



# The State of Food and Agriculture

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# SOFA Special Themes

- Agricultural biotechnology: Meeting the needs of the poor? (2003/04)
- Agricultural trade and poverty: Can trade work for the poor? (2005)
- Food aid for food security? (2006)
- Paying farmers for environmental services: Can it work? (2007 – in review)
- Biofuels: promise or peril? (2008 – in preparation)

# SOFA 2008

## Biofuels: promise or peril?

- What are liquid biofuels?
- Biophysical and economic potential?
- Environmental sustainability?
- Poverty and food security impacts?
- Policy coherence/policy screws
- What do we know, what don't we know, what needs to be done



# SOFA 2008

## Process and timeline

- Background work – now thru year end
- First draft – February 2008
- Review and clearance – Feb thru May
- Launch – November 2008



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## Contributors/Advisors

- SOFA External Advisory Board
- SOFA Core Team
  - IDWG Bioenergy
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  - External contributors?????



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