

WILL THE WORLD BE ABLE TO FEED ITSELF IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE?

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Tonight, one in seven people will go to bed hungry. After an intense economic recession, global food crises do not seem as far-fetched as previously thought; in fact, countries in Africa and Asia balance precariously on the edge of a full-scale catastrophe. Severe weather, global warming, and misuse of environmental resources all play a role in decreasing the food productivity of a country; coupled with the pressure to produce biofuels and protect domestic markets in the richer industrialized countries, these factors can reduce a developing nation to rely on food aid from the global North. This paper examines causes such as ethanol production, environmental concerns, economic policies, and global consumption trends in relation to the global food crisis question.