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Mr. Brian Jennings
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Dear Mr. Jennings:

Thank you for your letter of April 28, 2008 regarding the media coverage of the food-versus-fuel debate, specifically as it pertains to ethanol, and the rebuttal by the Governor of Virginia pointing out that soaring oil prices drive up the cost of all consumer goods, including food; affluence in countries such as China and India have increased the demand for animal protein (and feed grain) several times more than the use of biofuels has; and that reducing the federal Renewable Fuels Standard is projected to have no substantive effect on food prices but could increase fuel prices by \$0.29 to \$0.40 per gallon.

The compilation of studies, and their availability on your website, is appreciated. Direct access to the original studies is helpful in our review of the concerns raised by the public and the media.

Thank you for sharing this information with us.

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE