

Landline: Food vs Fuel

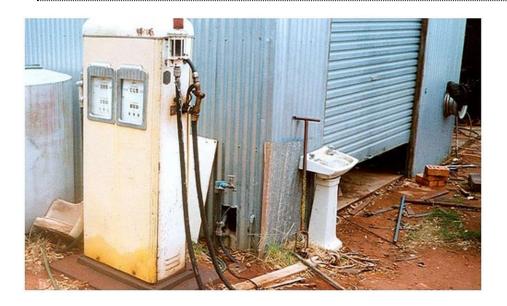
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The ABC's <u>Landline</u> program has an interesting pair of stories this week - the first looking at <u>Food</u> <u>vs Fuel</u> (Video: <u>Windows Hi</u> - <u>Windows Lo</u> - <u>Real Hi</u> - <u>Real Lo</u>).

The biofuel business is buzzing over the increasingly heated debate over the costs and benefits of the industry. Proponents argue it's a cleaner greener and renewable form of energy. However critics say converting crops into fuel will simply create food shortages and skyrocketing commodity prices.

The second segment of interest was on the <u>ethanol debate</u> (Video: <u>Windows Hi</u> - <u>Windows Lo</u> - <u>Real Hi</u> - <u>Real Lo</u>).

This year's Ethanol Conference in Australia coincides with the very lively debate here and overseas on the pros and cons of biofuels. Todd Sneller helped develop an alternative fuel industry from scratch in the US mid-west. He's from Nebraska the cornhusker state that is putting more and more of their maize into motor cars. Anne Kruger caught up with Mr Sneller at the 2008 Ethanol Conference held in Sydney this week.



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