



**Response to Lawrence Solomon Opinion piece in Financial Post on
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Facts matter – and Lawrence Solomon is missing some important ones.

Canadian biofuels have been scientifically proven to substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Corn ethanol generates up to 62% less emissions than fossil fuels, with cellulosic ethanol producing up to 87% less, and biodiesel – which can be made from used animal fats – by over 100% less emissions than traditional diesel.

These impressive data points are based on scientific modelling recognized by governments across Canada and around the world. To be clear, they take into account the full life cycle emissions - from planting the first seed to using the fuel.

Since Solomon's opinion seems to be premised on the false notion that Canada's biofuels producers are causing the destruction of wildlife habitats and the cutting down of forests let's examine another important fact: in Canada, increased farm productivity has meant that the amount of cropland has markedly DECREASED over the last 30 years – despite population growth and increased biofuel production and use. No forests are being cut down, no habitats destroyed.

Canadians deserve to hear the facts about biofuels, and their huge contribution to the fight against climate change. Today's world has enough fake news and conspiracy theories.

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