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ARTICLES & REPORTS

"The New Geopolitics of Food"

[Lester R. Brown](#). *Foreign Policy*, May/June 2011, 5 pages.

The author, President of the Earth Policy Institute, discusses the emerging geopolitics of food scarcity, focusing on why the soaring food crisis has become the hidden driver of world politics.

Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/WHiy2>



"Why Global Food Prices Are Rising"

[Laurie Garrett](#). Council on Foreign Relations, February 14, 2011.

In this video, the author, a senior fellow for Global Health at the Council on Foreign Relations, discusses the drivers of rising global food prices, including increasing demand for meat, biofuels, price speculation, and severe weather.

Video only. Available online at: <http://goo.gl/5cR9I> [3:53min]

"Making Sense of Food Price Volatility"

[Homi Kharas](#). The Brookings Institution, March 3, 2011, 3 pages.

The author, a senior fellow and deputy director of Global Economy and Development at the Brookings Institution, discusses how food prices affect developing countries and what needs to be done at a policy level.

Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/GhMUD>

"Oil Prices and Middle East Turmoil: The Economic Consequences"

[Christopher Boucek](#), et al. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, March 31, 2011.

Even though recent unrest in the Middle East has been limited to countries that have little effect on the global supply of oil, uncertainty in the oil markets has surged and prices have increased significantly. The authors discuss the complex set of political and economic issues shaping today's oil markets.

Video and audio. Available online at: <http://goo.gl/VNj45> [88:58min]

“What To Do About High Oil Prices”

[Nicolas Loris](#) and [John Ligon](#). *The Heritage Foundation Backgrounder#2526*, March 2, 2011, 5 pages.

The Heritage experts examine whether the recent political unrest in oil-producing countries has an impact on the higher oil prices and how to tackle the problems.

Full text currently available at: http://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2011/pdf/bg2526.pdf
[PDF format; 264KB]

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The Heritage Foundation

<http://www.heritage.org/>

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The Institute for Energy Research

<http://www.instituteforenergyresearch.org>

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