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Green Plains Renewable Energy Named One of FORTUNE Magazine's "100 Fastest-Growing Companies"

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 13, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (Nasdaq:GPRE) announced today that it is ranked 8th on FORTUNE Magazine's 2011 "100 Fastest-Growing Companies" list. The full list and related stories will appear in the Sept. 26, 2011 print issue and is online at <http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/fortunefastestgrowing/2011/index.html>

"We are honored to be on FORTUNE's list of the 100 fastest-growing companies," said Todd Becker, President and Chief Executive Officer of Green Plains. "Inclusion on the list is a testament to our hard-working employees whose dedication and commitment makes this achievement possible. We remain focused on executing our growth strategy and creating value for our shareholders."

About Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc.

Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (Nasdaq:GPRE) is North America's fourth largest ethanol producer. The Company markets and distributes approximately one billion gallons of renewable motor fuel on an annual basis, including 740 million gallons of expected production from the Company's nine ethanol plants located throughout the U.S. Green Plains owns and operates grain handling and storage assets and provides complementary agronomy services to local grain producers through its agribusiness segment. Green Plains owns Blendstar LLC, a biofuels terminal operator with locations in the southern U.S. Additionally, Green Plains is a joint venture partner in BioProcess Algae LLC, which was formed to commercialize advanced photo-bioreactor technologies for the growing and harvesting of algal biomass. www.gpreinc.com

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