RUNNING THE TRACTOR ON SVO AND BIODIESEL FROM OIL CROPS Oilseed Producers Meeting March 26, 2012

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### **Penn State Experiences**

Biodiesel blends and B100
 Straight vegetable oil (SVO)

# **Biodiesel & SVO**

### **Animal Fat or Vegetable Oil**

### Transesterification using alcohol & catalyst

### **Biodiesel**



### Straight Vegetable Oil (SVO)



# **Biofuels use**

- In collaboration with New Holland, four new tractors ran 3 years on B100 these have been returned to New Holland for evaluation.
- 2 new pieces of equipment running SVO; 1 has been returned to New Holland after using SVO for 3 years



### Manufacturers skeptical

 In 2002 biodiesel discouraged by most equipment manufacturers
 Penn State College of Ag Sciences Farm Operations began using B20



### **B100 tractors**

- Engine crankcase oil analysis
- Observe power and performance
- Note tasks performed and operator observations
- Dismantle engines and measure internal effects



# Biodiesel

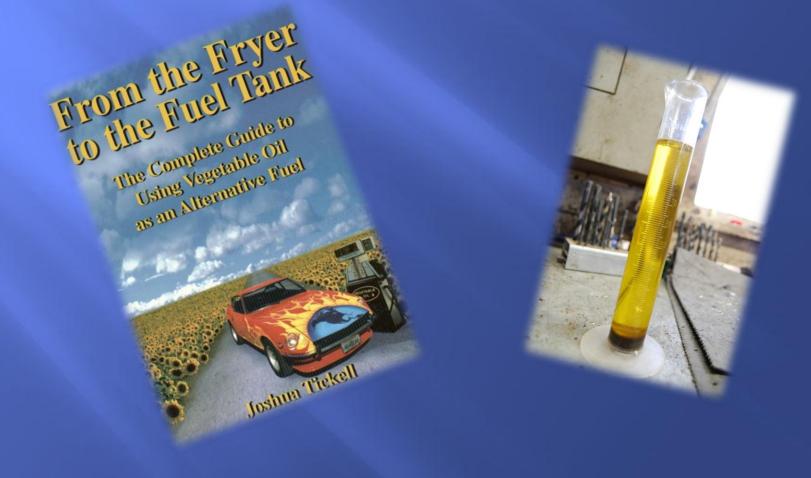
Penn State University converted diesel fuel station for all diesel fuel to B20 in 2006

New Holland endorses B100 in 2007

- NH Tier IV engines required in 2011 in over 175 HP off road equipment no longer endorsing B100 use; allowing B7



# Straight Vegetable Oil (SVO) Use at Penn State Farm Operations



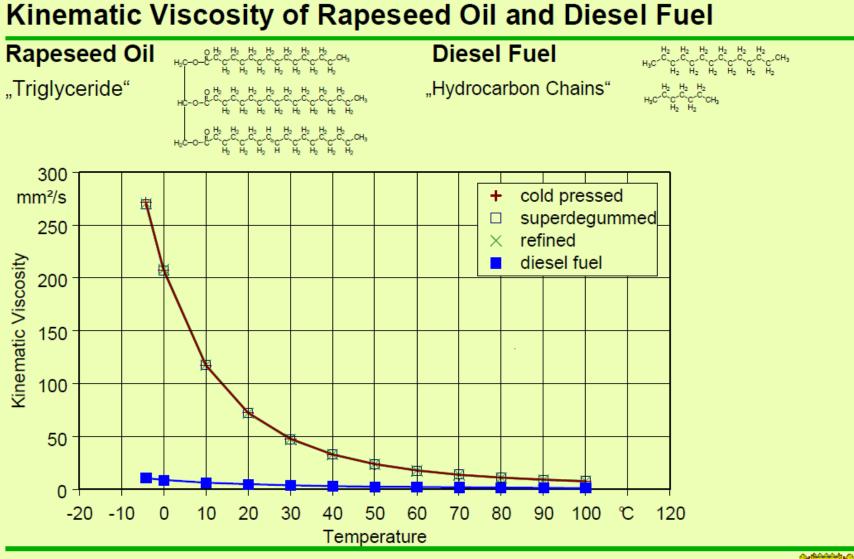
# SVO Straight Vegetable Oil

May require engine modifications
 Heated to change the viscosity
 Start engine on petro-diesel fuel
 Shut down on petro-diesel fuel





**Engine deposit buildups after running on straight soybean oil** 



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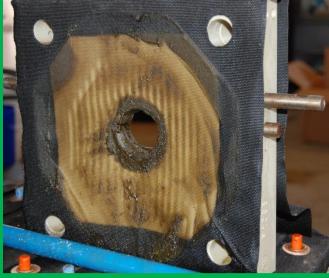


**KernKraft Oilseed Press** 



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### **Filter Press**



**Straight Vegetable Oil Fuel** 

### New Holland T7060 (180 PTO HP) (134 PTO kW)

Case 621E Loader (146 net HP) (109 net kW)

# Fuel type (diesel or SVO) criteria

<u>Sensors</u> Engine coolant temperature sensor Exhaust temperature sensor

Logic Engine cold – runs on petroleum diesel Engine warmed up Below 25% engine load – runs on petroleum diesel Above 25% engine load – runs on SVO

### **Our challenges with the SVO systems**

#### **NH T7060**

•SVO too hot from heat exchanger – engine

- depowering
- •SVO filter clogging
- Low temperatures mix with petroleum diesel

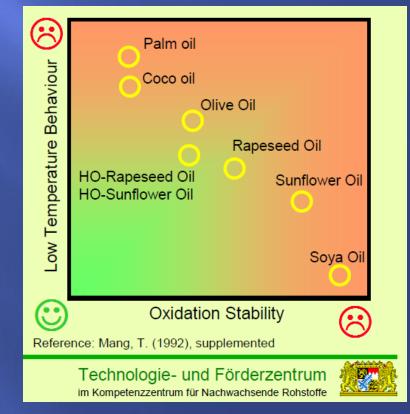
#### Case 621E

Engine coolant not reaching operating temperature
SVO filter clogging

•Low temperatures – mix with petroleum diesel

- •Power supply 12V vs. 24V
- •Fuse location in control box

**Types of vegetable oils (per Elsbett) Canola or rapeseed..... Ok Sunflower..... Ok if degummed Soybean.... Not ok in direct injection engines** 



### **Overall SVO vs. Petro-diesel usage at Penn State**

	NH T7060	Case 621E
	(1370 hours)	(1118 hours)
% SVO used of	85%	53%
total fuel use	00 /0	55 /0
Total SVO used	3428 gallons	796 gallons
Total diesel used	628 gallons	701 gallons

#### NH 7060: Power vs. RPM for Diesel and SVO December, 2011

