

Manipulation:

The production of bioethanol may lead to world poverty and extreme hunger.

Evidence:

The production of bioethanol contributes to the growth of local economies and to the global redistribution of income, creating jobs in rural areas and allowing farmers to raise their incomes. Also, there is enough land in the world to produce cereal-based bioethanol in a sustainable way for years to come.

In the near future, second-generation ethanol from biomass will significantly exceed the production of cereal-based bioethanol.(*)

(*) Sources:

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

[4] 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 "The production of bioethanol may lead to world poverty and extreme hunger" 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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