

Manipulation:

Bioethanol crops are replacing food crops.

Evidence:

Neither bioethanol nor food crops will experience farmland shortages in the European Union. Additional production potential by 2020 will be coming from the authorization to use set-aside land.

Also, second-generation cellulosic biomass will gradually replace traditional food-based bioethanol.(*)

(*) Sources:

[1] Tobias Wiesenthal et al., "How much bioenergy can Europe produce without harming the environment?". European Environment Agency. 2006.

[2] European Commission, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development. "The impact of a minimum 10% obligation for biofuel use in the EU-27 in 2020 on agricultural markets". 2007.



Biofuels are under attack. The claim "Bioethanol crops are replacing food crops" 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, as we believe this is the right thing to do.

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