

Global National

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More costly than what is fair	1888 59%	249 59%	203 62%	118 56%	647 52%	501 64%	170 71%	532 63%	653 62%	704 53%	487 58%	1402 59%
Less costly than what is fair	60 2%	5 1%	6 2%	5 3%	28 2%	12 2%	4 2%	16 2%	16 1%	29 2%	21 3%	39 2%
Just about right	960 30%	135 32%	83 25%	52 25%	411 33%	240 31%	38 16%	196 23%	285 27%	476 36%	253 30%	707 30%
(Dk/Ns)	311 10%	36 8%	36 11%	34 16%	146 12%	33 4%	26 11%	96 11%	96 9%	116 9%	84 10%	227 10%
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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%	196 46%	131 40%	95 46%	556 45%	320 41%	91 38%	374 45%	440 42%	576 43%	347 41%	1043 44%
A sagging economy from the world's top producers	1026 32%	125 30%	102 31%	64 31%	411 33%	240 31%	84 35%	274 33%	342 33%	410 31%	261 31%	765 32%
Not enough farmers to plant staple crops	931 29%	122 29%	75 23%	47 22%	435 35%	173 22%	79 33%	236 28%	298 28%	397 30%	220 26%	711 30%
Increased demand by developing countries	701 22%	103 24%	92 28%	60 29%	288 23%	110 14%	48 20%	185 22%	227 22%	289 22%	182 22%	519 22%
None of the above	758 24%	94 22%	86 26%	45 22%	266 22%	208 27%	58 24%	172 21%	264 25%	317 24%	216 26%	542 23%

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Strongly Agree	604 19%	85 20%	60 18%	28 13%	206 17%	184 23%	41 17%	168 20%	199 19%	236 18%	128 15%	476 20%
Somewhat Agree	1291 40%	178 42%	118 36%	85 41%	477 39%	341 43%	91 38%	352 42%	420 40%	515 39%	349 41%	942 40%
Somewhat Disagree	1049 33%	120 28%	117 36%	78 37%	431 35%	218 28%	85 36%	252 30%	333 32%	464 35%	284 34%	766 32%
Strongly Disagree	274 9%	41 10%	33 10%	17 8%	119 10%	42 5%	22 9%	68 8%	96 9%	110 8%	84 10%	190 8%
Summary												
Top2Box - Agree	1895 59%	263 62%	178 54%	113 54%	683 55%	525 67%	132 55%	520 62%	620 59%	751 57%	477 56%	1418 60%
Low2Box - Disagree	1324 41%	162 38%	150 46%	96 46%	550 45%	260 33%	106 45%	320 38%	430 41%	574 43%	368 44%	956 40%

TA2b. 2. (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) 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												
Strongly Agree	484 15%	60 14%	35 11%	33 16%	220 18%	95 12%	42 18%	127 15%	158 15%	199 15%	151 18%	333 14%
Somewhat Agree	1649 51%	210 49%	180 55%	119 57%	655 53%	360 46%	126 53%	427 51%	545 52%	673 51%	451 53%	1198 50%
Somewhat Disagree	737 23%	95 22%	71 22%	44 21%	244 20%	224 29%	59 25%	204 24%	240 23%	293 22%	166 20%	571 24%
Strongly Disagree	350 11%	60 14%	43 13%	13 6%	114 9%	107 14%	12 5%	82 10%	107 10%	160 12%	76 9%	273 12%
Summary												
Top2Box - Agree	2133 66%	270 63%	214 65%	152 73%	875 71%	455 58%	167 70%	554 66%	703 67%	872 66%	602 71%	1531 64%
Low2Box - Disagree	1086 34%	155 37%	114 35%	57 27%	358 29%	331 42%	71 30%	286 34%	347 33%	453 34%	242 29%	844 36%

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%	38 9% BE	15 5%	12 5%	102 8% BE	28 4%	15 6%	47 6%	62 6%	101 8%	56 7%	155 7%
Somewhat Agree	1130 35%	143 34%	119 36% E	80 38% E	474 38% E	227 29%	87 36% E	264 31%	382 36% G	480 36% G	309 37%	821 35%
Somewhat Disagree	1121 35%	135 32%	123 37%	79 38%	389 32%	310 39% AD	86 36%	300 36%	370 35%	451 34%	300 36%	821 35%
Strongly Disagree	758 24%	109 26% C	71 22%	39 19%	268 22%	220 28% BCDF	51 21%	229 27% HI	236 23%	293 22%	180 21%	578 24%
Summary												
Top2Box - Agree	1340 42%	181 43% E	135 41% E	91 44% E	576 47% E	255 32%	102 43% E	311 37%	444 42% G	581 44% G	365 43%	976 41%
Low2Box - Disagree	1879 58%	244 57%	194 59%	118 56%	656 53%	530 68% ABCD	137 57%	529 63% HI	606 58%	744 56%	480 57%	1399 59%

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	270	214	152	875	455	167	554	703	872	602	1531
	66%	63%	65% E	73% AE	71% AE	58%	70% E	66%	67%	66%	71% K	64%
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	263	178	113	683	525	132	520	620	751	477	1418
	59%	62% BD	54%	54%	55%	67% BCDF	55%	62% I	59%	57%	56%	60%
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	181	135	91	576	255	102	311	444	581	365	976
	42%	43% E	41% E	44% E	47% E	32%	43% E	37%	42% G	44% G	43%	41%

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	244	194	118	656	530	137	529	606	744	480	1399
	58%	57%	59%	56%	53%	68% ABCDF	57%	63% HI	58%	56%	57%	59%
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	162	150	96	550	260	106	320	430	574	368	956
	41%	38%	46% AE	46% E	45% AE	33%	45% E	38%	41%	43% G	44%	40%
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	155	114	57	358	331	71	286	347	453	242	844
	34%	37% CD	35%	27%	29%	42% BCDF	30%	34%	33%	34%	29%	36% J

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	149	113	57	382	286	70	241	335	481	257	799
	33%	35% C	35%	27%	31%	36% CDF	29%	29%	32%	36% GH	30%	34%
When used to power your car, they are better for the environment	887	105	73	72	391	184	61	219	308	361	244	643
	28%	25%	22%	35% ABEF	32% ABE	23%	25%	26%	29%	27%	29%	27%
They contribute to higher grain prices, and therefore make food more expensive	503	73	55	29	183	124	39	153	164	186	114	389
	16%	17%	17%	14%	15%	16%	16%	18% I	16%	14%	14%	16%
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	47	40	17	139	112	30	106	127	153	91	295
	12%	11%	12%	8%	11%	14% C	13%	13%	12%	12%	11%	12%
None of the above	386	51	47	34	137	79	38	122	116	144	138	248
	12%	12%	14%	16% DE	11%	10%	16% DE	14% HI	11%	11%	16% K	10%

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	149	120	60	367	340	60	276	384	437	238	858
	34%	35% DF	37% DF	29%	30%	43% ABCDF	25%	33%	37%	33%	28%	36% J
Making fertilizer available to farmers who would otherwise not have access to it	630	80	56	43	268	125	58	189	210	231	181	449
	20%	19%	17%	21%	22% E	16%	24% BE	22% I	20%	17%	21%	19%
Investing in technology like genetically modified and cloned food	466	56	55	34	225	60	36	109	138	219	97	369
	14%	13% E	17% E	16% E	18% AE	8%	15% E	13%	13%	17% GH	12%	16% J
Harvest more land, even if it means the loss of forests	121	18	3	3	48	36	13	32	42	47	33	88
	4%	4% BC	1%	1%	4% B	5% BC	6% BC	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
None of the above	906	122	95	69	324	224	71	235	276	391	295	611
	28%	29%	29%	33% D	26%	29%	30%	28%	26%	29%	35% K	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	80	58	65	280	254	65	211	260	332	230	573
	25%	19%	18%	31% ABD	23%	32% ABD	27% AB	25%	25%	25%	27%	24%
Eat less grain-based products and meat, and eat more fruits and vegetables	583	95	64	21	231	129	43	158	192	233	149	434
	18%	22% CE	20% C	10%	19% C	16% C	18% C	19%	18%	18%	18%	18%
Nothing because I believe the market will eventually balance itself out	887	119	97	55	350	220	46	214	273	399	193	693
	28%	28% F	30% F	26%	28% F	28% F	19%	25%	26%	30% GH	23%	29% J
(Dk/Ns)	947	131	108	69	372	183	84	256	325	362	272	674
	29%	31% E	33% E	33% E	30% E	23% E	35% E	31%	31%	27%	32% K	28%

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	66	32	37	198	176	28	146	181	210	171	366
	17%	15% B	10%	18% B	16% B	22% ABDF	12%	17%	17%	16%	20% K	15%
The government should completely eliminate taxes on basic foodstuffs to make them more affordable	1615	204	166	90	589	424	142	441	532	642	407	1208
	50%	48%	51%	43%	48%	54% ACD	60% ABCD	52%	51%	48%	48%	51%
Nothing because the government should not be setting prices or interfering with market supply or demand	702	107	88	49	314	110	33	150	212	338	161	541
	22%	25% EF	27% EF	23% EF	25% EF	14%	14%	18%	20%	25% GH	19%	23% J
(Dk/Ns)	366	48	41	33	133	75	36	104	125	135	106	260
	11%	11%	13%	16% DE	11%	10%	15% E	12%	12%	10%	13%	11%

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	207	180	108	635	381	164	540	561	572	467	1209
	52%	49%	55%	52%	52%	48%	69% ABCDE	64% HI	53% I	43%	55% K	51%
No, I do not believe that the price of basic food staples is rising to levels where the average citizen cannot afford them	1543	218	148	101	598	405	74	300	488	753	378	1165
	48%	51% F	45% F	48% F	48% F	52% F	31%	36%	47% G	57% GH	45%	49% J