

Manipulation:

Bioethanol is the main cause of increased food prices.

Evidence:

The main factors of the staggering cost of food are a shift in the Asian diet, causing an elevated demand for cereal, and the current price of oil, which has nearly doubled in the last three years. In fact, it is estimated that the impact of biofuels on cereal prices will only be in the range of 3% to 6% as compared to 2006 prices.(*)

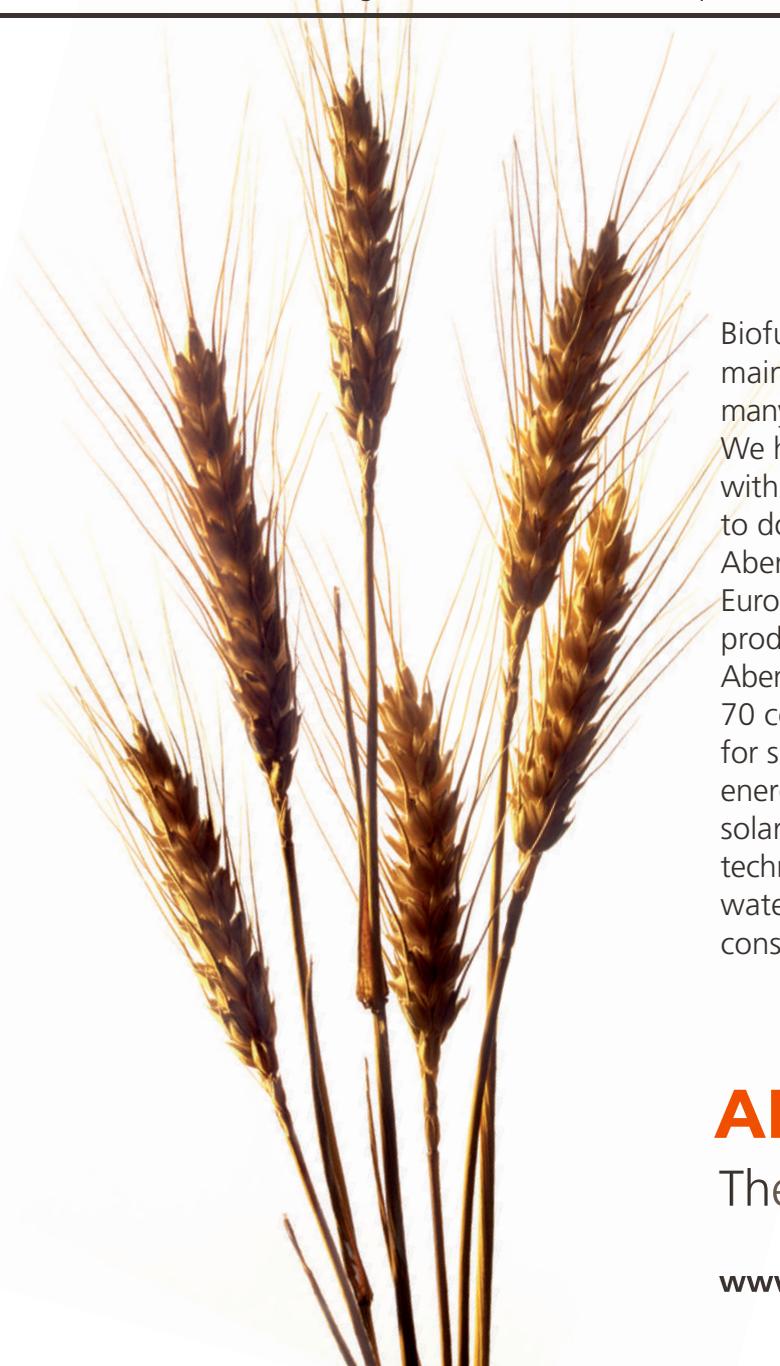
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Biofuels are under attack. The claim "Bioethanol is the main cause of increased food prices" is just one of the many false statements being spread to the general public. We have decided to stand up and contest these falsities with supported evidence. We believe it is the right thing to do.

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