

Food for Fuel?

Promoting Ethanol Production from Sugar Cane in Zimbabwe



What is the issue?

Do the economic benefits of ethanol blending in Zimbabwe outweigh all other arguments against it?

Does Zimbabwe have enough sugarcane for both food & fuel?



Why act now?



Rises in petrol prices.

High dependence on imported fuels.

Promotion of domestic substitute.

Environmentally friendly.

Evidence needed

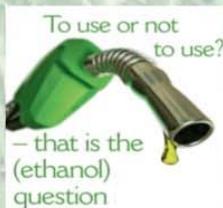


Is it environmentally feasible?

Is it technically feasible?

What social impacts does it have?

What environmental impacts & benefits does it have?



The Zimbabwean government has proposed compulsory use of ethanol for blending; however, there is need for more evidence on the social, economic and environmental impacts of such a policy.

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