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Last week, Governor Ricketts proclaimed May as [Renewable Fuels Month in Nebraska](#). Nebraska is the nation's second-leading producer of ethanol. The State's biofuels not only help power our vehicles, but help boost our economy and are also good for the environment.

I'm proud of our agency and the Transportation Services Bureau for the role we've played this past year as champions of renewable fuels. Back in March, the Governor was joined by representatives of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) and the Nebraska Ethanol Board to announce the results of an [E30 demonstration project](#) conducted by UNL with support from DAS. E30 is gasoline blended with 30% ethanol. This was a yearlong study, a first of its kind, that compared various data points utilizing a fleet of Transportation Services Bureau (TSB) vehicles. It monitored vehicle performance, fuel efficiency, and emissions control systems among other things. This data was captured using On-Board Diagnostics devices on vehicles through warm and cold seasons.

The [results showed](#) that today's conventional vehicles can safely and economically use E30. This was a big win for Nebraska's economy and our environment and it couldn't have been achieved without the leadership of the DAS TSB team.

Regards,

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