

U.S. seeks ethanol alliance with Brazil

President Bush has called for the U.S. to produce 130bn litres of ethanol a year by 2017 in order to cut petrol consumption, but domestic production is expected to fall far short of this goal. Experts say that imports from Brazil and other Latin American countries could fill this gap



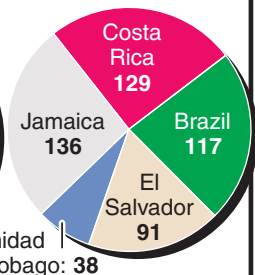
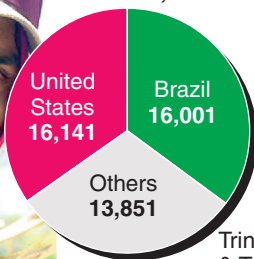
ETHANOL (2005, millions of litres)

WORLD PRODUCTION

Total: 45,993

U.S. IMPORTS

Total: 511



U.S.

CENTRAL AMERICA, CARIBBEAN

Guatemala (1), El Salvador (2), Honduras (3), Nicaragua (4), and Costa Rica (5). Total annual output of ethanol projected to reach 500m litres by 2010

El Salvador, Costa Rica, Jamaica (6). Duty-free ethanol exports to U.S.

Trinidad & Tobago

COLOMBIA

Plans production of 900m litres a year required for adding 10% ethanol to gasoline

PERU

Piura ethanol project: U.S. energy firm **Maple** plans construction of \$120m Piura distillery.

Pipeline to Pacific Ocean to deliver 120m litres of ethanol a year to U.S. by 2010

Sugar cane produces ethanol more efficiently than corn used by U.S. and Europe

BRAZIL

Plans at least 400 distilleries by 2012 to produce 36bn litres of ethanol a year

Brazil wants \$0.14-per-litre tariff on ethanol exports to U.S. scrapped

Pipeline planned as part of \$8bn project between

Petrobras and Mitsui & Co. to export up to 400bn litres of ethanol to Japan by 2010

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