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## First Factory-Made Stills In Production



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Corn-powered tractor is running on "producer gas" generated by Ken Schmitt's Biomass Gassifier. System, which turns cornstalks, cobs and other combustible materials into fuel for stationary tractors or irrigation engines, is already in commercial production.

by Harold Johnson Editor

Dozens of individuals and companies are working around the clock in a frantic race to be first on the market with factory made "stills" designed to make you and other farmers and ranchers completely self sufficient for fuel.

"We'll be delivering the first units by the middle of July," William Kanitz, president of RB Industries, Riverdale, Mich., told FARM SHOW two weeks ago. The company's "go anywhere" portable "still" produces 20 gal. of 192-proof liquid alcohol per hour from shelled corn (or other grain). "Compared to other units which claim to produce straight alcohol for about 50° a gallon, we're doing it for less than 15¢ a gallon," explains Kanitz, who says he's turned down a sizeable offer from "a major company that wanted to buy me out. I said nothing doing. They'd just buy the system and shelf it.'

"We think we're as far along as anybody," says Ken Schmitt, one of five innovators who teamed up to form Alternative Energy Ltd., head-quartered at Colby, Kan. The company, headed by Don Smith, already has pilot models in production and is

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