
1. Introduction

The market for biofuels has flourished in the past few years as a consequence of the development of renewable energy policies in the European Union and the United States of America.

Argentina is able to become one of the major producers of biofuels worldwide. The biodiesel market especially, promises to bring about investments of up to one billion dollars in this economic sector until the year 2010. Amongst the advantages is a very qualified labor force, and significant agricultural production with a vast capacity to produce oilseeds.

To support foreign investors and corresponding foreign import businesses the German-Argentinian Chamber of Industry and Commerce offers this publication, "Argentina: Key player in the biofuels market".

The intention is to assist this branch of trade, with specialized publications concerning its organisms, institutions, technologies and businesses.

Every one of the following articles conveys an author's vision of the future of this agro-industry in Argentina and highlights his individual specialization and focus.

We thank all participants, including those organizations, institutions, and businesses that enabled the realization of this project and hope that this publication will help investors in Argentina to become one of the key players in the biofuels market as well.

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