### Biodiesel vs. Bioethanol

### **Biodiesel:**

- Fuel made from oil plants/ sources
- Produced by transesterification
- Usually blended with petroleum diesel fuel
- Few diesel engine modifications are required

#### **Bioethanol:**

- Fuel made by fermenting sugars in biomass materials such as corn
- Usually used as a gasoline additive
- Requires flex fuel engines

"Let's not be cruel, use alternative fuel!"





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Biofuels Production Facility for Renewable Energy Generation



## What?

Biofuels - Fuels produced from renewable resources such as plant biomass or vegetable oils. These fuels are in the form of alcohols, esters, ethers, and other chemicals.

# Why?

- It is a priority to find alternate sources of energy as the supply of petroleum decreases
- Cheaper to use and don't harm the environment
- Reuses waste oils and turns them into a cleaner burning fuel

## **Production**

- A processor running a batch/day will meet Testa's needs
- This overshoots the target production allowing for unscheduled down time

#### **Volumes of Reactants and Products:**

Required Biodiesel	1200 gal/week
Reactants	
oil	1470 gal/week
Methanol	367.5 gal/week
KOH (90% Pure)	52 kg/week
Products	
Glycerol	184 gal/week
Biodiesel	1654 gal/week

\*The biodiesel recipe must be fine-tuned based on available waste oil. For calculations a recipe of 22 vol% Methanol, 78 vol% Waste Oil, and 36g KOH/gal Oil was used.



#### **Murphy's Machines**

- Has knowledge of biodiesel processing and great customer service
- Sells plans to a 500 gallon biodiesel processer
- Estimates an initial investment of \$5000/processor and \$0.03/gallon biodiesel made

## **Transportation**





