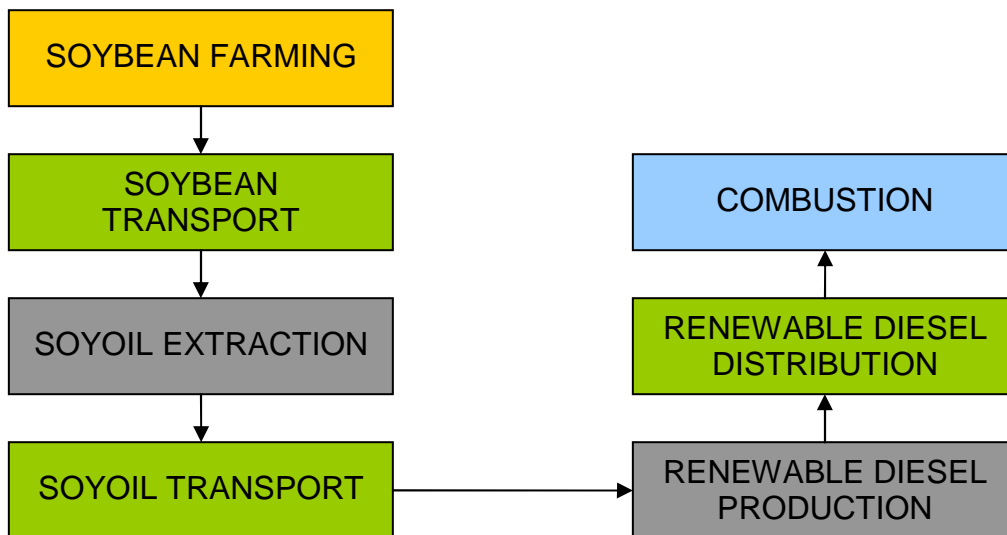


Figure 1. Discrete Components of the Midwest Soybean to Renewable Diesel Pathway.

This document provides detailed calculations, assumptions, inputs and other necessary information to calculate the energy requirements and GHG emissions for the soybean to renewable diesel (RD) pathway. Table A below provides a summary of the energy use

² See technical document published by Argonne regarding soybean biodiesel and renewable diesel: “Life-Cycle Assessment of Energy and Greenhouse Gas Effects of Soybean-Derived Biodiesel and Renewable Fuels”, H. Huo, et al, March 2008, retrieve from: <http://www.transportation.anl.gov/pdfs/AF/467.pdf>

³ See <http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/lcfs/lcfs.htm>

⁴ Neste Oil Technology to produce the Renewable Diesel – presented in 2006 at the Climate Change Technology Symposium Sacramento, California: http://www.climatechange.ca.gov/events/2006-06-27+28_symposium/presentations/Hodge_Cal_NESTE_OIL.PDF

and GHG emissions per MJ of fuel produced. Expanded details are provided in Appendix A. Input values used in calculations are shown in Appendix B. Details of co-product methodologies used for this pathway are provided in Appendix C.

Several general descriptions and clarification of terminology used throughout this document are:

- CA-GREET employs a recursive methodology to calculate energy consumption and emissions. To calculate WTT energy and emissions, the values being calculated are often utilized in the calculation. For example, crude oil is used as a process fuel to recover crude oil. The total crude oil recovery energy consumption includes the direct crude oil consumption and the energy associated with crude recovery (which is the value being calculated).
- Btu/mmBtu is the energy input necessary in Btu to produce one million Btu of a finished (or intermediate) product. This description is used consistently in CA-GREET for all energy calculations.
- gCO₂e/MJ provides the total greenhouse gas emissions on a CO₂ equivalent basis per unit of energy (MJ) for a given fuel. Methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O) are
- converted to a CO₂ equivalent basis using IPCC⁵ global warming potential values and included in the total.
- CA-GREET assumes that VOC and CO are converted to CO₂ in the atmosphere and includes these pollutants in the total CO₂ value using ratios of the appropriate molecular weights.
- Process Efficiency for any step in CA-GREET is defined as:

$$\text{Efficiency} = \text{energy output} / (\text{energy output} + \text{energy consumed})$$

- Note that rounding of values has not been performed in several tables in this document. This is to allow stakeholders executing runs with the CA-GREET model to compare actual output values from the CA-modified model with values in this document.

⁵ IPCC: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change a scientific intergovernmental body tasked to evaluate the risk of climate change caused by human activity established by United Nations in 1988. In 2007, the IPCC values for GHG equivalence (gCO₂e/MJ) are: CH₄ = 25, N₂O = 298, CO₂ = 1. For others GHG, GREET calculates molecular weight of carbon to obtain the GHG equivalence (gCO₂e/MJ): VOC = 0.85/0.27 = 3.12 and CO = 0.43/.273 = 1.57

Table A. Summary of Energy Consumption and GHG Emissions for Renewable Diesel Produced from Midwest Soybeans

	Energy Required (Btu/mmBtu)	% Total Energy	GHG Emissions (gCO₂e/MJ)	% Total Emissions
<i>Well to Tank</i>				
Soybean Farming	27,416	2.15%	2.08	10.32%
Fertilizer/Pesticide/Herbicide	20,550	1.61%	1.52	7.54%
N ₂ O Emissions from Fertilizer Use	n/a	n/a	1.59	7.89%
Soybean Transport	6,518	0.51%	0.50	2.48%
Soyoil Extraction	54,627	4.29%	3.67	18.20%
Soyoil Transport	15,046	1.18%	1.17	5.80%
Renewable Diesel Production	140,142	11.02%	8.19	40.63%
Renewable Diesel Distribution	8,662	0.68%	0.66	3.27%
Total Well to Tank (WTT)	272,961	21.44%	19.38	96.13%
<i>Tank To Wheel</i>				
Carbon in Fuel	1,000,000		n/a	n/a
Vehicle CH ₄ and N ₂ O	n/a	n/a	0.78	
Total Tank to Wheel (TTW)	1,000,000	78.56%	0.78	3.87%
Total Well to Wheel (WTW)	1, 272,961	100%	20.16	100%

From Table A above, a WTW analysis of renewable diesel indicates that **1, 272,961**Btu of energy is required to produce 1 (one) mmBtu of available fuel energy delivered to the vehicle. From a GHG perspective, **20.16** gCO₂e of direct contributions of GHG are released during the production and use of 1 (one) MJ of renewable diesel. For indirect land use change, staff estimates **62 gCO₂e/MJ** at this time based on GTAP analysis. The total carbon intensity for soybean derived biodiesel derived from soybeans is **82.16 gCO₂e/MJ**⁶.

The values in Table A are illustrated in Figure 2, showing specific contributions of each of the discrete components of the fuel pathway. The charts are shown separately for

⁶ Details of the Land Use Change analysis including information about GTAP is available in Chapter 4 of the LCFS staff report. Specific analysis for this feedstock is available as a December 2009 update on the LCFS website.

energy use and GHG emissions. From an energy use viewpoint, carbon in fuel (78.56%) dominates the pathway energy use. For GHG emissions, the largest contributions are from renewable diesel production (40.63%), soybean production (includes soybean farming, use of agricultural chemicals and consequent N₂O release) (25.75%), and soyoil extraction (18.20%).

Note: Some intermediate values in the Tables in this document have been rounded to appropriate significant figures. Due to this rounding, the final values presented at the bottom of each table may not be exactly reproducible utilizing the values reported in upper sections of tables in this document. The CA-GREET model, however, does account for all relevant digits for each value (or parameter) in calculating emissions for all steps of the pathway and provides an accurate calculation for each step and for the complete pathway.

Energy Contributions from Renewable Diesel

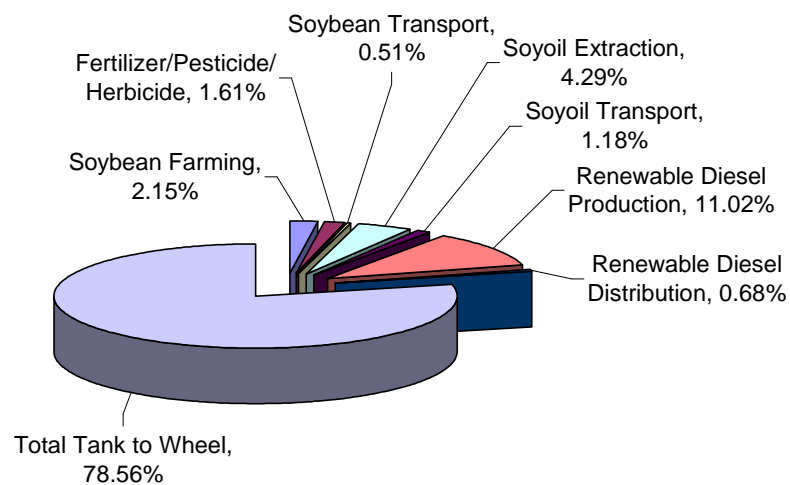


Figure 2. Percent Energy Contributions to a Well-to-Wheel (WTW) Analysis of Renewable Diesel Produced from Midwest Soybeans

GHG Emission Contributions from Renewable Diesel

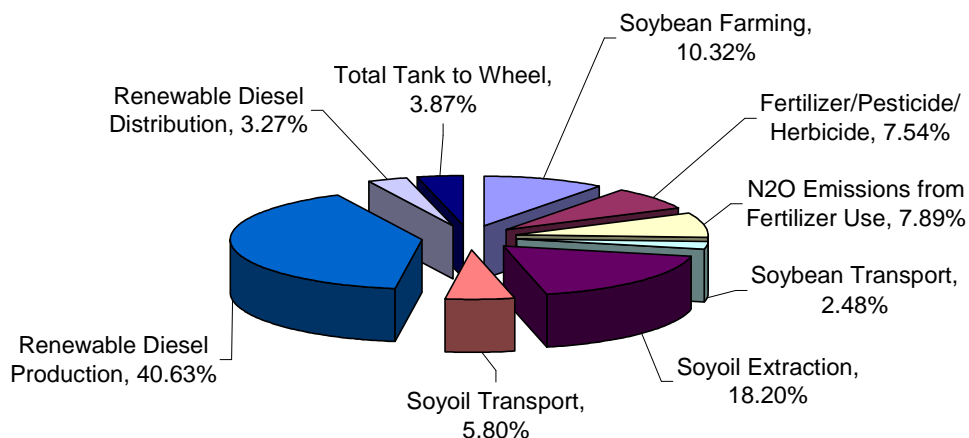


Figure 3. Percent GHG Emissions Contributions to a Well-to-Wheel (WTW) Analysis of Renewable Diesel Produced from Midwest Soybeans

The following sections provide a summary of all the components that form part of the renewable diesel pathway. Complete details are provided in Appendix A.

WTT Details - Soybean Farming

The renewable diesel production process starts with soybean farming. Table B provides a breakdown of energy use needed for soybean farming. Appendix C provides the details of adjustment and allocation factors for the renewable diesel pathway. In a similar manner, GHG emissions associated with soybean farming are shown in Table C. Complete details are provided in Appendix A.

Table B. Total Energy Use for Soybean Farming

Fuel Type	Energy Use
Diesel (Btu/bu)	16,543
Gasoline (Btu/bu)	4,726
Natural Gas (Btu/bu)	1,725
LPG (Btu/bu)	1,875
Electricity (Btu/bu)	1,696
Total Energy for Soybean Farming (Btu/bu)	26,564
Total Energy for Soybean Farming (Btu/mmBtu)	145,017
Total Energy with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied (Btu/mmBtu)	27,416

Table C. Total GHG Emissions from Soybean Farming

GHG Species	GHG Emissions
VOC (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.01
CO (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.11
CH ₄ (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.08
N ₂ O (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.01
CO ₂ (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	1.87
Total GHG Emissions (with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied, gCO₂e/MJ)	2.08

WTT Details-Chemical Inputs in Soybean Farming

Table D shows the energy necessary for the production of chemicals used in soybean farming. The agricultural chemicals include fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides. Detailed breakdown of chemical inputs utilized in the calculations is provided in Appendix A.

Table D. Total Energy Consumed for Chemical Inputs in Soybean Farming

Chemical Inputs	Energy Use
Nitrogen (Btu/bu)	2,805
Phosphate (P ₂ O ₅) (Btu/bu)	2,477
Potash (K ₂ O) (Btu/bu)	2,730
Herbicides (Btu/bu)	11,756
Pesticides (Btu/bu)	134
Total Energy Consumption (Btu/bu)	19,912
Total Energy Consumption (Btu/mmBtu)	108,699
Total Energy Consumption with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied (Btu/mmBtu)	20,550

Table E provides GHG emissions from chemicals input in soybean farming. The fuel consumption and other details are provided in Appendix A.

Table E. Total GHG Emissions for Chemical Inputs in Soybean Farming

GHG Species	GHG Emissions
VOC (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	<0.01
CO (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	<0.01
CH ₄ (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.05
N ₂ O (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.03
CO ₂ (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	1.44
Total GHG Emissions (with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied, gCO₂e/MJ)	1.52

CA-GREET also calculates direct field and downstream N₂O emissions resulting from nitrogen fertilizer input. Agricultural N₂O emissions result from conversion of fixed (natural and anthropogenic) nitrogen in the soil. Fixed nitrogen applied to field crops is either extracted by the crop as a nutrient, absorbed (chemically bound) into organic soil components or entrapped in soil aggregates (chemically unbound). The majority of the chemically bound nitrogen remains stabilized in the organic form in the soil system, while the unbound nitrogen is converted to N₂O, volatilized as nitrate or ammonia, or leached out as nitrate. Field and downstream inputs are significant components of agricultural emissions associated with soybean cultivation. The CA-GREET model includes the impact of agricultural N₂O release and this is summarized in Table F. Complete details of this are provided in Appendix A.

Table F. Total GHG Emissions from N₂O Release Due to Fertilizer Application

GHG Species	GHG Emissions
Total GHG Emissions (with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied, gCO₂e/MJ)	1.59

WTT Details-Soybean Transport

In the CA-GREET model, soybeans are transported from the field to stack by medium duty truck and from stack to a soyoil extraction plant in the Midwest by heavy duty truck. Details of the energy use are shown in Table G. Soybean transport generates GHG emissions and they are shown in Table H. Details of all the calculations are provided in Appendix A.

Table G. Total Energy Required for Soybean Transport

Locations	Energy Use
Field to Stack (Btu/bu)	1,535
Stack to Plant (Btu/bu)	4,780
Total Energy Use (Adjusted, Btu/bu)	6,315
Total Energy Use (Adjusted, Btu/mmBtu)	34,475
Total Energy Use (with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied, Btu/mmBtu)	6,518

Table H. Total GHG Emissions Soybean Transport

GHG	GHG Emissions
CO ₂ (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.48
CH ₄ (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.02
N ₂ O (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.01
CO (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	<0.01
VOC (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	<0.01
Total GHG Emissions (with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied, gCO₂e/MJ)	0.50

WTT Details-Soyoil Extraction

Soyoil is extracted from the soybeans and the energy use and attendant GHG emissions are shown in Tables I and J respectively. Details of the calculations are shown in Appendix A.

Table I. Total Energy Use for Soyoil Extraction

Fuel Type	Energy Use
NG (Btu/lb)	2,995
Electricity (Btu/lb)	1,406
N-Hexane (Btu/lb)	203
Total Energy for Soyoil Extraction (Btu/lb)	4,658
Total Energy for Soyoil Extraction (Btu/mmBtu)	288,934
Total Energy (with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied, Btu/mmBtu)	54,627

Table J. Total GHG Emissions Soyoil Extraction

GHG Species	GHG Emissions
CO ₂ (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	3.35
CH ₄ (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.15
N ₂ O (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.01
CO (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	<0.01
VOC (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.17
Total GHG Emissions (with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied, gCO₂e/MJ)	3.67

WTT Details-Soybean Oil Transport

The pathway described here considers soyoil extracted in the Midwest and transported by rail to a biodiesel plant in California. The energy use for transport and associated GHG emissions are shown in Tables K and L. Details of all the calculations are presented in Appendix A.

Table K. Total Energy Required for Soyoil Transport

Transport (By Rail)	Btu/mmBtu
Total Energy for Rail Transport	13,685
Total Energy Use (with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied)	15,046

Table L. Total GHG Emissions from Soyoil Transport

GHG Species	GHG Emissions
CO ₂ (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	1.13
CH ₄ (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.03
N ₂ O (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	<0.01
CO (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	<0.01
VOC (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	<0.01
Total GHG Emissions (with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied, gCO₂e/MJ)	1.17

WTT Details- Renewable Diesel Production via Hydrogenation

Renewable diesel is produced by hydrogenating soyoil in production plants in California. Tables M and N provide energy use and attendant GHG emissions from renewable diesel production, respectively. Details are provided in Appendix A.

Table M. Total Energy Use for Renewable Diesel Production

Fuel or Chemical	Energy Use
NG (Btu/lb)	88
Electricity (Btu/lb)	264
Methanol (Btu/lb)	2,453
Total Energy Use (Btu/mmBtu)	148,248
Total Energy Use (with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied, Btu/mmBtu)	140,142

Table N. Total GHG Emissions from Renewable Diesel Production

GHG Species	GHG Emissions
CO ₂ (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	7.77
CH ₄ (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.40
N ₂ O (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.01
CO (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	<0.01
VOC (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	<0.01
Total GHG Emissions (with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied, gCO₂e/MJ)	8.19

WTT Details-Renewable Diesel Transport and Distribution

Tables O and P show the respective energy use and GHG emissions from transporting biodiesel in California. Complete details are provided in Appendix A.

Table O. Total Energy Use for Renewable Diesel Transport and Distribution

	HD Truck for Transport	HD Truck for Distribution
Energy Use with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied (Btu/mmBtu)	2,665	5,997
Total Energy Use (with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied, Btu/mmBtu)	8,662	

Table P. Total GHG Emissions from Renewable Diesel Transport and Distribution

GHG Species	GHG Emissions
CO ₂ (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.63
CH ₄ (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.02
N ₂ O (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	<0.01
CO (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	<0.01
VOC (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	<0.01
Total GHG Emissions (with Adjustment and Allocation Factors Applied, gCO₂e/MJ)	0.66

TTW Details- Renewable Diesel Use in a Compression Ignition Vehicle

The renewable diesel is then modeled as being used in a heavy duty vehicle in California. The factors used here are the same as that for a heavy duty diesel truck using ULSD. Table Q below provides a summary of TTW emissions from the use of BD in a heavy duty vehicle. Complete details of the calculations are shown in Appendix A.

Table Q. Total GHG Emissions from Vehicles Combusting Renewable Diesel

GHG Species	GHG Emissions
CH ₄ and N ₂ O from Vehicle (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.78
Fossil Carbon in RD (gCO ₂ e/MJ)	0.00
Total TTW GHG Emissions (gCO₂e/MJ)	0.78

APPENDIX A

SECTION 1. DETAILED ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND GHG EMISSIONS CALCULATION FOR SOYBEAN FARMING

1.1 Soybean Farming Energy Consumption

The first step in the soybean to renewable diesel pathway is farming. There are two main components of the farming step: direct farming and fertilizer/pesticide/herbicide use. Each is discussed in this section.

Rather than assuming a “farming efficiency”, the direct farming energy use is specified in terms of Btu/bushel. A GREET (version 1.8b) default value of **22,087**⁷ Btu/bushel has been used in this document. This total energy consumption is split into four different fuel types, resulting in direct energy consumption by fuel as shown in Table 1.01. The analysis assumes the U.S. average region in the CA-GREET model for feedstock production, which consists of U.S. petroleum and U.S. average electricity. Table 1.02 shows the U.S. average electricity mix.

Table 1.01 Direct Energy Consumption for Soybean Farming

Process Fuel Type	Fuel Shares	Relationship to Fuel Shares	Direct Energy Consumption, Btu/bushel
Diesel	64.4%	0.644 * 22,087	14,224
Gasoline	17.8%	0.178 * 22,087	3,931
Natural Gas	7.3%	0.073 * 22,087	1,612
Liquid Petroleum Gas	7.6%	0.076 * 22,087	1,679
Electricity	2.9%	0.029 * 22,087	641
Total Direct Energy Consumption Soybean Farming			22,087

Table 1.02 U.S. Average Electricity Mix Used for Feedstock Production

Fuel	U.S. Average
Residual oil	2.7%
Natural Gas	18.9%
Coal	50.7%
Nuclear Power	18.7%
Biomass	1.3%
Others	7.7%

Source: Argonne National Laboratory⁸

⁷ Data are from USDA 2007 retrieved from ARGONNE technical document: “Life-Cycle Assessment of Energy and Greenhouse Gas Effects of Soybean-Derived Biodiesel and Renewable Fuels”, H. Huo, et al, March 2008, p. 13-14

⁸ Data are retrieved from ARGONNE technical document: “Fuel Cycle Comparison of Distributed Power Generation Technologies”, A. Elgowayni and M. Wang, November 2008, p. 6-7

To convert the total direct energy shown in Table 1.01 from Btu/bushel to Btu/mmBtu of RD, a conversion factor is calculated using values shown in Table 1.03.

Table 1.03. Renewable Diesel Pathway Parameters

Soybean Yield (lb/bushel)	Soybean to Soy Oil (lb soybean/lb oil)	Soy Oil to RD (lb oil/lb RD)	RD Density (g/gal)	RD LHV (Btu/gal)	RD LHV (Btu/lb)
60	5.28 ⁹	1.174 ^{**}	2,948	122,887	18,925

⁹ 2007 USDA data for soybeans and soyoil⁹

^{**}GREET defaults (values obtained from various sources and documented on GREET website)¹⁰

All of the values in Table 1.03 are GREET defaults except for soybean to soy oil use factor (5.28 lb soybean/lb oil compared to the Argonne GREET default of 5.7). This factor has changed to 5.28 to reflect USDA data for the year 2007.

The values provided in Table 1.01 are direct energy consumption per bushel of soybean collected for the farming step. This is not the total energy required however, since CA-GREET accounts for the “upstream” energy associated with each of the fuels utilized to make renewable diesel. Upstream energy refers to the process energy necessary to produce the fuel that is utilized in the soybean farming operation. For example, 14,224 Btu of diesel fuel are required to make a bushel of soybean. The total energy associated with the 14,224 Btu of diesel fuel includes the energy to recover the crude and refine it to diesel fuel (or Well-to-Tank energy). Specific details of the calculations are shown in Table 1.05 using factors shown in Table 1.04.

⁹ Retrieved from USDA website November 2009: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdquery>

¹⁰ See ARGONNE website for GREET documentations: http://www.transportation.anl.gov/modeling_simulation/GREET/pdfs/greet_publications.pdf

Table 1.04. Energy Consumption in the WTT Process and Specific Energy of Fuels Used in the Soybean to Renewable Diesel Pathway

	E:WTT energy (Btu input/Btu product)	S: Specific Energy (Btu input/Btu product)
Crude	$E_{CR} = 28,284$	$S_{CR} = 1 + E_{CR}/10^6$
	$E_C = E_{CR} * \text{Loss Factor}_{T\&D} + E_{C\ T\&D} + E_{CS} = 28,284 * 1.0 + 10,926 = 39,212$	
Residual Oil	$E_{ResOil} = 74,239$	$S_{Res\ Oil} = 1 + (E_C * \text{Loss Factor}_{Crude} + E_{ResOil}) / 10^6$
Conventional Diesel	$E_{Diesel} = 123,805$	$S_{Diesel} = 1 + (E_C * \text{Loss Factor}_{Diesel} + E_{Diesel}) / 10^6$
Conventional Gasoline	$E_{Gasoline} = 162,914$	$S_{Gasoline} = 1 + (E_C * \text{Loss Factor}_{Gasoline} + E_{Gasoline}) / 10^6$
NG	$E_{NG} = (E_{NG\ Rec} + E_{NG\ Proc}) * \text{Loss Factor}_{NG} + E_{T\&D} = 69,596$	$S_{NG} = 1 + E_{NG}/10^6$
NG Recovery	$E_{NG\ Rec} = 31,148$	
NG Processing	$E_{NG\ Proc} = 31,854$	
NG T&D	$E_{NG\ T\&D} = 6,498$	
LPG	$E_{LPG} = 75,862$	$S_{LPG} = 1 + E_{LPG}/10^6$
Coal	$E_{Coal} = 17,353$	$S_{Coal} = 1 + E_{coal}/10^6$
Electricity		$S_{Electricity} = (E_{efeedstock} + E_{efuel}) / 10^6$
as Feedstock	$E_{efeedstock} = 85,708$	
as Fuel	$E_{efuel} = 2,561,534$	
Still Gas	$E_C = 39,212$	$S_C = (1 + E_C) / 10^6$

Note: Loss Factors are as follows: Crude: 1.0; Diesel: 1.000044; Gasoline: 1.0008; NG: 1.0008; LPG: 1.0001. E_{CR} is the energy used for crude recovery, E_C represents energy use for crude processing.

Table 1.05. Soybean Farming Total Adjusted Energy Consumption from Direct Energy Consumption

Fuel Type	Formula	Description	Total Btu/bu
Diesel	$14,224 + 14,224 * (39,212 * 1.0000 + 123,804) / 10^6$	14,224 Btu of direct conventional diesel used per bushel soybean. (Table 1.01)	16,543
		energy to recover crude is 39,212 Btu/Btu crude (Table 1.04)	
		Conventional diesel fuel loss factor is 1.000044 (Table 1.04)	
		Energy to produce conventional diesel 123,804 Btu/Btu (Table 1.04)	
Gasoline	$3,931 + 3,931 * (39,212 * 1.0008 + 162,914) / 10^6$	3,931 Btu of direct conventional gasoline used per bushel soybean (Table 1.01)	4,726
		Conventional gasoline fuel loss factor is 1.0008 (Table 1.04)	
		Energy to produce gasoline 162,914 Btu/Btu (Table 1.04)	
Natural Gas	$1,612 * (1 + 69,596 / 10^6)$	1,612 Btu/bu of direct NG use (Table 1.01)	1,725
		Energy to produce NG 69,596 Btu/Btu (Table 1.04)	
Liquid Petroleum Gas	$1,679 * [0.40 * (1 + (39,212 * 1.0001 + 75,862) / 10^6) + 0.60 * ((1 + (69,596 * 1.0001 + 48,896) / 10^6)]$	1,679 Btu/bu of direct LPG use (Table 1.01)	1,875
		1.0001 is the petroleum LPG loss factor.	
		energy to recover crude is 39,212 ¹ Btu/Btu crude (Table 1.04)	
		Energy to produce LPG from crude 75,862 Btu/Btu (Table 1.04)	
		Energy to produce NG is 69,596 Btu/Btu (Table 1.04)	
		Energy to produce LPG from NG is 48,896 Btu/Btu (CA-GREET default)	
Electricity	$641 (85,708 + 2,561,534) / 10^6$	641 Btu/bu of direct electricity used (Table 1.01)	1,696
		99,970 Btu of energy used to recover and transport sufficient feedstock to generate 1 mmBtu electricity (Table 1.04)	
		2,561,534 Btu used as fuel to produce 1 mmBtu electricity (Table 1.04)	
Total energy for soybean farming, Btu/bushel			26,564
Total energy for soybean farming, Btu/mmBtu = 26,564/60 lbs/bu*5.28 lbs SB/lb Oil* 1.174 lbs oil/lb RD/18,925 Btu/lb RD * 10 ⁶			145,017
Total adjusted energy due to soybean farming, Btu/mmBtu = 145,017 * 20.0% * 94.5% * 1.000045			27,416

Note: Well to tank energies for fuels (crude, NG, LPG, etc.) may be found in the summary section of the relevant fuel tabs of the CA-GREET model.

- a) 5.28 lbs oil/lb soybean, 60 lbs/bu, 1.174 lbs oil/lb RD, and 16,149 Btu/lb RD are from Table 1.03
- b) The oil mass share (20.0%) of total oil extraction energy system (including oil and soybean meal) and;
- c) the renewable diesel energy share (94.5%) of the overall hydrogenation system (including renewable diesel and propane).
- d) 1.000045 is loss factor is GREET calculations

The loss factor is calculated as shown below:

$$1 + \frac{0.207 \text{ gVOC} / \text{ mmBtuRD} + 0.880 \text{ gVOC} / \text{ mmBtuRD}}{[(2,948 \text{ gRD} / \text{ gal}) / (122,887 \text{ BtuRD} / \text{ gal})] \times 10^6} = 1.000045$$

The analysis here uses the mass-based allocation to determine a soybean meal credit and energy allocation to calculate the propane credit. The analysis allocates 20.0% of the farming, soybean transport and oil extraction energy and emissions to renewable diesel and the balance to soybean meal. The feedstock production and renewable diesel production results are allocated based on energy-allocation factors for renewable diesel and propane. The analysis here uses an energy allocation factor of 94.5% and details of this calculation is provided in Appendix C.

The calculations in Table 1.05 above and others rely on Well-to-Tank energy results for all fuels used in the various steps of the renewable diesel pathway. For example, in Table 1.05, the diesel calculation uses values in Table 1.04 for the the crude recovery WTT energy (39,212 Btu/Btu) and diesel production WTT energy (123,804 Btu/Btu); the LPG calculation uses WTT values (39,212 and 75,862 Btu/Btu) for LPG produced from petroleum and the WTT values (69,596 and 48,896 Btu/Btu) for LPG produced from NG. These values are extracted from the summary section of each individual fuel tab in the CA-GREET model. As with the WTT energy values, the emission tables in the following sections use the WTT emissions values, extracted from CA-GREET in the same manner.

1.2 GHG Emissions from Soybean Farming

GHG emissions are calculated in two steps: direct emissions and upstream emissions. The direct emissions are simply the direct fuel consumption multiplied by the appropriate emission factor. Upstream emissions are the emissions associated with recovery, processing and transport of the fuel. Table 1.06 provides the equipment shares for each fuel type consumed and the corresponding emission factors.

Table 1.06. Emission Factors for Fuel Combustion

	Equipment Type	Equipment Shares	VOC	CO	CH ₄	N ₂ O	CO ₂
			g/mmBtu (LHV)				
Diesel	Tractor	80%	107.689	402.578	9.717	0.920	77,204
Diesel	Engine	20%	83.407	362.100	7.526	2.000	77,349
Gasoline	Tractor	100%	532.974	16,291.863	29.974	1.104	49,494
Natural Gas	Reciprocating Engine	100%	41.120	342.445	368.940	1.500	56,551
LPG	Boiler	100%	1.890	10.800	1.080	4.860	68,036

Direct emissions are calculated by multiplying the direct fuel consumption (provided in Table 1.01) by the emission factors in Table 1.06 and summing the results by fuel type (see Table 1.07 below).

Table 1.07 Direct Emissions from Soybean Farming

Process Fuel	VOC g/bushel	CO g/bushel	CH ₄ g/bushel	N ₂ O g/bushel	CO ₂ g/bushel
Diesel	1.463	5.611	0.132	0.016	1,099
Gasoline	2.095	64.051	0.118	0.004	195
Natural Gas	0.066	0.552	0.595	0.002	91
LPG	0.003	0.018	0.002	0.008	114
Total Direct Emissions	3.628	70.233	0.846	0.031	1,499

In addition to the direct farming emissions, the emissions associated with recovery, processing and transport of the direct fuel used must be included. The calculation methodology for quantifying the upstream CO₂ emissions is provided in Table 1.09, with emission factors for each fuel shown in Table 1.08. Upstream emissions for all pollutants are summarized in Table 1.10.

Table 1.08. CO₂ Emission Factors for Fuels Used in Soybean Farming

	EF:WTT CO₂ Emission Factor (g CO₂ /mmBtu fuel output)	SE: Specific Emission (g CO₂/mmBtu fuel output)
Crude	$EF_{CR} = 2,961$	$SE_{CR} = 1+EF_{CR}/10^6$
	$EF_C = EF_{CR} * LF_{T\&D} + EF_{C\ T\&D} + EF_{CS} + (\text{VOC, CO conversion}) = 3,868$	
Residual Oil	$EF_{ResOil} = 5,613$	$SE_{Res\ Oil} = 1+(EF_C * \text{Loss Factor}_{Crude} + EF_{ResOil}) / 10^6$
Conventional Diesel	$EF_{Diesel} = 9,389$	$SE_{Diesel} = 1+(EF_C * \text{Loss Factor}_{Diesel} + EF_{Diesel}) / 10^6$
Conventional Gasoline	$EF_{Gasoline} = 12,124$	$SE_{Gasoline} = 1+(EF_C * \text{Loss Factor}_{Gasoline} + EF_{Gasoline}) / 10^6$
NG	$EF_{NG} = (EF_{NG\ Rec} + EF_{NG\ Process}) * \text{Loss Factor} + E_{T\&D} + EF_{Non-combustion} + (\text{VOC, CO conversion}) = 5,208$	$SE_{NG} = 1+EF_{NG}/10^6$
NG Recovery	$E_{NG\ Rec} = 1,717$	
NG Processing	$E_{NG\ Proc} = 1,858$	
NG T&D	$E_{NG\ T\&D} = 352$	
NG non-combustion	$E_{NG\ non-combustion} = 1,237$	
Coal	$EF_{Coal} = 1,411$	$SE_{Coal} = 1+EF_{coal}/10^6$
Uranium	$EF_{Uranium} = 100,325$	$SE_{Uranium} = 1+EF_{Uranium}/(6.926*1000*3412)$
Electricity		$SE_{Electricity} = (EF_{efeedstock} + EF_{efuel}) / 10^6$
as Feedstock	$EF_{efeedstock} = 6,833$	
as Fuel	$EF_{efuel} = 213,458$	
Still Gas	$EF_C = 3,868$	$SE_C = (1+EF_C) / 10^6$
LPG	$EF_{LPG} = 5,715$	$SE_{LPG} = 1 + EF_{LPG}/10^6$

Note: See Table 1.04 for Loss Factors

Table 1.09 Calculation of Upstream CO₂ Emissions from Direct Farming Energy Consumption

Fuel Type	Formula	Description	g/bu
Diesel	$14,224 * (3,868 * 1.0000 + 9,389) / 10^6$	14,224 Btu/bu of direct diesel used (Table 1.01)	189
		Crude recovery CO ₂ emissions are 3,868 g/mmBtu (Table 1.08)	
		Diesel loss factor is 1.0000	
		CO ₂ emissions from producing diesel are 9,389 g/mmBtu	
Gasoline	$3,931 * (3,868 * 1.0008 + 12,124) / 10^6$	3,931 Btu/bu of direct gasoline used (Table 1.01)	63
		Gasoline loss factor is 1.0008	
		CO ₂ emissions to produce gasoline 12,124 g/mmBtu (from Table 1.08)	
Natural Gas	$1,612 * 5,208 / 10^6$	1,612 Btu/bu of direct natural gas used (Table 1.01)	8
		Natural gas recovery CO ₂ emissions are 5,208 g/mmBtu	
LPG	$1,679 * ((3,868 * 1.0001 + 5,715) * 40\% + (4,885 * 1.0001 + 3,168) * 60\%) / 10^6$	The analysis assumes 40% of the LPG comes from petroleum and the other 60% from NG. 1,679 Btu of direct LPG used per bushel of soybeans produced (Table 1.01)	15
		The crude recovery CO ₂ emissions are 3,868 g/mmBtu	
		CO ₂ emissions to produce LPG from petroleum 5,715 g/mmBtu	
		CO ₂ emissions from production of NG for LPG is 4,885	
		LPG to NG loss factor is 1.0001	
		The emissions associated with producing LPG from NG are 3,168 g/mmBtu.	
Electricity	$641 * (6,833 + 213,458) / 10^6$	641 Btu of electricity consumed per bushel of soybeans produced (Table 1.01)	141
		CO ₂ emissions associated with electricity feedstock and transport is 6,833 g/mmBtu (Table 1.08)	
		CO ₂ emissions associated with electricity as fuel is 213,458 g/mmBtu (Table 1.08)	
Total			416

Note: Well-to-Tank CO₂ emissions for fuels (crude, NG, LPG, etc.) are extracted from the relevant fuel tab in CA-GREET at the bottom in the summary section.

Upstream emissions are provided in Table 1.10. Table 1.11 shows the combined direct + upstream emissions in g/bu, converted to g/mmBtu and Table 1.12 shows the details and the total with allocation and loss factors applied.

Table 1.10. Summary of Upstream Emissions From Soybean Farming

Process Fuel	VOC g/bu	CO g/bu	CH₄ g/bu	N₂O g/bu	CO₂ g/bu
Diesel	0.117	0.250	1.395	0.002	189
Gasoline	0.107	0.076	0.396	0.001	63
Natural Gas	0.010	0.019	0.208	0.000	8
LPG	0.018	0.026	0.198	0.000	15
Electricity	0.013	0.124	0.176	0.001	141
Total Upstream	0.265	0.490	2.347	0.004	416

Table 1.11. Summary of Total (Direct + Upstream) Emissions from Soybean Farming

(g/bu)	VOC	CO	CH₄	N₂O	CO₂
Diesel	1.580	5.862	1.527	0.018	1,287
Gasoline	2.203	64.127	0.514	0.005	257
Natural Gas	0.076	0.571	0.803	0.003	100
LPG	0.021	0.044	0.200	0.008	129
Electricity	0.013	0.124	0.176	0.001	141
Total Emissions	3.893	70.724	3.194	0.035	1,914
(g/mmBtu)	VOC	CO	CH₄	N₂O	CO₂
Diesel	8.625	32.001	8.336	0.098	7,026
Gasoline	12.026	350.072	2.806	0.027	1,403
Natural Gas	0.415	3.117	4.384	0.016	546
LPG	0.116	0.240	1.091	0.046	703
Electricity	0.071	0.677	0.961	0.005	770
Total Emissions	21.253	386.107	17.577	0.193	10,447

To convert from g/bu to g/mmBtu: $\text{g/bu} / 60 \text{ lbs/bu} \times 5.28 \text{ lbs SB} / \text{lb Oil} \times 1.174 \text{ lbs oil} / \text{lb RD} / 18,925 \text{ Btu} / \text{lb RD} \times 10^6$

Table 1.12. Summary of Total (Direct + Upstream) Emissions from Soybean Farming with Allocation and Loss Factors Applied

With Allocation and Loss Factors Applied						
	VOC g/mmBtu	CO g/mmBtu	CH₄ g/mmBtu	N₂O g/mmBtu	CO₂ g/mmBtu	GHG Emissions gCO ₂ e/MJ
Diesel	1.631	6.050	1.576	0.019	1,328	1.32
Gasoline	2.274	66.186	0.531	0.005	265	0.37
Natural Gas	0.078	0.589	0.829	0.003	103	0.12
LPG	0.022	0.045	0.206	0.009	133	0.13
Electricity	0.013	0.128	0.182	0.001	146	0.14
Total GHG Emissions	4.018	72.999	3.323	0.036	1,975	2.08

1.3 Energy Consumption Due to Use of Farming Chemicals

The next part of the farming energy use is the energy associated with production and transport of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. All assumptions described here are CA-GREET default values. The key assumptions are provided in Table 1.13. Note that for each of the products, direct and total energy are calculated based on assumed process energy efficiency and fuel shares. Energy associated with transportation of each product from plant to field is also calculated. Chemical inputs, including fertilizer, herbicide and insecticide, are input on a g-nutrient/bushel (fertilizer) or g-product/bushel (herbicide and pesticide) basis. Table 1.13 presents the CA-GREET chemical inputs per bushel of soybean, the total energy required to produce the chemical product and the calculated upstream fuel cycle energy required to produce a bushel of soybean using these inputs.

Table 1.13. Energy Associated with Fertilizer/Herbicide/Pesticide Use

Product	Product Use Rate g/bu	Total Production Energy Btu/g	Total Energy Consumption, Btu/bu
Nitrogen	61.2	45.84	2,805
Phosphate (P ₂ O ₅)	186.1	13.31	2,477
Potash (K ₂ O)	325.5	8.42	2,730
Herbicides	43.02	273.26	11,756
Pesticides	0.43	312.43	134
Total Energy Consumption due to Farm Product Use (Btu/bu)			19,912
Total Energy Consumption due to Farm Product Use (Btu/mmBtu)			108,699
Total Adjusted Energy Consumption due to Farm Product Use (Btu/mmBtu, with allocation and loss factors)			20,550

Note: Nitrogen split: 70.7% Ammonia, 21.1% Urea, 8.2% Ammonium Nitrate

To convert from Btu/bu to Btu/mmBtu: g/bu /60 lbs / bu x 5.28 lbs SB / lb Oil x 1.174 lbs oil / lb RD / 18,925 Btu / lb RD x 10⁶

To calculate adjusted energy multiply by 20.0% x 94.5% x 1.000045

1.4 GHG Emissions Calculation from Production and Application of Chemical Inputs in Soybean Farming

It is assumed that soybean farming utilizes five different farming products: nitrogen fertilizers (ammonia, urea and ammonium nitrate), phosphates, potash, herbicides and pesticides. Table 1.14 provides the emissions associated with farm product use in g/bu, g/mmBtu, and g/mmBtu after allocation and loss factors have been applied.

Table 1.14. GHG Emissions Associated with Fertilizer/Herbicide/Pesticide Use

Product	VOC	CO	CH ₄	N ₂ O	CO ₂	GHG Emissions
Emissions, g/bu:						
Nitrogen	0.371	0.360	0.128	0.099	146	
Phosphate (P ₂ O ₅)	0.064	0.221	0.262	0.002	183	
Potash (K ₂ O)	0.039	0.208	0.278	0.002	215	
Herbicides	0.123	0.653	1.155	0.007	919	
Pesticides	0.002	0.009	0.013	0.000	10	
Total	0.599	1.451	1.836	0.111	1,474	
Converted to g/mmBtu:						
Nitrogen*	2.026	1.966	0.697	0.541	799	0.94
Phosphate (P ₂ O ₅)	0.349	1.206	1.433	0.013	997	0.99
Potash (K ₂ O)	0.215	1.135	1.517	0.012	1,175	1.16
Herbicides	0.670	3.563	6.306	0.039	5,016	4.92
Pesticides	0.010	0.049	0.072	0.001	56	0.06
Total	3.269	7.918	10.025	0.606	8,044	8.05
With Allocation and Loss Factors Applied, g/mmBtu:						
Total GHG Emissions (gCO₂e/MJ)	0.618	1.497	1.895	0.115	1,521	1.52

Note: N₂O emissions shown above are limited to those emissions resulting from fertilizer/pesticide/herbicide production and transport emissions.

1) Nitrogen split: 70.7% Ammonia, 21.1% Urea, 8.2% Ammonium Nitrate

2) To convert from Btu/bu to Btu/mmBtu:

g/bu / 60 lbs/bu x 5.28 lbs SB / lb Oil x 1.174 lbs oil / lb RD / 18,925 Btu/lb RD x 10⁶

3) To calculate adjusted energy:

multiply by 20.0% x 94.5% x 1.000045

1.5 Soil N₂O Release Due to Fertilizer Use

CA-GREET also calculates direct field and downstream N₂O emissions resulting from nitrogen fertilizer input. Agricultural N₂O emissions result from conversion of fixed (natural and anthropogenic) nitrogen in the soil. Fixed nitrogen applied to field crops is either extracted by the crop as a nutrient, absorbed (chemically bound) into organic soil components, or entrapped in soil aggregates (chemically unbound). The majority of the chemically bound nitrogen remains stabilized in the organic form in the soil system, while the unbound nitrogen is converted to N₂O, volatilized as nitrate or ammonia, or leached out as nitrate. Field and downstream inputs are significant components of agricultural emissions associated with soybean cultivation. Table 1.15 shows the two main inputs: fertilizer input (g/bu) and percent conversion of N-input to N₂O. GREET assumes 1.3% of fertilizer-N is ultimately converted to N₂O. The calculation also uses the mass ratio of N₂O to N (44/(2*14)).

Table 1.15. CA-GREET Inputs and Calculated Emissions for Soil N₂O Associated with Soybean Cultivation

Parameters	Input or Calculated Values
Fertilizer N input, g/bu	61.2
N content of above/below ground biomass, g/bu	200.7
Percent N conversion to N in N ₂ O	1.3%
Mass ratio, N ₂ O formed/N ₂ O-N, g/g	1.57 (44/28)
N converted, g/bu	3.47
N ₂ O Emissions, g/bu	5.45
GHG emission, gCO ₂ e/bu	1,624
GHG emissions, gCO ₂ e/mmBtu	8,871
GHG emissions, gCO ₂ e/mmBtu, with allocation and loss factors	1,677
GHG emissions, gCO₂e/MJ	1.59

Note: Soil N₂O emissions = (61.2 g-N/bu + 200.7 g-N/bu) x (1.3%) x (44 g N₂O/(2x14) g N₂) = 5.45 g-N₂O/bushel

Calculation to convert from g/bu to g/mmBtu:

$$\frac{(1,624 \text{ g} / \text{bu}) \times (5.28 \text{ lbsSB} / \text{lbOil}) \times (1.174 \text{ lbsOil} / \text{lbRD})}{(16,149 \text{ Btu} / \text{lbBD}) \times (60 \text{ lbsSB} / \text{bu})} \times 10^6 = 8,871 \text{ gCO}_2\text{e/mmBtu}.$$

To calculate adjusted energy: 8,871 g / mmBtu x 94.5% x 1.000045 = **1,677 gCO₂e/mmBtu**

SECTION 2. SOYBEAN TRANSPORT

2.1 Energy Calculations for Soybean Transport

Soybeans are transported from the field to a soyoil extraction plant in the Midwest. The CA-GREET soybean transport modes are as follows: medium duty diesel trucks transport soybeans to a stack and heavy duty trucks transport the soybeans to a soyoil extraction facility in the Midwest. The soybean meal is used locally as animal feed and the soybean oil is transported by rail to California for biodiesel production. The transport assumptions and calculations are provided in Table 2.01. See the notes below the table for calculations. All values except the rail transport distance are CA-GREET defaults.

Table 2.01. Transport Parameters and Energy Use Details for Soybean Transport

	Units	Field to Stack	Stack to Terminal	Total
Mode		Medium Heavy Duty Truck	Heavy Duty Truck	
Distance	Miles	10	40	
Payload	Tons	8	15	
Fuel Economy	Mi/gal	7.3	5	
Fuel		Diesel	Diesel	
Lower Heating Value	Btu/gal	128,450	128,450	
Energy Intensity	Btu/ton-mile	2,199	1,713	
Direct Energy	Btu/ton	43,990	137,013	
Total Energy	Btu/ton	51,160	159,349	
Total Energy	Btu/bu	1,535	4,780	6,315
Total Energy	Btu/mmBtu	8,379	26,097	34,475
Total Adjusted Energy	Btu/mmBtu	1,584	5,151	
Total Soybean Transport Adjusted Energy, Btu/mmBtu				6,518

Note:

Energy Intensity = LHV / fuel economy / payload

Direct truck energy doubles the miles to take into account round trip energy.

Total energy includes energy associated with crude recovery and diesel refining (see Table 1.3).

To convert from Btu/bu to Btu/mmBtu:

$$\frac{(1,535 + 4,780)(\text{Btu} / \text{bu}) \times (5.28 \text{ lbs Oil} / \text{ lbs SB}) \times (1.174 \text{ lbs Oil} / \text{ lb RD}) \times 10^6}{(60 \text{ lbs SB} / \text{ bu}) \times (18,925 \text{ Btu} / \text{ lb RD})} =$$

34,475 Btu/mmBtu.

To calculate adjusted energy:

$$(34,475 \text{ Btu/mmBtu}) \times 20.0\% \times 94.5\% \times 1.000045 = \mathbf{6,518 \text{ Btu/mmBtu}}$$

2.2 GHG Calculations for Soybean Transport

Soybeans are assumed to be transported as follows in CA-GREET:

- 10 miles by medium duty truck from farm to stack
- 40 miles by heavy duty truck from stack to soyoil extraction plant

It is assumed that only diesel is used as a fuel for the trucks used above. Transport emissions are calculated as shown below:

$$\text{Emissions g/ton soybean} = \text{Emission factor (g/mmBtu)} \times \text{Btu/ton-mile} \times \text{miles} / 10^6 \text{ Btu/mmBtu}$$

The direct emissions are calculated for the trip to the destination and the return trip. The upstream emissions associated with recovering crude and producing diesel are also included. Table 2.02 provides the values used in the calculations. The assumed values for renewable diesel density and LHV are 2,948 g/gal and 122,887 Btu/gal, respectively. The sample calculations after the table show the calculations for determining the direct, upstream and total adjusted CO₂ emissions. Table 2.03 shows upstream diesel values used to calculate the upstream emissions for diesel truck transport shown in Table 2.02.

Table 2.02. Transport Parameters and GHG Emissions from Soybean Transport

	Field to Stack	Stack to Soyoil Extraction Facility	Total Transport (g/ton)	Total Transport
Mode	Medium Duty Truck	Heavy Duty Truck		
Distance, miles	10	40		
Fuel	Diesel	Diesel		
Energy Intensity, Btu/ton-mile	2,199	1,712		
Emission Factors¹, g/mmBtu Fuel Burned (return trip in parentheses when different)				
VOC	32.110 (39.441)	33.671 (26.392)		
CO	116.107 (115.084)	178.708 (127.443)		
CH ₄	1.534 (1.933)	1.524		
N ₂ O	2.898	2.105		
CO ₂	77,912 (77,890)	77,809 (77,912)		
Direct Emissions	(g/ton)	(g/ton)	(g/ton)	(g/bu)
VOC	1.574	4.115	5.688	0.17
CO	5.085	20.973	26.058	0.78
CH ₄	0.076	0.209	0.285	0.01
N ₂ O	0.128	0.288	0.416	0.01
CO ₂	3,427	10,668	14,095	422.85
Upstream Emissions	(g/ton)	(g/ton)	(g/ton)	(g/bu)
VOC	0.363	1.130	1.493	0.14
CO	0.774	2.412	3.186	0.15
CH ₄	4.315	13.439	17.754	13.32
N ₂ O	0.006	0.020	0.027	0.24
CO ₂	583	1,816	2,400	72.0
Total Adjusted Emissions (with Allocation & Loss Factors)				
VOC (gCO ₂ e/mmBtu)				0.222
CO (gCO ₂ e/mmBtu)				0.906
CH ₄ (gCO ₂ e/mmBtu)				0.559
N ₂ O (gCO ₂ e/mmBtu)				0.014
CO ₂ (gCO ₂ e/mmBtu)	129			511
Total GHGs (gCO₂e/mmBtu)				531
Total GHG Emissions (gCO₂e/MJ)	0.12	0.38		0.50

Note: 1. Emission factors (EFs) correspond to trip from feedstock origin to destination and the return trip and are listed in the emission factors (EF tab) of CA-GREET model.

Sample calculations for CO₂ in Table above:

Direct CO₂ emission from diesel HDD and Medium HDD trucks

$$\frac{(422.85 + 72)(g / bu) \times (5.28lbsSB / lbOil) \times (1.174lbsOil / lbRD)}{(18,925Btu / lbRD) \times (60lbsSB / bu)} \times 10^6 = \mathbf{2,701 \text{ g/mmBtu}}$$

$$(2,701g / mmBtu) \times (20\%) \times (94.5\%) \times 1.000045 = \mathbf{511 \text{ g/mmBtu}}$$

Table 2.03. Upstream Energy Consumption and Emissions from Diesel Production

GHG	g/mmBtu
VOC	8.247
CO	17.603
CH ₄	98.09
N ₂ O	0.147
CO ₂	13,257

Sample calculations are shown below for CO₂ emissions calculation for a medium duty truck as shown in Table 2.02:

Direct CO₂ emissions = [(Diesel origin-to-destination CO₂ EF, g/mmBtu)*(Energy intensity origin-to-destination, Btu/ton-mile) + (Diesel destination-to-origin CO₂ EF, g/mmBtu)*(Energy intensity destination-to-origin)]*(Distance, miles)

Direct CO₂ emissions:

$$\frac{[(77,912 + 77,890)gCO_2 / mmBtu] \times (2,199Btu / ton - mile) \times 2ways \times 10miles}{10^6}$$

$$= \mathbf{3,427 \text{ gCO}_2/ton}$$

Upstream CO₂ emission calculation for a medium duty diesel truck:

Upstream CO₂ emissions = [(Diesel WTT emissions, g/mmBtu)*(Energy intensity origin-to-destination, Btu/ton-mile) + (Diesel WTT emissions, g/mmBtu)*(Energy intensity destination-to-origin)]*(Distance, miles)

$$\frac{(13,257gCO_2 / mmBtu) \times (2,199Btu / ton - mile) \times 2ways \times 10miles}{10^6} = \mathbf{583 \text{ gCO}_2/ton}$$

Total adjusted CO₂ emission calculation in g/mmBtu for a medium duty diesel truck:

$$\frac{(3,427 + 583)gCO_2 / ton \times (1ton / 2000lbs) \times 5.28lbsSB / lbOil \times 1.174lbsOil / lbRD}{18,925Btu / lb} \times 10^6$$

$$= \mathbf{657 \text{ gCO}_2/mmBtu}$$

$$(657 \text{ gCO}_2/mmBtu) \times (20.0\% \text{ oil energy share}) \times (94.5\% \text{ biodiesel energy share}) \times (1.000045) = \mathbf{129 \text{ gCO}_2/mmBtu}$$

SECTION 3. SOYOIL EXTRACTION

3.1 Energy Calculations for Soyoil Extraction

Once the soybeans have arrived at a soyoil extraction facility, the oil needs to be extracted from the beans. The U.S. average electricity mix is assumed for soy oil extraction. Since CA-GREET calculates results for feedstock and fuel separately, the CA-GREET model is used to calculate soybean production results (using U.S. average electricity mix) and renewable diesel production results (using CA marginal electricity mix) separately. The default Argonne GREET soy oil extraction energy input double counts the natural gas energy required for extraction. To address this inconsistency, a value of 2,800 Btu/lb oil is assumed for NG energy, based on the original GREET NG input (Sheehan, et al. 1998¹¹). The analysis uses GREET defaults for electricity (551 Btu/lb oil) and hexane (182 Btu/lb oil). Table 3.01 provides the direct energy consumption values based on GREET default total energy consumption and split by fuel type.

Table 3.01. Direct Energy Consumption for Soyoil Extraction from Soybeans

Process Fuel Type	Fuel Shares	Relationship of Extraction Energy and Fuel Shares	Direct Energy Consumption, Btu/lb soyoil
Natural gas	79.2%	0.792 x 3,533	2,800
Electricity	15.6%	0.156 x 3,533	551
N-Hexane	5.1%	0.051 x 3,533	182
Direct Energy Consumption for Soyoil Extraction			3,533

The values provided in Table 3.01 are direct energy consumption per lb of soyoil extracted. This is not the total energy required, however, since CA-GREET accounts for the “upstream” energy associated with each of the fuels utilized to extract the soyoil. Table 3.02 demonstrates how the direct energy consumption values shown in Table 3.01 are utilized to calculate total energy required to extract soyoil.

¹¹ Sheehan, J., V. Camobreco, et al. (1998). "Life Cycle Inventory of Biodiesel and Petroleum Diesel for Use in an Urban Bus." Prepared for U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fuels Development – Table 78, p.134

Table 3.02. Total Energy Use from Direct Energy Use for Soyoil Extraction

Fuel Type	Formula	Description	Btu/lb soyoil
Natural Gas	$2,800 + 2,800 \cdot (69,596) / 10^6$	2,800 Btu/lb soyoil of direct NG fuel use (Table 3.01)	2,995
		69,596 is the energy required to recover, process and transport 1 mmBtu of NG for stationary use	
Electricity	$551 \cdot (85,708 + 2,561,534) / 10^6$	551 Btu/lb soyoil direct electricity use (Table 3.01)	1,460
		85,708 Btu of energy used to recover and transport sufficient feedstock to generate 1 mmBtu electricity.	
		2,561,534 Btu fuel used to produce 1 mmBtu electricity.	
N-Hexane	$182 + 182 \cdot (39,212 \cdot 1.0001 + 75,862) / 10^6$	182 Btu/lb soyoil direct N-Hexane use. GREET uses LPG values for N-Hexane (Table 3.01)	203
		The energy to recover crude is 39,212 Btu/mmBtu crude.	
		1.0001 is the loss factor for LPG.	
		To refine & transport LPG 75,862 Btu/mmBtu LPG are used (Table 1.3)	
Total Energy Consumption for Soyoil Extraction (Btu/lb oil)			4,657.6
Total Energy Consumption for Soyoil Extraction (Btu/mmBtu)			288,934
Total Adjusted Energy Consumption for Soyoil Extraction (Btu/mmBtu)			54,627

The soyoil extraction energy is converted from the per lb soyoil basis to a per mmBtu renewable diesel basis as follows:

Soyoil Extraction Energy:

$$\frac{(4,657.62 \text{ Btu} / \text{lbOil}) \times (1.174 \text{ lbOil} / \text{lbRD}) \times 10^6}{18,924.93 \text{ Btu} / \text{lbRD}} = 288,934 \text{ Btu/mmBtu}$$

$$288,934 \text{ Btu/mmBtu} \times 20.0\% \times 94.5\% \times 1.000045 = 54,627 \text{ Btu/mmBtu}$$

3.2 GHG Calculations for Soyoil Extraction

The emissions associated with soyoil extraction are two-fold: the direct combustion emissions and the upstream emissions due to recovery, processing and transport of the process fuels utilized. In soyoil extraction, it is assumed that natural gas, electricity and N-hexane (a petroleum based solvent) are the process fuels. Table 3.03 provides the direct emissions associated with soyoil extraction. These direct emissions are

determined by multiplying the direct energy use (provided in Table 3.01) by the appropriate combustion emission factors for the fuel type and combustion equipment used. Note that electricity has no direct emissions. It is assumed that the natural gas is split equally between a large industrial boiler and a small industrial boiler (CA-GREET default). A sample calculation showing how the natural gas CO₂ direct emissions were calculated is shown in Table 3.03.

Table 3.03. Direct Emissions from Soyoil Extraction

Product	VOC	CO	CH₄	N₂O	CO₂
Natural Gas (g/lb Soyoil)	0.006	0.063	0.003	0.001	163
N-Hexane (g/lb Soyoil)	4.813				
Total	4.82	0.063	0.003	0.001	163

Sample calculation of CO₂ above from Natural Gas:

$$\frac{(2,800 \text{ BtuNG} / \text{lbOil}) \times [(50\% \times 58,198 \text{ gCO}_2 / \text{mmBtu}) + (50\% \times 58,176 \text{ gCO}_2 / \text{mmBtu})]}{10^6} =$$

163 g/lb Soyoil

In addition to direct emissions from fuel combustion, the emissions associated with recovery, processing and transport of the fuels used to extract the soyoil must be quantified. Table 3.04 shows how the upstream CO₂ emissions are quantified from the direct fuel consumption. Table 3.05 provides the upstream emissions for all GHGs.

Table 3.04. Upstream CO₂ Emissions from Direct Energy Use for Soyoil Extraction

Fuel Type	Formula	Description	gCO ₂ /lb soyoil
Natural Gas	$2,800 * (5,208) / 10^6$	2,800 Btu/lb soyoil of direct NG fuel use (Table 3.2)	14.6
		5,208 grams of CO ₂ are emitted in recovery, processing and transporting 1 mmBtu of natural gas for stationary use.	
Electricity	$551 * (6,833 + 213,458) / 10^6$	551 Btu/lb soyoil direct electricity use (Table 3.2).	121.4
		To recover, process, and transport fuel to the power plants, 6,833 g of CO ₂ /mmBtu are emitted.	
		Production of electricity releases 213,458 g CO ₂ /mmBtu of electricity produced.	
N-Hexane	$182 * (3,868 * 1.000116 + 5,715) / 10^6$	182 Btu/lb soyoil direct N-Hexane use (Table 3.2).	1.7
		The CO ₂ emitted from crude recovery is 3,868 g/mmBtu.	
		1.0001 is the loss factor for LPG	
		5,715 g/mmBtu CO ₂ is from LPG refining & transport	
Total Upstream CO₂ Emissions for Soyoil Extraction			138

Table 3.05. Upstream Emissions from Soyoil Extraction

Product	VOC	CO	CH ₄	N ₂ O	CO ₂
Natural Gas (g/lb Soyoil)	0.018	0.032	0.361	0.000	15
Electricity (g/lb Soyoil)	0.011	0.107	0.152	0.001	121
N-Hexane (g/lb Soyoil)	0.002	0.003	0.017	0.000	2
Total GHG Emissions (g/lb Soyoil)	0.030	0.142	0.530	0.001	138

Finally, the direct and upstream emissions are summed and converted from g/lb soyoil basis to g/mmBtu biodiesel basis. The allocation and loss factors are then applied. Table 3.06 provides the total emissions associated with soyoil extraction.

Table 3.06. Total GHG Emissions from Soyoil Extraction

	VOC	CO	CH ₄	N ₂ O	CO ₂	GHG Emissions
Total Emissions (Direct + Upstream), g/lb soyoil						
Natural Gas	0.023	0.096	0.364	0.001	178	
Electricity	0.011	0.107	0.152	0.001	121	
N-Hexane	4.815	0.003	0.017	0.000	2	
Total	4.849	0.206	0.533	0.002	301	
Total Emissions (Direct + Upstream), converted to g/mmBtu						
Natural Gas	1.427	5.955	22.581	0.062	11,042	
Electricity	0.682	6.638	9.429	0.062	7,506	
N-Hexane	298.696	0.186	1.055	-	124	
Total	300.806	12.779	33.064	0.124	18,672	
Total Adjusted Emissions (with Allocation and Loss Factors), g/mmBtu						
Natural Gas	0.270	1.126	4.269	0.012	2,088	
Electricity	0.129	1.255	1.783	0.012	1,419	
N-Hexane	56.473	0.035	0.199	-	23	
Total Adjusted Emissions in gCO₂e/mmBtu						gCO₂e/MJ
Natural Gas	0.841	1.769	106.730	3.495	2,088	2.09
Electricity	0.402	1.972	44.568	3.495	1,419	1.39
N-Hexane	176.007	0.055	4.985	-	23	0.19
Total	177.250	3.797	156.283	6.990	3,530	3.67

Sample calculation of CO₂ to convert from g/lb soyoil to g/mmBtu biodiesel:

$$\frac{(301 \text{ g / lb Soy Oil}) \times (1.17 \text{ lbs Soy Oil / lb BD})}{(18,925 \text{ Btu / lb BD})} \times 10^6 = \mathbf{18,672 \text{ g/mmBtu}}$$

To calculate CO₂ adjusted energy:

$$18,672 \text{ g / mmBtu} \times 20\% \times 94.5\% \times 1.000045 = \mathbf{3,530 \text{ gCO}_2\text{e/mmBtu}}$$

SECTION 4. SOYOIL TRANSPORT

4.1 Energy Calculations for Soyoil Transport

As discussed in the previous section, soyoil is produced at a crushing facility in the Midwest and then transported via rail to California for renewable diesel production. The rail transport distance (1,400 miles) reflects transport to California. For the CA-GREET RD pathway, appropriate modifications have been made to incorporate soybean oil transport to CA. Note that this approach assumes that soybean oil and renewable diesel have the same heating value, which is a reasonable assumption; the error introduced by the difference is small.

The transport parameters and energy use are shown in Table 4.01. The energy intensity for rail shown in the table is a CA-GREET default value and the following two values, 518,000 Btu/ton, and 16,038 are based on multiplying factors in the table together; the total energy is based on the direct energy and the upstream diesel factor (see Table 4.01).

The energy allocation factor used for soy oil transport is the same energy factor (94.5%) for soy oil calculated in Section 1.1.

Table 4.01. Parameters and Energy Use for Soyoil Transport

	Units	Crushing facility to RD Plant
Mode		Rail
Distance	Miles	1,400
Fuel		Diesel
Lower Heating Value	Btu/gal	119,550
Density	g/gal	3,361
Energy Intensity	Btu/ton-mile	370
*Direct Energy	Btu/ton	518,000
*Direct Energy	Btu/mmBtu	13,685
*Total Energy	Btu/mmBtu	15,917
Total Allocated and Adjusted Energy	Btu/mmBtu	15,046

*Note: Rail miles not doubled.

Total energy includes energy associated with crude recovery and diesel refining (see Table 1.3).

Direct Energy (Btu/ton): $(370 \text{ Btu/ton-mile})(1,400 \text{ miles}) = \mathbf{518,000 \text{ Btu/ton}}$

Direct Energy (Btu/mmBtu):

$$518,000 \text{ Btu} / \text{ton} \times \frac{1 \text{ ton}}{18,925 \text{ Btu} / \text{lb} \times 2,000 \text{ lbs}} \times 10^6 = \mathbf{13,685 \text{ Btu/mmBtu}}$$

Total Energy (Btu/mmBtu, not adjusted) =
 (13,685 Btu/mmBtu) x (1 + 0.163 Btu/Btu diesel upstream) = **15,917 Btu/mmBtu**
 Total Energy (Btu/mmBtu, adjusted) =
 15,917 Btu/mmBtu x 94.5% x 1.000045 = **15,046 Btu/mmBtu**

where 0.163 Btu/Btu diesel is the upstream energy associated with producing 1 Btu of diesel.

4.2 GHG Calculations for Soybean Transport

As discussed in the previous section, soybean is transported 1,400 miles from the Midwest to California. Table 4.02 shows the diesel rail emission factors, direct emissions, upstream emissions and total emissions with allocation and loss factors applied. The direct emissions and upstream emissions are calculated exactly as shown for soybean transport in Section 2.2.

Table 4.02 Soyoil Transport Parameters and Calculations

Transport Leg	Soybean Crushing Facility to RD Plant
Mode	Rail
Distance, miles	1,400*
Fuel Burned	Diesel
Energy Intensity, Btu/ton-mile	370
Emission Factors¹, g/mmBtu Fuel Burned	
VOC	59.70
CO	215.00
CH ₄	3.940
N ₂ O	2.00
CO ₂	77,664
Direct Emissions, g/mmBtu Fuel Transported	
VOC	0.825
CO	2.971
CH ₄	0.054
N ₂ O	0.028
CO ₂	1,063
Upstream Emissions, g/mmBtu Fuel Transported	
VOC	0.114
CO	0.243
CH ₄	1.355
N ₂ O	0.002
CO ₂	183
Total Emissions, including allocation and loss factors g/mmBtu Fuel Transported	
VOC	0.887
CO	3.038
CH ₄	1.333
N ₂ O	0.028
CO ₂	1,188
Total GHG Emissions (gCO₂e/MJ)	1.17

Rail miles not doubled.

Sample calculations for CO₂ as shown in Table 4.02 above:

Direct CO₂ emission from diesel locomotive:

$$\frac{(2,948 \text{ galBD} / \text{gal}) \times (77,664) \text{ gCO}_2 / \text{mmBtu} \times (370 \text{ Btu} / \text{ton} - \text{mile}) \times 1,400 \text{ miles}}{(122,887 \text{ Btu} / \text{galBD} \times 454 \text{ g} / \text{lb} \times 2000 \text{ lbs} / \text{ton})} =$$

1,063gCO₂/mmBtu

Upstream CO₂ emission from diesel locomotive:

$$\frac{(2,948 \text{ gRD} / \text{ gal}) \times (13,257 \text{ gCO}_2 / \text{ mmBtu}) \times (370 \text{ Btu} / \text{ ton} - \text{ mile}) \times 1400 \text{ miles}}{(122,887 \text{ Btu} / \text{ gal} \times 454 \text{ g} / \text{ lb} \times 2000 \text{ lbs} / \text{ ton})} =$$

183 gCO₂/mmBtu

Total CO₂ emission adjusted to energy:

$$(1,063 + 183) \text{ gCO}_2 / \text{ mmBtu} \times 94.5\% \times 1.000045 = \mathbf{1,188 \text{ gCO}_2 / \text{ mmBtu}}$$

Similar calculations are performed for VOC, CO, CH₄, and N₂O.

SECTION 5. RENEWABLE DIESEL PRODUCTION

5.1 Energy Calculations for Renewable diesel Production

After the soyoil is extracted and transported, renewable diesel fuel is produced via hydrogenation technology known as the UOP-HDO¹² standalone hydrogenation process for renewable diesel II¹³. The first step in calculating the total adjusted energy consumption is determining the direct energy use. The direct energy consumption is 1,851 Btu/lb of renewable diesel, a CA-GREET default. The process fuel inputs are presented in Table 5.01.

Table 5.01 Direct Energy Consumption for Production of Renewable Diesel

Process Fuel Type	Fuel Shares	Relationship of Renewable diesel Production and Fuel Shares	Direct Energy Consumption, Btu/lb renewable diesel
Natural gas	4.5%	0.045 x 1,851	83
Electricity	7.1%	0.071 x 1,851	132
Hydrogen	88.4%	0.884 x 1,851	1,636
Direct Energy Consumption for Soybean Oil Hydrogenation			1,851

The values provided in Table 5.01 are direct energy consumption per pound of renewable diesel produced. This is not the total energy required however, since CA-GREET accounts for the “upstream” energy associated with each of the fuels utilized to produce renewable diesel. Table 5.02 demonstrates how the direct energy consumption values shown in Table 5.01 are utilized to calculate total energy required for soyoil hydrogenation.

¹² Renewable Diesel II is produced by UOP hydrogenation technology using a stand alone processing unit to process bio-feedstock (UOP is a company owned by subsidiary of Honeywell International)

¹³ H. Huo, M. Wang, C.Bloyd, and V.Putsche – 2008 - “*Life-cycle Assessment of Energy and Greenhouse Gas Effects of Soybean-Derived Biodiesel and Renewable Fuels*” – Argonne National Laboratory

Table 5.02. Total Energy Use from Direct Energy Use for Production of Renewable Diesel

Fuel Type	Formula	Description	Btu/lb RD
Natural gas	$83 + 83^* (68,910)/10^6$	83 Btu/lb RD of direct NG fuel use (Table 5.1).	88
		68,910 is the energy required to recover, process and transport a mmBtu of NG for stationary use	
Electricity	$132^* (111,649 + 1,884,989)/ 10^6$	132 Btu/lb RD direct electricity use (Table 5.1)	264
		111,649 Btu of energy used to recover and transport feedstock to generate 1 mmBtu electricity.	
		1,884,989 Btu fuel used to produce 1 mmBtu electricity.	
Hydrogen	$1636^*(1,000,000 + 514,341)/ 10^6$	1,636 Btu/lb RD direct hydrogen use (Table 5.1)	2,453
		514,341Btu to produce and transport hydrogen	
Total Energy Consumption for RD Production (Btu/lb)			2,806
Convert to Btu/mmBtu			148,248
Total Adjusted Energy Consumption for Renewable Diesel Production (Btu/mmBtu)			140,142

To convert from Btu/lb RD to Btu/mmBtu RD use:

$$\text{Total Energy} = 2,806 \text{ Btu/lb RD} / 18,925 \text{ Btu/lb} \times 10^6 = \mathbf{148,248 \text{ Btu/mmBtu}}$$

$$\text{Total Adjusted Energy} = 148,248 \text{ Btu/mmBtu} \times 94.5\% \times 1.000045 = \mathbf{140,142 \text{ Btu/mmBtu}}$$

5.2 GHG Calculations from Renewable Diesel Production

Once the soyoil has been transported to a renewable diesel facility, renewable diesel is produced through hydrogenation. Once again, there are direct emissions resulting from direct fuel consumption and upstream emissions from recovery, processing and transport of these process fuels. The fuels consumed in this stage are natural gas, electricity and hydrogen. Direct emissions are calculated by multiplying direct fuel consumption (please refer to Table 3.06 section 3.2 above) by the appropriate emissions factors. Direct emissions for the production of renewable diesel are provided in Table 5.03.

Table 5.03. Direct Emissions from Renewable Diesel Production

Product	VOC	CO	CH ₄	N ₂ O	CO ₂
Natural Gas (g/lb RD)	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	5
Total Direct Emissions (g/lb RD)	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	5

Note: Only NG has direct emissions for CA-GREET calculations

The upstream emissions are calculated from the direct energy consumption as illustrated in Table 5.04 for CO₂. The upstream emissions for each of the pollutants are summarized in Table 5.05. Please refer to Table 5.02 for direct fuel consumption values.

Table 5.04. Upstream CO₂ Emissions for Renewable Diesel Production

Fuel Type	Formula	Description	gCO ₂ /lb RD
Natural Gas	$83 * (5,050)/10^6$	83 Btu/lb RD of direct NG fuel use (Table 5.2)	0
		5,050 g of CO ₂ are emitted in recovery, processing and transporting 1 mmBtu of natural gas for stationary use	
Electricity	$132 * (8,277 + 96,250)/10^6$	132 Btu/lb RD direct electricity use (Table 5.2)	14
		To recover, process and transport fuel to the power plants, 8,277 g of CO ₂ are emitted per mmBtu of electricity produced	
		Electricity production releases 96,250 g CO ₂ /mmBtu of electricity	
Hydrogen	$1636 * (89,445)/10^6$	1,636 Btu/lb RD direct hydrogen use (Table 5.2)	145
		Energy to produce hydrogen as a feedstock is 89,445 g CO ₂ /mmBtu	
Total Upstream CO₂ Emissions for Soy Renewable Diesel Production			159

Note: As in previous tables, the upstream values shown in the third column of the table may be found in the summary sections of the appropriate fuel sheets in CA-GREET.

Table 5.05. Upstream Emissions from Renewable Diesel Production

Product	VOC	CO	CH ₄	N ₂ O	CO ₂
Natural Gas (g/lb RD)	0.001	0.001	0.011	0.000	0
Electricity (g/lb RD)	0.002	0.008	0.029	0.000	14
Hydrogen (g/lb RD)	0.018	0.049	0.297	0.000	145
Total Emissions (g/lb RD)	0.021	0.057	0.336	0.001	159

Finally, the direct and upstream emissions are summed and converted from a g/lb RD basis to a g/mmBtu RD basis. The allocation and loss factors are also applied. Table 5.06 provides the total emissions associated with the production of renewable diesel.

Table 5.06. Total GHG Emissions from Renewable Diesel Production

	VOC	CO	CH ₄	N ₂ O	CO ₂	GHG Emissions
Total Emissions (Direct + Upstream), g/lb RD						
Natural Gas	0.001	0.003	0.011	0.000	5	
Electricity	0.002	0.008	0.029	0.000	14	
Hydrogen	0.018	0.049	0.297	0.000	145	
Total	0.021	0.059	0.336	0.001	164	
Total Emissions (Direct + Upstream), converted to g/mmBtu RD						
Natural Gas	0.036	0.148	0.567	0.002	276	
Electricity	0.111	0.406	1.532	0.018	730	
Hydrogen	0.977	2.576	15.674	0.015	7,670	
Total	1.124	3.131	17.773	0.035	8,676	
Total Adjusted Emissions (with Allocation & Loss Factors), g/mmBtu						
Natural Gas	0.034	0.140	0.536	0.002	261	
Electricity	0.105	0.384	1.449	0.017	690	
Hydrogen	0.924	2.435	14.817	0.014	7,251	
Total GHG Emissions	1.063	2.959	16.801	0.033	8,202	
Total GHG Emissions (gCO₂e/MJ)						8.19

SECTION 6. RENEWABLE DIESEL TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTION

6.1 Energy Calculations for Renewable Diesel Transport to Retail Stations

The next step in the renewable diesel pathway is transport from the production plant in California to a retail station. Table 6.01 provides the transport assumptions and calculations for this final step.

80% of the renewable diesel is transported by heavy-duty truck 50 miles from the plant to bulk terminal; the remaining 20% is distributed directly from the plant. Renewable diesel is then transported 90 miles by heavy-duty truck from the bulk terminal to refueling stations. The energy for each mode is multiplied by the mode share shown in Table 6.01 to yield the total energy. No allocation factor adjustment is made for transport of renewable diesel. The calculations for transport energy and emissions are similar to that for the soyoil derived biodiesel pathway published on the Low Carbon Fuel Standard website (www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/lcfs/lcfs.htm).

Table 6.01 Transport Parameters and Energy Use for the Transport and Distribution of Renewable Diesel

Parameter	Units	Plant to Bulk Terminal	Distribution	Total
Mode	-	Heavy Duty Truck	Heavy Duty Truck	
Mode Share	%	80%	100%	
Distance	Miles	50	90	
Payload	Tons	25	25	
Fuel Economy	mi/gal	5	5	
Fuel	-	Diesel	Diesel	
Fuel LHV	Btu/gal	128,450	128,450	
Energy Intensity	Btu/ton-mile	1,028	1,028	
Direct Energy (Btu/mmBtu) ¹		2,741	4,934	
Upstream Energy (Btu/mmBtu) ¹		591	1,063	
Total Energy (Btu/mmBtu) ¹		3,332	5,997	
Total Energy Use (Btu/mmBtu)		2,665	5,997	8,662

¹Excludes mode share, which is accounted for in the total energy

Note: Energy Intensity = LHV / fuel economy / payload = 1,028 Btu/mile-ton
 Direct truck energy doubles the miles to take into account round trip energy.

6.2 GHG Calculations for Renewable Diesel Transport to Retail Stations

Renewable Diesel is assumed to be transported as follows in CA-GREET:

- 80% transported 50 miles by heavy-duty diesel truck (HDD) from plants in CA to bulk terminal
- 100% distributed 90 miles by heavy-duty truck

Table 6.02 provides the direct emissions, upstream emissions (without accounting for mode share), and total emissions, accounting for mode share.

Table 6.02 GHG Emissions from Transport and Distribution of Renewable Diesel

	Plant to Bulk Terminal	Fuel Distribution	Total Transport
Mode	HDD Truck	HDD Truck	
Mode Share	80%	100%	
Distance, miles	50	90	
Fuel	Diesel	Diesel	
CO ₂ EF, g/mmBtu	77,809 (77,912)	77,912 (77,890)	
Energy Intensity, Btu/ton-mile	1,028	1,028	
GHG Species			
GHG Species	Emissions	Emissions	
Direct Emissions¹ (g/mmBtu)			
VOC	0.082	0.148	
CO	0.420	0.755	
CH ₄	0.004	0.008	
N ₂ O	0.006	0.010	
CO ₂	213	384	
Upstream Emissions¹ (g/mmBtu)			
VOC	0.0296	0.047	
CO	0.07	0.126	
CH ₄	0.310	0.557	
N ₂ O	0.001	0.001	
CO ₂	42	75	
Total Emissions², (g/mmBtu)			
VOC	0.086	0.047	0.281
CO	0.392	0.126	1.273
CH ₄	0.251	0.557	0.816
N ₂ O	0.005	0.001	0.016
CO ₂	204	459	663
GHG Emissions (gCO ₂ e/mmBtu)	212.7	478.5	691.2
GHG Emissions (gCO₂e/MJ)	0.20	0.46	0.66

¹ Direct and upstream emissions exclude mode share; total emissions accounts for mode share

²Total Emissions accounts for mode share

Energy Intensity = LHV / fuel economy / payload

Direct truck energy doubles the miles to take into account round trip energy.

Sample calculations of CO₂ values bolded above:

Direct CO₂ emission from diesel HDD truck:

$$\frac{(2,984 \text{ gRD} / \text{ gal}) \times (77,912 + 77,890) \text{ gCO}_2 / \text{ mmBtu} \times (1,028 \text{ Btu} / \text{ ton} - \text{ mile}) \times 90 \text{ miles}}{(122,887 \text{ Btu} / \text{ gal} \times 454 \text{ g} / \text{ lb} \times 2000 \text{ lbs} / \text{ ton})} =$$

384 CO₂g/mmBtu

Upstream CO₂ emission from diesel HDD truck:

$$\frac{(2,984 \text{ gRD} / \text{ gal}) \times 13,257 \text{ gCO}_2 / \text{ mmBtu} \times (1,028 \text{ Btu} / \text{ ton} - \text{ mile}) \times 2 \text{ ways} \times 90 \text{ miles}}{(122,887 \text{ Btu} / \text{ gal} \times 454 \text{ g} / \text{ lb} \times 2000 \text{ lbs} / \text{ ton})} =$$

75 gCO₂/mmBtu

SECTION 7. GHG EMISSIONS FROM A RENEWABLE DIESEL-FUELED VEHICLE

7.1 Combustion Emissions from Fuel

The CA-GREET model considers only the fossil carbon in fuel (expressed as fully oxidized, gCO₂/mmBtu fuel), since biologically derived fuel carbon originates from the atmosphere and the net greenhouse gas impact is neutral. Because all of the carbon in the fuel is derived from soybeans, there are no fossil CO₂ emissions from the RD vehicle. The biomass derived CO₂ emissions are based on RD fuel properties and are calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Vehicle CO}_2 &= 0.871 \text{ g C/g RD} * 2,948 \text{ g RD/gal} / 122,887 \text{ Btu/gal} * 44/12 * 10^6 / 1,055 \\ &= \mathbf{72.62 \text{ g/MJ}} \end{aligned}$$

The CH₄ and N₂O emissions are assumed to be the same as ULSD. ULSD emission factors for heavy duty trucks was provided in the ULSD document and are shown in Table 7.01. The vehicle energy use, N₂O and CH₄ emission rates and final emissions are shown in Table 7.01.

Table 7.01 Vehicle CH₄ and N₂O Emissions

Parameter	2010 Emissions factor (g/mi)	GWP	GHG (gCO₂e/MJ)
N ₂ O	0.048	298	0.735
CH ₄	0.035	25	0.045
Vehicle Energy Efficiency	6.1 mi/gal		0.78

APPENDIX B

Renewable Diesel Pathway Input Values

Parameters	Units	Values	Note
GHG Equivalent			
CO ₂		1	
CH ₄		25	
N ₂ O		298	
VOC		3.12	
CO		1.57	
Soybean Farming			
Direct Farming Efficiency		97.2%	
Fuel Use Shares			
<i>Diesel</i>		64.4%	
<i>Gasoline</i>		17.8%	
<i>Natural Gas</i>		7.3%	
<i>LPG</i>		7.6%	
<i>Electricity</i>		2.9%	
Cultivation Equipment Shares			
<i>Diesel Farming Tractor</i>		80%	
<i>CO₂ Emission Factor</i>	g/mmBtu	77,411	
<i>Diesel Engine</i>		20%	
<i>CO₂ Emission Factor</i>	g/mmBtu	77,401	
<i>Gasoline Farming Tractor</i>		100%	
<i>CO₂ Emission Factor</i>	g/mmBtu	75,645	
<i>Natural Gas Reciprocating Engine</i>		100%	
<i>CO₂ Emission Factor</i>	g/mmBru	56,551	
<i>LPG Commercial Boiler</i>		100%	
<i>CO₂ Emission Factor</i>	g/mmBtu	68,036	
Soybean Farming			
<i>Soybean direct energy use</i>	Btu/bu	22,087	
<i>Soybean yield</i>	lbs/bu	60	
Soybean T&D			
<i>Transported from Soybean Field to Stack</i>			
<i>by medium truck</i>	miles	10	2,199 Btu/mile-ton Energy Intensity
<i>fuel consumption</i>	mi/gal	7.3	capacity 8 tons/trip
<i>CO₂ emission factor origin-destination</i>	g/mmBtu	77,912	
<i>CO₂ emission factor destination-origin</i>	g/mmBtu	77,890	
<i>Transported from Stack to RD Plant</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	40	1,713 Btu/mile-ton Energy Intensity
<i>fuel consumption</i>	mi/gal	5	capacity 15 tons/trip
<i>CO₂ emission factor origin-destination</i>	g/mmBtu	77,913	
<i>CO₂ emission factor destination-origin</i>	g/mmBtu	77,809	
<i>Transported from Terminal to Renewable Diesel Plant</i>			
<i>by rail</i>	miles	1,400	370 Btu/mile-ton Energy Intensity
<i>CO₂ emission factor</i>	g/mmBtu	77,664	
Chemicals Inputs			
Nitrogen			
<i>NH₃</i>	g/bu	61.2	
<i>Production Efficiency</i>		82.4%	
<i>Shares in Nitrogen Production</i>		70.7%	
<i>CO₂ Emission Factor</i>	g/g	2.475	
<i>Transported from plant to bulk center</i>			

Parameters	Units	Values	Note
<i>by ocean tanker</i>	miles	3,000	48 Btu/mile-ton to destination and 43 Btu/mile-ton reverse
<i>by rail</i>	miles	750	370 Btu/mile-ton
<i>by barge</i>	miles	400	403 Btu/mile-ton
<i>Transported from bulk center to mixer</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	50	1,142 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
<i>Transported from mixer to farm</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	30	2,199 Btu/mile-ton by truck
Urea			
<i>Production Efficiency</i>		46.7%	
<i>Shares in Nitrogen Production</i>		21.1%	
<i>Transported from plant to bulk center</i>			
<i>by ocean tanker</i>	miles	5,200	48 Btu/mile-ton to destination and 43 Btu/mile-ton reverse
<i>by rail</i>	miles	750	370 Btu/mile-ton
<i>by barge</i>	miles	400	403 Btu/mile-ton
<i>Transported from bulk center to mixer</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	50	1,142 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
<i>Transported from mixer to farm</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	30	2,199 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
Ammonium Nitrate			
<i>Production Efficiency</i>		35%	
<i>Shares in Nitrogen Production</i>		8.2%	
<i>Transported from plant to bulk center</i>			
<i>by ocean tanker</i>	miles	3,700	48 Btu/mile-ton to destination and 43 Btu/mile-ton reverse
<i>by rail</i>	miles	750	370 Btu/mile-ton
<i>by barge</i>	miles	400	403 Btu/mile-ton
<i>Transported from bulk center to mixer</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	50	1,142 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
<i>Transported from mixer to farm</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	30	2,199 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
P₂O₅	g/bu	186.1	
H₃PO₄			
<i>Feedstock input</i>	tons	n/a	
<i>Transported from plant to bulk center</i>			
<i>by ocean tanker</i>	miles	4,400	48 Btu/mile-ton to destination and 43 Btu/mile-ton reverse
<i>by rail</i>	miles	750	370 Btu/mile-ton
<i>by barge</i>	miles	400	403 Btu/mile-ton
<i>Transported from bulk center to mixer</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	50	1,142 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
<i>Transported from mixer to farm</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	30	2,199 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
H₂SO₄			
<i>Feedstock input</i>	tons	2.674	
<i>Transported from plant to bulk center</i>			

Parameters	Units	Values	Note
<i>by ocean tanker</i>	miles	1,500	48 Btu/mile-ton to destination and 43 Btu/mile-ton reverse
<i>by rail</i>	miles	750	370 Btu/mile-ton
<i>by barge</i>	miles	400	403 Btu/mile-ton
<i>Transported from bulk center to mixer</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	50	1,142 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
<i>Transported from mixer to farm</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	30	2,199 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
P Rock			
<i>Feedstock input</i>	tons	3.525	
<i>Transported from plant to bulk center</i>			
<i>by ocean tanker</i>	miles	4,400	48 Btu/mile-ton to destination and 43 Btu/mile-ton reverse
<i>by rail</i>	miles	750	370 Btu/mile-ton
<i>by barge</i>	miles	400	403 Btu/mile-ton
<i>Transported from bulk center to mixer</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	50	1,142 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
<i>Transported from mixer to farm</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	30	2,199 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
K₂O	g/bu	571.5	
<i>Transported from plant to bulk center</i>			
<i>by ocean tanker</i>	miles	3,900	48 Btu/mile-ton to destination and 43 Btu/mile-ton reverse
<i>by rail</i>	miles	750	370 Btu/mile-ton
<i>by barge</i>	miles	400	403 Btu/mile-ton
<i>Transported from bulk center to mixer</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	50	1,142 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
<i>Transported from mixer to farm</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	30	2,199 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
Herbicide	g/bu	43.02	
<i>Transported from plant to bulk center</i>			
<i>by ocean tanker</i>	miles	4,000	48 Btu/mile-ton to destination and 43 Btu/mile-ton reverse
<i>by rail</i>	miles	750	370 Btu/mile-ton
<i>by barge</i>	miles	400	403 Btu/mile-ton
<i>Transported from bulk center to mixer</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	50	1,142 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
<i>Transported from mixer to farm</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	30	2,199 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
Pesticide	g/bu	0.43	
<i>Transported from plant to bulk center</i>			
<i>by ocean tanker</i>	miles	4,000	48 Btu/mile-ton to destination and 43 Btu/mile-ton reverse
<i>by rail</i>	miles	750	370 Btu/mile-ton
<i>by barge</i>	miles	400	403 Btu/mile-ton
<i>Transported from bulk center to mixer</i>			
<i>by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	50	1,142 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back

Parameters	Units	Values	Note
<i>Transported from mixer to farm by heavy duty diesel truck</i>	miles	30	2,199 Btu/mile-ton to and from destination back
Co-Product Credit			
<i>Soy Oil Yield</i>	lb/bu	2.08	
Renewable Diesel Production			
Soyoil Extraction			
<i>Soyoil yield</i>	lbs SB/lb Soyoil	5.28	
<i>Soyoil Extraction Efficiency</i>		97.2%	
<i>Soyoil Extraction Energy Share</i>		20.0%	
<i>Energy use</i>	Btu/lb	5,867	
NG used		79.2%	
<i>Large NG Boiler</i>	g/mmBtu	58,198	50% usage
<i>Small NG Boiler</i>	g/mmBtu	58,176	50% usage
Electricity used		15.6%	
N-Hexane used		5.1%	
Soil Oil Transport			
<i>Mileage travel by rail</i>	miles	1,400	
<i>Energy Intensity</i>	Btu/ton- mile	370	
Soyoil Hydrogenation			
<i>Soyoil Hydrogenation</i>		94.5%	
<i>Energy use</i>	Btu/lb	2,116	
NG used		4.5%	
<i>Large NG Boiler</i>	g/mmBtu	58,198	50% usage
<i>Small NG Boiler</i>	g/mmBtu	58,176	50% usage
Electricity used		7.1%	
Methanol used		88.4%	
Transportation and Distribution			
<i>Transported by HHD truck</i>	miles	90	1,028 Btu/mile-ton Energy Intensity both ways
Fuels Properties			
	LHV (Btu/gal)	Density (g/gal)	
<i>Crude</i>	129,670	3,205	
<i>RO</i>	140,353	3,752	
<i>Conventional Diesel</i>	128,450	3,167	
<i>Conventional Gasoline</i>	116,090	2,819	
<i>CaRFG</i>	111,289	2,828	
<i>CARBOB</i>	113,300	2,767	
<i>LPG</i>	75,862		
<i>Natural Gas</i>	83,868	2,651	
<i>Still Gas</i>	128,590		
Soybean Transportation Cargo Capacity			
<i>Medium Duty Truck</i>	tons	8	
<i>Heavy Duty Truck</i>	tons	15	
Renewable Diesel Yield			
<i>From Soybean</i>	gal/bu	1.49	
<i>From Soyoil</i>	gal/lb	0.14	
<i>From Soydiesel</i>	gal/lb	0.135	

APPENDIX C

CO-PRODUCT AND LOSS FACTOR

Co-Product Allocation Methodology for Soyoil Derived Renewable Diesel

Biodiesel, consisting of fatty-acid methyl esters (FAME), and non-ester renewable diesel are produced using plant-derived oils. There are a variety of potential feedstock oils (see table C-1), but the pathway detailed here is soybean oil-based renewable diesel. This Appendix discusses the co-products of soybean renewable diesel and the allocation method used in CA-GREET for determining co-product credits.

Table C-1. Renewable Diesel Co-Products

Fuel	Feedstock	Co-products
Renewable Diesel (non esterified)	Soybean oil	Soybean meal, LPG
Renewable Diesel (non esterified)	Canola Oil	Canola meal, LPG
Renewable Diesel (non esterified)	Mustard seed	Seed meal, LPG
Renewable Diesel (non esterified)	Palm oil	Palm meal

Pressing oil yields protein rich soybean meal valued as animal feed. Hydrogenation of the processed oil yields renewable diesel and propane, the latter which can be used as an energy source within the refinery or sold for use as propane in other applications. The CA-GREET model calculates co-product credits for these and the methodology used in the analysis in this document is provided below.

Co-Product Allocation methods

Allocation methods apportion the inputs and emissions from a process amongst the various co-produced outputs based on some characteristic of the process input, outputs, or operation. The advantage of using the allocation approach is that the analysis can be completed based on the inputs and emissions associated with a more narrowly-defined process. This simplifies the analysis and eliminates certain uncertainties and these have been used in the soybean to biodiesel pathway analysis using CA-GREET. Mass based allocation has been used for the soybean meal/oil production component and energy based allocation has been used for the renewable diesel/propane production step.

Soybean Production and Soyoil Extraction

The crushing of soybean produces soybean meal and soyoil. USDA data from 2007 indicates that 5.28 bushels of soybeans are required to produce 1 pound of soyoil. The balance is left over as soybean meal, a nutritive supplement for animal feed. Based on the USDA data apportioning, the impacts of soybean farming to soybean meal and soyoil approximately works out to 80% being allocated to soybeans and 20% to soyoil¹⁴. Using this information, all relevant GHG emissions attributable to soybean farming up to soyoil extraction are apportioned to 20% to the biodiesel pathway analysis.

¹⁴ Actual data works out to 80.6% to soybean meal and 19.4% to soyoil. To ensure consistency with the GTAP model analysis which utilizes the 80:20 ratio, the same has been adopted for the CA-GREET analysis.

Renewable Diesel Energy Allocation

The propane co-product is accounted for in CA-GREET using allocation by energy content. This is accomplished indirectly, by multiplying the fuel energy and emission results by the energy proportion of the fuel or oil in the product system.

The energy allocation factor is the energy fraction of renewable diesel to the energy ratio of renewable diesel to the total renewable diesel plus propane product system (Equation 1a shows the ratio in words and 1b shows the actual calculation):

$$\frac{\text{Renewable_Diesel_Energy_Content}}{(\text{Renewable_Energy_Content} + \text{Propane_Energy_Content})} \times \frac{\text{Biodiesel Energy Content}}{(\text{Biodiesel Energy Content} + \text{Glycerin Energy Content})} \quad (1a)$$

$$\frac{18,925\text{Btu} / \text{lbRD}}{18,925\text{Btu} / \text{lbRD} + (18,568\text{Btu} / \text{lb Propane} \times 0.059\text{lbs Propane} / \text{lbRD})} = 94.5\% \quad (1b)$$

where RD = renewable diesel