WHAT MARITIME ETHANOL COULD MEAN FOR FARMERS

SCENARIO	CORN USE billion bu	CORN PRICE $/bu	CROP VALUE total $ billion	CROP VALUE $/acre
Today's fleet 25% on ethanol	0.17	+$0.07–$0.12	+$1.1–$1.9	**+$17**
Today's fleet 100% on ethanol	0.68	+$0.27–$0.48	+$4.3–$7.8	**+$67**

These estimates apply published findings that each additional billion gallons of ethanol demand raises corn prices by about 2.9% to 5.2%, applied to USDA's October forecast of $4.70 per bushel and a 16.0-billion-bushel crop. Crop-value estimates show the value of that higher price across the current crop, while per-acre figures use the midpoint of the estimated price range. They are not estimates of net farm income.

Source: "U.S. Corn Ethanol is Ready for Maritime Fuel," The Corn Economy, Oct. 27, 2026