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Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. Commences Operations at Central City, Nebraska Ethanol Plant

OMAHA, NE -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 07/30/2009 -- Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: GPRE) commenced operations at its recently-acquired ethanol plant in Central City, Nebraska on July 29, 2009. Green Plains anticipates production of ethanol by August 2nd.

"The Central City plant is on-line and operational after we made some necessary repairs and capital improvements to the plant," said Todd Becker, Green Plains' President and Chief Executive Officer. "The improvements will allow us to operate more efficiently, producing 100 million gallons of ethanol annually. The Central City plant has been idle since November 2008 and, again, our team's knowledge of the process technology and execution of our start-up plan allowed us to quickly put this plant back into production after completing the acquisition."

About Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc.

Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: GPRE) is North America's fourth largest ethanol producer, operating six ethanol plants in Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska and Tennessee, with a combined expected operating capacity of 480 million gallons of ethanol per year. Green Plains also operates an independent third-party ethanol marketing service that currently provides marketing services to three third-party ethanol producers with expected operating capacity of 305 million gallons per year. Green Plains owns 51% of Blendstar, LLC, a Houston-based biofuel terminal operator with six facilities in five states. Green Plains' agribusiness segment operates grain storage facilities and complementary agronomy, feed, and fuel businesses in northern Iowa and southern Minnesota.

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