



POET Bioprocessing in Arthur is a local leader among ag-related businesses



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POET Bioprocessing, Arthur, IA

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POET was founded in 1987 by Jeff Broin. He began producing bioethanol on his family farm as a way to use up surplus grain. He learned how to produce bioethanol successfully and realized it had the potential to not only be profitable but be a clean-burning renewable alternative to fossil fuels. He acquired a defunct bioethanol plant in Scot-

land, South Dakota, and has built up the company to what it is today: the largest producer of bioethanol in the world.

POET Bioprocessing in Arthur employs over 50 team members. As a whole, POET employs 2,200 team members across eight states in the U.S. The corporate headquarters are located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The POET office in Wichita, Kansas houses the

team that handles the distribution, transportation, and logistics of biofuels. POET terminals are located in Bossier City, Louisiana; Buda, Texas; Camilla, Georgia; and Savannah, Georgia.

There are 34 POET Bioprocessing locations across eight Midwest states:

- Alexandria, Indiana
- Arthur, Iowa
- Ashton, Iowa
- Big Stone, South Dakota
- Bingham Lake, Minnesota
- Caro, Michigan
- Chancellor, South Dakota
- Cloverdale, Indiana
- Coon Rapids, Iowa
- Corning, Iowa
- Emmetsburg, Iowa
- Fairbank, Iowa
- Fairmont, Nebraska
- Fostoria, Ohio
- Glenville, Minnesota
- Gowrie, Iowa
- Groton, South Dakota
- Hanlontown, Iowa
- Hudson, South Dakota
- Iowa Falls, Iowa
- Jewell, Iowa
- Laddonia, Missouri
- Lake Crystal, Minnesota
- Leipsic, Ohio

- Macon, Missouri
- Marion, Ohio
- Menlo, Iowa
- Mitchell, South Dakota
- North Manchester, Indiana
- POET Research Center – Scotland, South Dakota
- Portland, Indiana
- Preston, Minnesota
- Shelbyville, Indiana
- Shell Rock, Iowa

“POET’s culture is truly unique and mission-oriented,” explained Jake Bradley, General Manager of the POET Bioprocessing plant in Arthur. “Our vision emphasizes servant-leadership, so we seek out talented team players who share our values, and those who want to help make a

difference in the world. At POET, we want all our team members to be proud of what we do and enjoy doing it.”

Bradley discussed the outlook for the future in the biofuels industry.

“The future is very bright for POET and biofuels,” continued Bradley. “Today, we’re just scratching the surface of the E15 market — on its way to becoming America’s next standard fuel. There will always be a place for liquid fuels on the horizon. That’s why we continue to innovate and invest in renewable fuels and bioproducts that will help drive our economy forward for decades to come.”

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