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Holly M.
Oakland, CA
Ms. Wollan, thank you for this wonderfully reported and very informative piece.

Florida Keys
Malia, this is a thoughtful & powerful perspective. Having just spent 3 weeks in China, and having watched a full-week segment from CNN International on the rising prices of food around the world, your piece provides outstanding insight. Thanks for such thoughtful and thorough work.

Rebecca Procter

Santa Fe, NM
As we see so clearly here, it takes only a single brief misguided statement by the U.S. president to send money-seekers hurtling toward any potential profit scheme, even in the name of "green" fuel, with no regard for living human beings.

henry
toronto, on
Every effort to control world populations has failed. Biofuel may just do it.

Janelle Jakubowski
Itasca, Il
Thank-you for this perspective on another aspect to the "energy-crisis". Our lust for cheap and a constant supply of gas for our vehicles has an ever widening impact on everything.

Being American i think of the U.S. putting greed first, but other countries are as involved. Corn is crucial to so many things (as animal feed, as a sweetner,as a fertilizer nothing will be untouched as the price/demand rises and the shortages especially to the poor around the world is felt.

Redway, Ca.
In succinct manner, this story showed all sides, from leaders in the U.S. and Mexico to a street vendor selling steamed corn on a corner of a Mexican city. Affecting, informative, and powerful. Thank you.

Ia Hernandez
Oakland, CA
Thank you Ms. Wollen for enlightening the eco-progressive in me and my family. We will think twice before deciding how to proceed in our efforts to support green energy. RIDE YOUR BIKES EVERYBODY!

T S
San Francisco, CA
What a timely set of slide shows on an important topic. Thank you.

Anya Spear
Santa Cruz, CA
Thank you for humanizing the effects of a misguided biofuel policy.

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