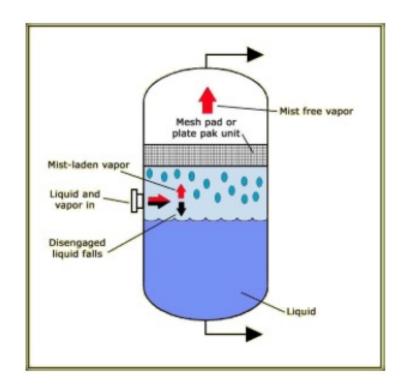


What are natural gas liquids (NGLs)?

Hydrocarbons in *natural gas* that are separated as liquids at natural gas processing, fractionating, and cycling plants. Products obtained include ethane, liquefied petroleum gases (propane, normal butane, and isobutane), and natural gasoline (pentane).

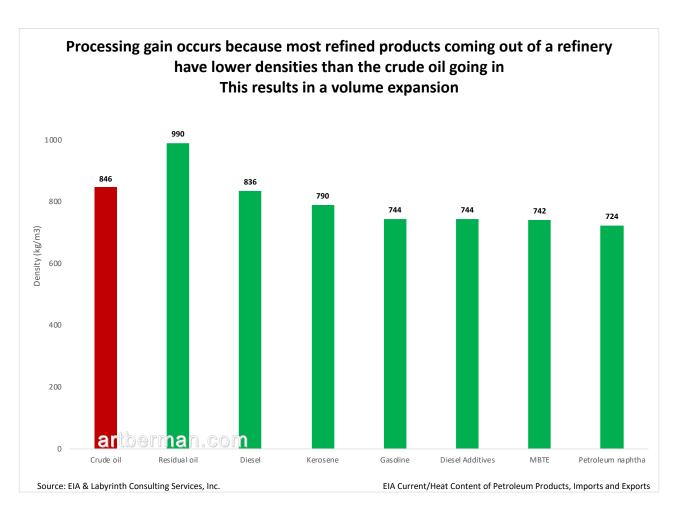
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Natural Gas Liquid	Chemical Formula	Applications	End Use Products	Primary Sectors
Ethane	C₂H ₆	Ethylene for plastics production; petrochemical feedstock	Plastic bags; plastics; anti-freeze; detergent	Industrial
Propane	C,H _e	Residential and commercial heating; cooking fuel; petrochemical feedstock	Home heating; small stoves and barbeques; LPG	Industrial, Residential, Commercial
Butane	C ₄ H ₁₀	Petrochemical feedstock; blending with propane or gasoline	Synthetic rubber for tires; LPG; lighter fuel	Industrial, Transportation
Isobutane	C ₄ H ₁₀	Refinery feedstock; petrochemical feedstock	Alkylate for gasoline; aerosols; refrigerant	Industrial
Pentane	C ₂ H ₁₂	Natural gasoline; blowing agent for polystyrene foam	Gasoline; polystyrene; solvent	Transportation
Pentanes Plus*	Mix of C ₅ H ₁₂ and heavier	Blending with vehicle fuel; exported for bitumen production in oil sands	Gasoline; ethanol blends; oil sands production	Transportation



Ethane is the largest share (~55%) of NGL production. It is used almost exclusively to produce ethylene, which is then turned into **plastic bags**, anti-freeze and detergent.

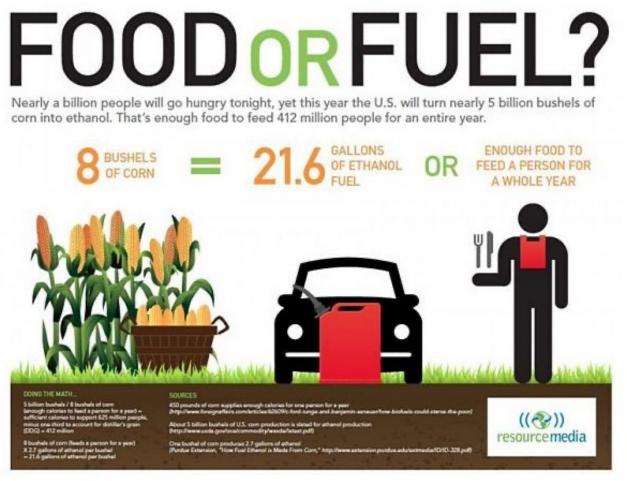
What is refinery gain?

Gain is the refining phenomenon in which the volume of refined product coming out of a refinery or conversion unit is greater than the volume of product going in.



What is fuel ethanol?

Fuel ethanol is denatured alcohol made by fermenting the sugar in the starches of grains like corn. It is blended with gasoline to extend the use of that fuel.



What are refined petroleum products?

Refined petroleum products are derived from crude oils through processes such as catalytic cracking and fractional distillation

