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The Coming Food Crisis: How to Feed the World in 2050

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Additional Readings and Videos

1. [Perspectives on Limits to Growth: World on the Edge](#). (2012) YouTube video by Lester Brown. 54 minutes.

The world is facing issues of near overwhelming complexity, which requires that we think systemically and fashion policies accordingly.

Note: This video is on the optional list but only because of its length (54 minutes). This video captures most issues about the food crisis and is highly recommended.

2. [This Terrifying Chart Shows We're Not Growing Enough Food to Feed the World](#). (2013) by Brad Plumer in the Washington Post, 3 pages.

Charts show how food production has increased over the decades, but not enough to feed the world's rapidly growing population.

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3. [Can Organic Farming Feed Us All?](#) (2013) by Karen Charman, published by the Worldwatch Institute, 3 pages.

Will a large scale shift to organic farming increase the world's food supply?

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4. [Will Organic Food Fail to Feed the World?](#) (2012) Article in Scientific American by David Biello, 2 pages.

This report is a meta-analysis of studies comparing conventional and organic methods across 34 crop species. An argument is built for taking a hybrid approach to producing enough food for humans while preserving the environment.

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5. [Technology to Feed the World](#). (2005) a paper published by the National Academy of Sciences, 3 pages.

This paper argues that biotechnology can help feed the world without damaging the environment.

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6. [How to Feed the World in 2050](#). (2009) a Report published by the United Nations, read pages 4-8 out of 35, October 12, 2009.

This document, which has been referenced by many authors, focuses on how the changing socio-economic environment effects food production around the world.

Note: This is a 35-page article. Pages 4-8 are the most important and can stand alone.

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