Diverting Food to Fuel

More than ever, grain is being used for biofuels rather than food consumption. This trend started to take off in 2004; by 2010, 6 percent of all grain went into making biofuels. The diversion is a contributing factor in rising food prices. (The grains factored in here include barley, corn, millet, mixed grains, oats, milled rice, rye, sorghum, wheat and durum wheat.)

Sources: United States Department of Agriculture; Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute

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