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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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