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Another in the series of Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom non-fiction text examples to be used in your classroom. Remember, these will be available every MONDAY afternoon that *FarmWeek* is published during the school year.

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Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

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Use the article titled:

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1. Define the following:

EPA

SRE

RFS

1. Describe why ethanol and ethanol production is important in Illinois.
2. When the EPA increased SRE waivers, how was IL ethanol impacted?
3. Illinois Congressman Rodney Davis, R-Taylorville, represents Illinois in the 13th Congressional district. Why would he propose legislation that deals with ethanol?
4. What are your thoughts? List reasons why or why not we should be investing in renewable fuels.

Answer Key

1. EPA-Environmental Protection Agency

SRE-Small Refinery Exemption

RFS -Renewable Fuel Standard

1. IL is the 3rd largest producer of ethanol, has 14 plants (and the jobs supporting those plants) that produce 1.852 billion gallons of ethanol. This provide a market for 660 million bushels of IL corn, or roughly one in every 3 to 4 bushels of corn produced.
2. After the change in rules, two ethanol plants were idled, others have reduced production and 1 new plant was not built.
3. The 13th District covers all or part of 14 counties in Illinois from St. Louis north and east toward Springfield and covers parts of Bloomington and Champaign. This area includes many farming acres and corn grows on those farms! Answers will vary, Davis is from a rural area of the state and would be looking out for interests of those related to agriculture.
4. Answers will vary.