

# Agency 60 - Nebraska Ethanol Board

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## Statutory Authority:

The enabling language for the Nebraska Ethanol Board, its organization and duties are contained in Chapter 66, Sections 1335-1348 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

## Vision Statement:

The Agency's legislative mandate is to assist the private sector with the development of ethanol production facilities and to initiate and support all efforts to ensure the viability of the industry in Nebraska.

## Mission Statement:

Since 1971, public policy enacted by the Legislature has encouraged development of an ethanol industry in Nebraska. A combination of targeted financial incentives, opportune federal legislation, aggressive marketing and creative financing resulted in construction of seven ethanol plants during the early and mid-1990's. The Ethanol Board played a key role in that success. Consistent with the agency mission statement, agency representatives worked directly with private sector interests to increase awareness of Nebraska advantages for ethanol production.

## Goals:

During the next biennium, the Agency will focus on three primary objectives: working with ethanol producers to maintain an environment conducive to growth, establishing new markets for ethanol and its co-products and supporting development of new processes and products relative to ethanol production. These objectives support the significant public and private investment in Nebraska ethanol plants.

## Financial Data:

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## Program 516 - Nebraska Ethanol Board

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### Program Objectives:

Because the Ethanol Board operates only one program and one sub-program, the program and sub-program objectives are the same as those described earlier for the Agency. They are to: work with ethanol producers to maintain an environment conducive to growth, establishing new markets for ethanol and its' co-products and supporting development of new processes and products relative to ethanol production. These objectives support the significant public and private investment in Nebraska ethanol plants.

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### Performance Measures:

The general goal of the Board is to foster the growth of the industry in order to provide jobs, a market for the state's agricultural production, increase the tax base and provide the U.S. with an environmentally safe, renewable fuel. The most tangible means of evaluating success toward these goals is an investigation of some relevant statistics.

### Governor's Recommendation Includes:

The Governor's recommendation includes increased funding for ethanol promotion, education, and research activities.