

## **M.Phil Year 2 Translation 13TT Week 4**

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### **The US must halt biofuel production to prevent a food crisis**

1. The worst drought for 50 years is inflicting huge damage on the US maize crop, with serious consequences for the overall international food supply.
2. The situation reminds us that even the most advanced agricultural systems are subject to the vagaries of the weather, leading to volatility in supplies and prices not just on domestic markets but also internationally.
3. Fortunately rice supplies in 2012 are plentiful and rice prices stable, but they could also be driven higher by increasing prices of other cereals.
4. At the moment, the renewable energy production in the US is reported to have reached 15.2bn gallons in 2012, for which it used the equivalent of some 121.9m tonnes or about 40 per cent of US maize production.

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