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### **United Cooperative Cenex offers more ethanol/gasoline choices**

BEAVER DAM – With rising fuel prices, flex-fuel vehicles (FFVs) and E85 have become even more popular. Those who use E85 like the lower price versus regular gasoline; however, some experience a decrease in fuel economy. In order to give FFV owners choices that may be more economical for their vehicle, the United Cooperative Cenex Convenience Stores on Highway 33 in Beaver Dam and at the corner of Highways 12 and 33 in Baraboo are officially selling E20 and E30 fuel.

An “Optimal Ethanol Blend-Level Investigation,” performed by the Energy and Environmental Research Center (EERC) at the University of North Dakota last year, suggested that in many situations, mid-range blends like E20 and E30 may offer a lower cost per mile than unleaded gasoline, and in certain instances, could even provide better fuel mileage than unleaded or traditional ethanol blends. One of the test vehicles, a flex-fuel Chevy Impala, offered better fuel economy using E20 rather than gasoline.

E20, E30, and other mid-range blends, are only approved for use in flex-fuel vehicles. The state of Minnesota is currently running a battery of tests to support state-level legislation that would allow consumers to legally put E20 in their standard vehicles. Tests performed to date seem to indicate that E20’s performance would be comparable to E10. The limited EERC study showed no negative effects from mid-range blend use in standard vehicles.

These new mid-range blends of E20 and E30 can be found at pumps seven and eight at the United Cooperative Cenex Convenience Store on Highway 33 in Beaver Dam. Customers can also find E10 unleaded gasoline and E85 at the same pumps.

The new mid-range blend of E20 can be found at pumps one and two, and E30 can be found at pumps three and four at the United Cooperative Cenex Convenience Store on the corner of Highways 12 and 33 in Baraboo. Customers can also find E10 unleaded gasoline and E85 at the same pumps.

Formed in 1936, United Cooperative is a full-service cooperative offering feed, grain, agronomy, and energy products and services to south-central Wisconsin farmers and consumers. United Cooperative exists to provide its patron members with the best possible value and return on investment, backed by exceptional service and professionalism.

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*Photo caption: Bob Johnson, Beaver Dam, fills his flex-fuel van with an ethanol/gasoline blend at a United Cooperative Cenex Convenience Store. The United Cooperative Cenex stores on Highway 33 in Beaver Dam and at the corner of Highways 12 and 33 in Baraboo now offer E20 and E30 ethanol/gasoline blends in addition to E85.*