

# VALERO RENEWABLES - AURORA

Valero's Aurora ethanol plant is located on 420 acres near Aurora, South Dakota, six miles east of Brookings and 60 miles north of Sioux Falls. Valero acquired the plant from VeraSun Energy in April 2009.

## PLANT FACTS

**November 2003**

Original startup



**~70 full-time employees**



Corn bought **directly from local farmers**



**49 million bushels of corn** processed per year



**140 million gallons per year** ethanol production capacity



**368,000 tons per year** dried distillers grains production

## FLEET FACTS



**14 ethanol plants** process more than



**600 million bushels of corn** each year

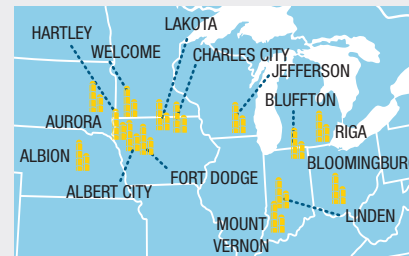


into **1.73 billion gallons of ethanol**



and **4.6 million tons of dried distillers grains.**

## Valero Renewables Ethanol Plants



## THE AURORA PLANT PRODUCES

**Ethanol**, an environmentally friendly, high-octane renewable fuel that is blended with gasoline

**Dried distillers grains with solubles (DDGS) and modified (or wet) distillers grains with solubles (MDGS)**, sold as high-value livestock feed for beef and dairy cattle, swine and poultry

**Fuel- and feed-grade corn oil**, for renewable diesel or biodiesel production, and livestock feed

**The entire kernel of corn** is processed.

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## VALERO

Valero is the largest global independent refiner, and a leading ethanol and renewable diesel producer and corporate citizen.



**15**  
petroleum refineries

**3.2 million**  
barrels per day throughput capacity



**275 million gallons** per year in renewable diesel  
Planned expansion to **675 million gallons** per year by late 2021



**14** ethanol plants in the U.S.

Combined production capacity of **1.73 billion gallons** per year



One of the 50 most **community-minded** companies in the U.S., selected by Points of Light

## PLANT HIGHLIGHTS



### AWARDS & HONORS

Multiple quarterly **Valero STAR Metric** awards for achieving no incidents in five key areas of **process safety, reliability, environmental, rail safety and policy and procedure compliance.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

Valero's Aurora ethanol plant was the **first of its design** to be built for an original production capacity of 100 million gallons per year. The Fort Dodge plant would follow two years later with original capacity of 110 million gallons per year.

### COMMUNITY

**~\$58,000** in employee pledges, additional donations and company match to the local United Way for 2020

**\$35,000** from the Valero Texas Open and Benefit for Children to local charities nominated by employees in 2019

**~2,700+ volunteer hours** annually for various events and charities, with past monetary support of local organizations including Brookings Backpack Project, Brookings County Youth Mentoring, Project Joy and Ronald McDonald House Charities

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