

# Inflation Reduction Act

Impact on Renewable Fuels Markets

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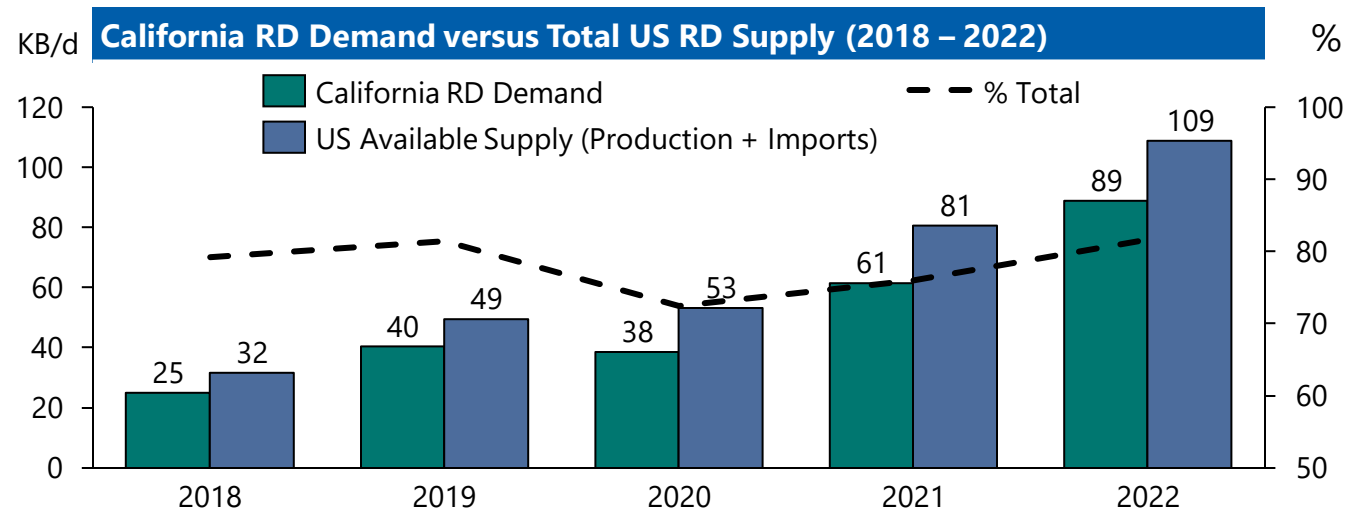
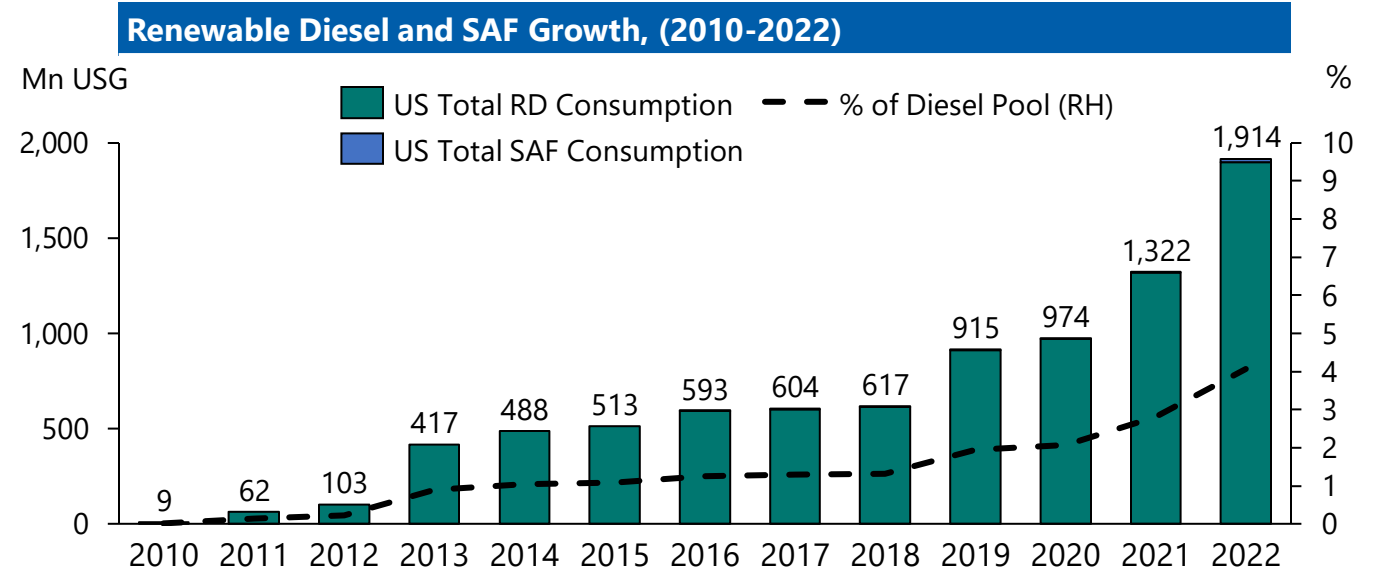


# Holistic View of Legislative Framework

- Federal and state level mandates and incentives have driven tremendous growth in renewable fuel volumes in the United States.
- In 2022, 13% of total US energy consumption and 6% of US transportation fuel was from renewable energy sources (EIA).
- Federal
  - RFS (Renewable Fuel Standard)
  - Blending and production tax credits
  - Investment tax credits
  - Import tariffs
  - Loans and loan guarantees
  - Research grants for new technologies
- State
  - LCFS (Low Carbon Fuel Standard)
  - Cap-and-Trade
- **Key point:** The national RFS creates an increasing volumetric demand for specific renewable fuel types through mandates and local LCFS programs create additional incentives for the lowest-CI fuels, the largest market in California. Production tax credits have the ability to add to producer margins.

# RD/SAF Historical Growth as a Result of Policy

- Federal and state level mandates and incentives have driven tremendous growth in renewable fuel volumes.
- Renewable diesel and biodiesel volumes have grown to account for 8% of the US and 45% of the California diesel pool.
- In states with LCFS programs, consumption of clean fuels has grown substantially faster than the national average.
- RD consumption in California has contributed to 72-82% of total available US RD in the past 5 years.
- Due to the extra financial incentive, the large majority of RD is expected to be consumed in states with current or emerging LCFS programs.
- RD penetration is also expected much faster in new LCFS markets given the maturity of the technology and projected new supply.



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## Potential tax credits related to renewable fuel production

### ■ **45Q - Credit for Carbon Oxide Sequestration:**

- Program expansion and 7-year extension.
- Increases credits for permanently stored and used CO<sub>2</sub> for enhanced oil recovery or other industrial uses.
  - Conventional projects: \$85/t for permanently stored and \$60/t for used CO<sub>2</sub>.
  - Direct air capture (DAC) projects: \$180/t for permanently stored and \$140/t for used CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Changes to capacity requirements.

### ■ **45V – Credit for Production of Clean Hydrogen:**

- Creates a production tax credit (PTC) or investment tax credit (ITC). Taxpayers have option to elect.
- To qualify, hydrogen must have lifetime GHG emissions of no more than 4 kg CO<sub>2</sub> per kg of hydrogen.
- PTC – Up to \$3/kg of clean hydrogen produced. (Base credit of 60 cents/kg multiplied by an emissions factor and multiplier.)
- ITC – Up to 30 percent investment tax credit.
- Facility must not already qualify for 45Q.

### ■ **45Z – Clean Fuel Production Credit:**

- Extension of \$1/gal biodiesel and \$0.5/gal alternative fuel tax credits to 2024 with additional incentives for SAF.
- SAF credit is now \$1.25-1.75/gal based on lifecycle GHG emissions.
- Transition to Clean Fuel Production Credit starting 2025 through 2027.
- New credit based on life-cycle GHG emission levels and requires a minimum of roughly 50% reduction versus conventional fuel.
- Facility must not already qualify for either 45Q or 45V.

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## Biodiesel Tax Credit (BTC) vs Clean Fuels Production Credit (CFPC)

### Biodiesel Tax Credit

- **Timeframe:** Expires in 2024
- **Eligibility:** Producers and blenders
- **Credit Amount:** \$1.00/g for qualified fuel biodiesel and renewable diesel.
- Additional credit for SAF with >50% GHG reduction
  - Base credit of \$1.25/gal
  - \$0.01/gal for each 1% reduction below 50%

### Clean Fuels Production Credit

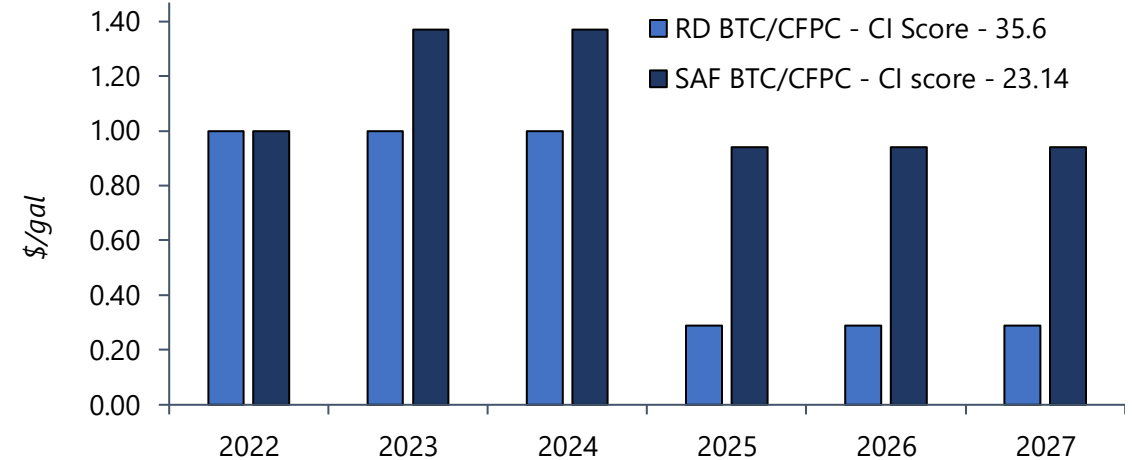
- **Timeframe:** Current legislation for 2025-27.
- **Eligibility:** Producers credit, (importers excluded)
- Must meet employment criteria for full credit. (Includes wage/apprenticeship requirements)
- **Credit Amount:**  $CFPC = \frac{50-ER}{50} \times Base\ Rate$
- **Base Rate:** Either \$1.00/gal for most fuels or \$1.75/gal for SAF.
- **ER:** The emissions rate (in kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/mn BTU), rounded to nearest multiple of 5 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/mn BTU.
- Credit adjusts based on lifecycle GHG emissions.
- Theoretically, fuel pathways with negative emissions rates would receive a credit higher than the base rate.
- It is not possible to determine exactly how this credit will be applied until the IRS publishes the rules and regulations.

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## BTC vs CFPC economics and potential impacts to renewable fuel credits

- The tax credit for RD is expected to be radically lower under the CFPC for most fuels, especially for marginal crop-based feedstocks.
- Larger base SAF credits are attractive for low-CI feedstocks to bridge additional cost.
- **RIN price considerations:**
  - **D4 RINs:** Marginal RD/SAF may not qualify for the CFPC
    - RD produced from feedstocks like soybean oil may not qualify for the CFPC due to minimum lifecycle GHG emission reduction requirements.
  - **D3 RINs:** Cellulosic fuels to receive greater benefit from the CFPC
    - Fuels derived from cellulosic feedstocks are expected to continue to grow and account for a larger share of D3 RIN generation as technology and commercial scale develop in the long term.
    - Cellulosic fuels from waste-based feedstocks are expected to have extremely low CI and may qualify for the maximum potential CFPC, possibly even surpassing the base rate.

**IRA 45Z Credit for representative RD and SAF, (2022-2027)**



**D4 RINs price, impact of active BTC**

