

Global National

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Weighted	3219	1558	1661	898	1278	1043	360	1102	1262	496
More costly than what is fair	1888 59%	839 54%	1049 63%	472 53%	791 62%	626 60%	217 60%	685 62%	765 61%	222 45%
Less costly than what is fair	60 2%	39 2%	21 1%	20 2%	24 2%	16 2%	5 1%	15 1%	23 2%	18 4%
Just about right	960 30%	512 33%	448 27%	293 33%	343 27%	323 31%	88 24%	282 26%	376 30%	214 43%
(Dk/Ns)	311 10%	168 11%	143 9%	113 13%	119 9%	78 7%	50 14%	120 11%	99 8%	42 9%
		B		DE			HI	H		

TA2. What do you believe to be among the primary reasons why food prices have been increasing recently?

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Bad weather and spoiled crops	1390 43%	560 36%	830 50% A	398 44%	548 43%	444 43%	153 43%	500 45% I	541 43%	196 40%
A sagging economy from the world's top producers	1026 32%	436 28%	590 35% A	294 33%	402 31%	330 32%	130 36%	338 31%	413 33%	145 29%
Not enough farmers to plant staple crops	931 29%	410 26%	521 31% A	247 27%	355 28%	330 32% D	102 28%	307 28%	381 30%	141 28%
Increased demand by developing countries	701 22%	386 25% B	315 19%	194 22%	278 22%	229 22%	73 20%	216 20%	293 23% G	119 24%
None of the above	758 24%	458 29% B	300 18%	196 22%	304 24%	257 25%	76 21%	239 22%	312 25%	130 26%

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Canadian farmers should not switch to harvesting crops to be used in the production of biofuels like ethanol because Canada and the world cannot afford to lower the supply of food										
Strongly Agree	604 19%	377 24%	227 14%	111 12%	231 18%	263 25%	60 17%	208 19%	227 18%	110 22%
Somewhat Agree	1291 40%	565 36%	726 44%	393 44%	502 39%	396 38%	145 40%	485 44%	488 39%	173 35%
Somewhat Disagree	1049 33%	480 31%	569 34%	320 36%	430 34%	299 29%	114 32%	330 30%	432 34%	173 35%
Strongly Disagree	274 9%	136 9%	139 8%	74 8%	114 9%	86 8%	40 11%	79 7%	115 9%	40 8%
Summary										
Top2Box - Agree	1895 59%	942 60%	953 57%	504 56%	733 57%	658 63%	205 57%	693 63%	715 57%	283 57%
Low2Box - Disagree	1324 41%	616 40%	708 43%	394 44%	545 43%	385 37%	155 43%	409 37%	547 43%	213 43%

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Some Canadian farmers should switch to the production of grains to be used in the production of biofuels like ethanol because it will be better for the environment										
Strongly Agree	484 15%	226 15%	258 16%	159 18% E	203 16% E	122 12%	69 19% G	142 13%	195 15%	78 16%
Somewhat Agree	1649 51%	717 46%	932 56% A	524 58% DE	646 51% E	479 46%	180 50% HI	610 55% I	639 51% I	219 44%
Somewhat Disagree	737 23%	367 24%	370 22%	160 18%	296 23% C	281 27% CD	68 19%	255 23%	289 23%	125 25% F
Strongly Disagree	350 11%	248 16% B	101 6%	55 6%	134 10% C	160 15% CD	42 12%	95 9%	139 11%	73 15% GH
Summary										
Top2Box - Agree	2133 66%	943 61%	1190 72% A	683 76% DE	848 66% E	601 58%	250 69% I	752 68% I	834 66% I	297 60%
Low2Box - Disagree	1086 34%	615 39% B	471 28%	215 24%	430 34% C	442 42% CD	110 31%	350 32%	428 34%	199 40% FGH

TA2b_3. (I would be willing to pay more for foodstuffs like bread, milk and meat if it meant a higher supply of ethanol and other biofuels that are better for the environment) Understanding that the conversion of food crops to the production of maize and other crops that produce grain-based fuels means a lower food supply and likely higher prices, what is the extent to which you agree with the following statements?

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I would be willing to pay more for foodstuffs like bread, milk and meat if it meant a higher supply of ethanol and other biofuels that are better for the environment										
Strongly Agree	211 7%	95 6%	115 7%	76 8% DE	78 6%	57 5%	19 5%	60 5%	83 7%	49 10% FGH
Somewhat Agree	1130 35%	486 31%	643 39% A	377 42% DE	412 32%	340 33%	127 35%	398 36%	440 35%	165 33%
Somewhat Disagree	1121 35%	512 33%	609 37% A	286 32%	474 37% C	361 35%	110 31%	410 37% F	442 35%	159 32%
Strongly Disagree	758 24%	464 30% B	294 18%	159 18%	314 25% C	285 27% C	103 29% G	235 21%	297 24%	123 25%
Summary										
Top2Box - Agree	1340 42%	582 37%	759 46% A	453 50% DE	490 38%	397 38%	146 41%	457 42%	523 41%	214 43%
Low2Box - Disagree	1879 58%	976 63% B	902 54%	445 50%	788 62% C	646 62% C	214 59%	645 58%	739 59%	282 57%

TA2b. (Top2box - Agree Summary) Understanding that the conversion of food crops to the production of maize and other crops that produce grain-based fuels means a lower food supply and likely higher prices, what is the extent to which you agree with the following statements?

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Some Canadian farmers should switch to the production of grains to be used in the production of biofuels like ethanol because it will be better for the environment	2133	943	1190	683	848	601	250	752	834	297
	66%	61%	72% A	76% DE	66% E	58%	69% I	68% I	66% I	60%
Canadian farmers should not switch to harvesting crops to be used in the production of biofuels like ethanol because Canada and the world cannot afford to lower the supply of food	1895	942	953	504	733	658	205	693	715	283
	59%	60%	57%	56%	57%	63% CD	57%	63% HI	57%	57%
I would be willing to pay more for foodstuffs like bread, milk and meat if it meant a higher supply of ethanol and other biofuels that are better for the environment	1340	582	759	453	490	397	146	457	523	214
	42%	37%	46% A	50% DE	38%	38%	41%	42%	41%	43%

TA2b. (Low2box - Disagree Summary) Understanding that the conversion of food crops to the production of maize and other crops that produce grain-based fuels means a lower food supply and likely higher prices, what is the extent to which you agree with the following statements?

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I would be willing to pay more for foodstuffs like bread, milk and meat if it meant a higher supply of ethanol and other biofuels that are better for the environment	1879	976	902	445	788	646	214	645	739	282
	58%	63% B	54%	50%	62% C	62% C	59%	58%	59%	57%
Canadian farmers should not switch to harvesting crops to be used in the production of biofuels like ethanol because Canada and the world cannot afford to lower the supply of food	1324	616	708	394	545	385	155	409	547	213
	41%	40%	43%	44% E	43% E	37%	43%	37%	43% G	43% G
Some Canadian farmers should switch to the production of grains to be used in the production of biofuels like ethanol because it will be better for the environment	1086	615	471	215	430	442	110	350	428	199
	34%	39% B	28%	24%	34% C	42% CD	31%	32%	34%	40% FGH

TA3. Which of the following statements is closest to your beliefs regarding crop-based fuels such as ethanol?

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While they might be more energy efficient for powering my car, they have the same net effect on the environment because they require more energy to produce in the first place	1057	505	552	299	397	361	86	317	440	214
	33%	32%	33%	33%	31%	35%	24%	29%	35% FG	43% FGH
When used to power your car, they are better for the environment	887	405	482	253	367	267	111	308	326	142
	28%	26%	29%	28%	29%	26%	31%	28%	26%	29%
They contribute to higher grain prices, and therefore make food more expensive	503	283	220	111	190	203	60	200	181	62
	16%	18% B	13%	12%	15%	19% CD	17%	18% HI	14%	13%
Ethanol is providing a windfall for American farmers who are taking advantage of subsidies and soaring demand to produce maize, the basic ingredient in ethanol	386	227	159	67	172	146	54	116	172	44
	12%	15% B	10%	7%	13% C	14% C	15% GI	11%	14% GI	9%
None of the above	386	138	248	168	152	66	49	161	143	33
	12%	9%	15% A	19% DE	12% E	6% E	14% I	15% HI	11% I	7%

TA4. Among the following, which do you believe would be the best way to increase the world's food supply?

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Ending American subsidies to produce ethanol so that those farmers can produce food instead	1096	571	524	222	432	442	117	385	435	159
	34%	37% B	32%	25%	34% C	42% CD	33%	35%	34%	32%
Making fertilizer available to farmers who would otherwise not have access to it	630	240	390	243	233	153	73	220	252	85
	20%	15% A	23% A	27% DE	18% E	15%	20%	20%	20%	17%
Investing in technology like genetically modified and cloned food	466	307	160	121	161	185	64	131	167	105
	14%	20% B	10%	14%	13%	18% CD	18% GH	12%	13%	21% GH
Harvest more land, even if it means the loss of forests	121	66	55	33	56	32	11	51	39	20
	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	4%
None of the above	906	374	532	280	395	231	94	315	370	127
	28%	24% A	32% A	31% E	31% E	22%	26%	29%	29%	26%

TA5. Which of the following would you be most likely to do in order to help keep the price of food in check?

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Purchase a hybrid vehicle that uses less fuel	803	405	397	246	317	239	73	241	323	166
	25%	26%	24%	27% E	25%	23%	20%	22%	26% G	33% FGH
Eat less grain-based products and meat, and eat more fruits and vegetables	583	227	356	163	208	212	67	167	250	99
	18%	15%	21% A	18%	16%	20% D	19%	15%	20% G	20% G
Nothing because I believe the market will eventually balance itself out	887	512	375	224	306	357	99	316	331	140
	28%	33% B	23%	25%	24%	34% CD	27%	29%	26%	28%
(Dk/Ns)	947	414	533	265	447	234	121	378	357	91
	29%	27%	32% A	30% E	35% CE	22%	34% I	34% HI	28% I	18%

TA6. Which of the following is the closest to what you believe the Government of Canada should be doing to help keep the price of food affordable?

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The government should control exports of grain to protect our supply	537	259	277	198	205	133	61	176	219	81
	17%	17%	17%	22% DE	16% E	13%	17%	16%	17%	16%
The government should completely eliminate taxes on basic foodstuffs to make them more affordable	1615	766	849	396	682	538	190	548	643	234
	50%	49%	51%	44%	53% C	52% C	53%	50%	51%	47%
Nothing because the government should not be setting prices or interfering with market supply or demand	702	385	317	157	245	300	60	241	266	133
	22%	25% B	19%	18%	19%	29% CD	17%	22%	21%	27% FGH
(Dk/Ns)	366	148	218	147	146	72	48	137	133	47
	11%	9%	13% A	16% DE	11% E	7%	13%	12%	11%	10%

TA7. The United Nations says that the price of basic food like bread, rice and milk are rising to levels where many average citizens around the world can't afford them. Do you believe that this is the case in Canada?

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Yes, I believe that the price of basic food staples in Canada is rising to levels where the average citizen cannot afford them	1676	747	929	480	723	473	222	626	643	185
	52%	48%	56%	53%	57%	45%	62%	57%	51%	37%
		A	A	E	E		HI	HI	I	
No, I do not believe that the price of basic food staples is rising to levels where the average citizen cannot afford them	1543	811	732	418	555	570	137	476	619	311
	48%	52%	44%	47%	43%	55%	38%	43%	49%	63%
		B				CD			FG	FGH