

August 14, 2009 - Highwater Ethanol, LLC was officially organized as a Minnesota based Limited Liability Company in May of 2006, with the intention of planning, constructing and operating a 50 million gallon dry mill corn processing plant near Lamberton, Minnesota that benefits investors, farmers and the local community.

We intend to add value to locally grown grains by providing a local outlet to process the corn grown in the area, and at the same time, increase the total demand for corn in the Southwest Minnesota region. To meet this mission Highwater Ethanol, LLC has constructed a state of the art facility near Lamberton, MN to process corn into ethanol. The facility will produce at its permitted rate of 55 million gallon of denatured ethanol and 178,359 tons of distiller's dry grains with solubles and distillers wet cake.

At 6:00 a.m. August 14, 2009 Highwater Ethanol, LLC started grinding corn. After testing the facility and working through the regular startup items I am proud to say that we have began production of ethanol. Over three years of planning, preparing, and construction have brought us to this point today. As Highwater Ethanol's CEO I am happy to have this opportunity to be a part of the ethanol industry, to produce a renewable fuel, provide the opportunity for our investor owners, and to utilize our regionally grown corn. Highwater Ethanol, LLC currently has 37 full time employees. It was nice to see the smiles on the employees as they switched the grinders and other elements on to start our production.

Congratulations to our investor owners, HWE Board of Governors and HWE Staff!!

On September 11, 2009 at 9:30 we will host our Grand Opening and tours of the facility, Highwater Ethanol Board of Governors, Highwater Ethanol Staff invite you to participate in our Grand Opening.

Brian Kletscher, CEO/GM

Highwater Ethanol, LLC