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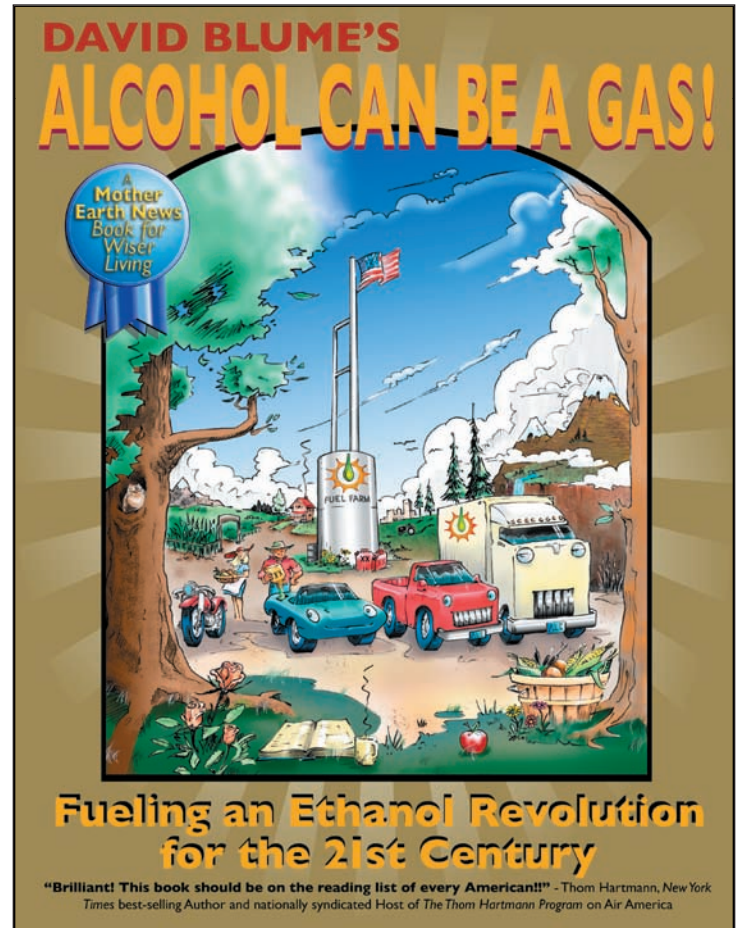
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The International Institute for Ecological Agriculture is pleased to announce publication of the first comprehensive book ever written on alcohol fuel production and use for home and farm, *Alcohol Can Be A Gas! Fueling an Ethanol Revolution for the 21st Century*.

Until now, it has been very difficult for farmers, contractors, alternative energy aficionados, those concerned about Peak Oil, and small-scale entrepreneurs to obtain good, accurate information on producing alcohol, or on converting vehicles to run on the fuel. With all the conflicting news stories about ethanol, the public finds it difficult to sort fact from fiction. This text, which has been reviewed by scientists around the world, seeks to be the definitive reference work on the subject.

Alcohol Can Be A Gas! is written by David Blume, an ecological biologist who first began teaching others to produce and use alcohol in the late 1970s, while working at Mother Earth News Eco Village and Research Center. An early version of the book was written in 1983, to accompany the ten-part PBS television series *Alcohol As Fuel*, which Blume hosted. That version was never printed, due to conflict between PBS and its sponsors. The 2007 edition is completely rewritten; it is based on four years of full-time research, and visits to alcohol production sites in the U.S. and Brazil, by Blume and his team. It retains the original foreword by R. Buckminster Fuller.

Alcohol Can Be A Gas! contains 596 8-1/2" by 11" pages, with 514 charts, photos, and illustrations to reinforce the information-dense text. The book is geared for the nonscientific reader, but its 473 endnotes provide the technical foundation behind the accessible prose. A 700-word glossary and a 6300-entry index extend the book's usefulness.

More information, the table of contents, reviews, the index, excerpts from each of the chapters, clips from the DVD, and online ordering are available online at <www.permaculture.com>.

The official book-trade release date is November 2007, but prepublication orders begin shipping August 2007.

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"Humanity has used up roughly half of the world's oil and topsoil. Just in time, David Blume has given us Alcohol Can Be A Gas! It's a practical road map for supplying all of our energy needs without drilling, strip-mining, and/or depleting the soil. In fact, following Blume's model, soil fertility would actually increase worldwide; energy production would be not only sustainable, but democratic—and highly profitable on the small scale. This is a brilliant visionary work. And, with Mr. Blume's witty personality, reading it is certainly a gas."

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THE ONE-STRAW REVOLUTION: AN INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL FARMING

"As intersections of the food-energy-climate matrix form in Iowa cornfields, Amazonian rain forests, and Canadian gene-splicing labs, and as end-game battles for their control pit theocratic flat-worlders against biologists, climatologists, and tree-huggers over the very survival of life on Earth, David Blume emerges like a wizard on a misty pinnacle, backlit by the full moon, revealing a gemstone in his extended palm."

—ALBERT BATES, AUTHOR, THE POST-PETROLEUM SURVIVAL GUIDE
AND COOKBOOK: RECIPES FOR CHANGING TIMES

The overarching importance of this delightful book is that it demonstrates how beside the point is the current pseudo-debate about the net energy from corn ethanol. As Blume demonstrates, fuel alcohol must be an important component of our solar-based future. It can be made from a huge variety of feedstocks, including sugar beets and cane, nuts, mesquite, Jerusalem artichokes, algae, even coffee-bean pulp; there is no real scarcity of land to grow fuel. There is a scarcity of independent, original thinking, and Blume's book provides plenty of it, along with ample doses of amazing, startling, and sometimes scary information—ecological, technological, and political-economic. This is a vast, detailed compendium drawn from decades of experience by an alert, smart, and skeptical hands-on thinker. Blume has given us his biofuels bible, and we can learn from him and survive quite nicely—or follow what he calls MegaOilron into oblivion.

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"Dave Blume has written the definitive opus on alcohol as a fuel. From the 30,000-foot view to the most minute technical detail, Alcohol Can be a Gas! makes a strong case for the practical, ecological, political, and economic sense in converting to ethanol. It's heartening to see the world's original "alcohol pioneer" stay abreast of the times with a book that has the promise to knock some sense into our insidious fossil-fueled economy. This book is much needed in this era of Peak Oil and fast-accelerating climate change."

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"What a tour de force! This is the most comprehensive and authoritative guide through all the controversy about ethanol as transportation fuel, showing it as a clear winner in the quest for solutions to our environmental and geopolitical problems. Engagingly written, full of important and amazing information and resources, this book meets every challenge to the vision for a clean, democratic path to a prosperous future for all.

—JOE JORDAN, ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCHER, NASA/AMES RESEARCH CENTER,
SETI INSTITUTE, AND CABRILLO COLLEGE

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