

# Impact of the development of the biofuels industry on food security take the fuel ethanol industry as an example

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**Abstract:** As a kind of low carbon energy, biofuels have energy security, optimize energy structure, reduce carbon emissions and other important role. However, theoretical model analysis and foreign experience shows the major food as the raw crops Biofuel production may produced to reclaim land and grain, the influence of the increase food, prices, and Transmission mechanism through international trade impact on the global food supply and prices. Changes of domestic COM and other food crops planting area of correlation analysis showed this current corn-based biofuels production scale has not impact on other food crops and prices. But, as with food crops or food crops as raw material to the expansion of biofuel production, it'll inevitably impact on domestic food production and price, for this reason, this article preliminary estimates The is the three kinds of biofuels production capacity influence on domestic food production and prices Food security and industry development dual goal from industry guidance and regulation, industry technical support, the Industrial economic incentives Three aspects put forward the development of biofuel industry the policy system and policy.

**Keywords:** biofuel; Food security; Influence mechanism

## 1. Research Background

### 1.1 Global food security faces severe challenges

Food is the material basis for human survival, is also a prerequisite for the continuation and development of human civilization. Then and, since ancient times, human beings are always plagued by food shortages. Even in the modern age of civilization, despite grain technology significantly increases, but the population is growing, arable land area decreases by year, World Food security still faces severe challenges. Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Jacques Diouf view, affected by the international financial crisis, to 2009 Year end, The total number of people threatened by starvation worldwide may increase to ten billion.

Food security is about the basic right to life for everyone, is also related to the state, regions and even world stability and development. In East Africa and some Asian countries, food shortages cause mass migration, social conflicts and even turmoil; even if in some rich and food-producing stable countries, will cause people to panic and be dissatisfied with the food problem, and possibly touch social crisis.

China is a populous country and a major food consumer, food security issues are more global and urgent. Currently the basic balance of grain supply and demand, the self-sufficiency rate is stable at around. But as the population expands, economic society development, consumer level rising, the demand for food consumption is growing by a rigid. and at the same time, arable land resource decrease by year, arable land quality declining year, the contradiction of water resource shortage is highlighted, climate change impact increased, regional supply and demand contradictions highlight. According to the National People's Congress Agriculture and Rural Committee data show, the end of China's arable

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land about 18.26 billion Acres, more 1997 year (19.49 billion Acres) reduce 1.23 billion Acres. National per capita

arable land 1.36 mu, only for world average water flat 40%. current, China's per capita amount of water resources is about 2123 cubic meter, less than the world average of 28%, agriculture produces water shortages every year billions of cubic meters. the existence of these problems is becoming more and more important for our country's grain production, food supply and demand will be in tight equilibrium for a long time, serious challenges to food security. so, How to mention High-grain comprehensive production capacity, Building a food security system is a long-term issue.

## 1.2 Global Energy security and environmental sustainability issues are increasingly prominent

While people are suffering from food security problems, Energy security is increasingly prominent. According to the annual Global Petroleum Assessment Report of the United Kingdom Petroleum Corporation (to 2003 End of), Global Proven oil reserves are 11500 billion barrels, to be mined at the time, year. World's proven coal mining forecast can also be mined year. China more a country with a relatively scarce energy resource per capita. According to the new round of land and resources evaluation of the national oil and gas resources, (show (2008 Year), Oil recoverable resources 212 billion-ton, Press Annual Domestic output meter, available for mining Year, by actual consumption, available for mining is Year. external dependencies 55%. available to exploit natural gas trillion cubic meter, Press Annual Domestic output meter, available for mining 233 Year, by actual consumption, to open 117 Year. external dependencies 50%. China's coal remaining recoverable reserves are 900 billion tons, can be exploited for less than hundred years. with a further rise in per capita consumption, Fossil Energy recoverable time will be "" without new resource discovery conditions greatly shorten the, The degree of external dependencies will also increase further, Energy security issues are more pronounced.

The use of fossil fuels also brings extensive and deep environmental problems. the World's most severe atmospheric pollution is the greenhouse effect of the increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by the "" fossil fuel burning also brings the acid rain, Consequences of ozone depletion and increase of hydrocarbons, for human life and health and other biological survival threat. China's primary energy production and consumption structure with coal first, Its usage up to 71%, brought by energy consumption The environmental problems of are more pronounced. so, as 2008 year China European Union Chamber of Commerce Roundtable on Energy Working Group said, "" on the issue of energy security and environmental Sustainability, Our country is facing the largest, toughest test.

## 1.3 The development of the biofuel industry creates a new pressure on food security

In recent years, to address global energy security and environmental Sustainability, Renewable including biofuels The Development and utilization of energy is increasingly being valued by governments. 2007 year month, USA New Energy bill, plan to 2022 Year, advanced biofuel usage in the U.S. reaches 210 billion gallon. European Commission plan, to 2020 year, market share for biodiesel to reach 12%. at the push of governments, Bio-fuel industry rapid developments show. according to clean Edge Inc, Company Statistics, 2008 year global production more than 17 billion gallon fuel ethanol and 2.5 billion gallon biodiesel. 2008 year, The world's largest producer and consumer of biofuels--Brazil 50% Auto for car uses fuel ethanol.

2. Year, Our country has developed a Renewable Energy method, Renewable Energy medium and long term development plan, renewable energy Eleven-Five Planning A series of laws to promote renewable energy development, Planning and Policy. in biomass energy, At present, the amount of fuel ethanol used in China with grain as raw material reaches the 102 million ton, with cassava to produce fuel ethanol for raw materials The technology has been commercialized. with *Jatropha curcas*, *Pistacia chinensis* etc non edible oilseeds plants as raw materials Biodiesel production in 5 million tons. Our country has become the world's next Brazil, after the United States third largest biofuels Bioalcohol producer and application countries.

biofuels with increased energy supply, Secure Energy security, Protect the environment, promote economic and social The Important role of sustainable development. but at the same time, at the existing technology level, Whether for

food or non-grain plants as raw materials, The development of biofuels has created a new and enormous pressure on food security, The also causes an international social widespread interference in biofuels. International Monetary Fund (IMF, 2008) think, if 2015 year increase The proportion of biofuels to total global fuel demand to 5%, The world's arable land must be more than the current expand 15%. so, countries are in the midst of the dilemma of developing biofuels and ensuring food security. acts as a large population, can cultivate resource-hungry countries, The impact of China's development of biofuels on food security is even more cannot be ignored.

## 2.1 research purposes

The purpose of this study is to analyze the effects of the development of fuel ethanol industry with corn as raw material on China's food security, Quantitative assessment of the effects of different production scales of fuel ethanol on grain yields and prices, And from the food security and Industry issued by the show the dual objectives of the development of the biofuel industry regulation and incentive policy.

## 2.2 Research Significance

Accurate estimation of the impact of biofuel industry development on food security is a prerequisite for the development of the biofuel industry, is also a fundamental issue that must be emphasized in building a food security system. under existing technical conditions, biofuels main with corn, cassava, jatropha, Curcas, Pistacia chinensis as raw material, where, due to corn raw fuel alcohol industry Direct take food as raw material, Direct impact on food security, So this article takes the fuel ethanol industry as the object of study, under the assumption that fuel ethanol production technology and grain production technology are in certain conditions, key graduate fuel ethanol industry effects on food security, To calculate the impact of different fuel ethanol industry planning scale on China's food security process degree, and propose policy recommendations for the development of the biofuel industry in the context of food security, So for food in these security securing and facilitating the development of the biofuels industry provide more accurate decision making and policy recommendations. so, research has strong practical significance. one

## 2.3 theoretical significance

Research will build fuel ethanol industry on the basis of analyzing the impact mechanism of fuel ethanol industry on food security Food Security Impact Model, and estimate related parameters for model, to make a practice of fuel ethanol industry development for theoretical references, has certain theoretical value and scientific significance.

## 2.4 The basic ideas and methods of research

The basic idea of research is: the basis for analyzing the impact mechanism of the fuel ethanol industry on food security and international experience base on the, "assumes that grain production technology and fuel ethanol production technical conditions are unchanged, Quantitative analysis of fuel ethanol industry to each The effect of planting area and yield of main food crops, and estimating the amount of fuel ethanol production size of maize planting surface The effect of the product increase on the acreage and yield of major food crops, Finally, from the perspective of food security The policy recommendations of the ethanol industry.

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