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We are more dependent on carbon as a raw material than we think.

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No energy crops will have to be planted for the second generation of biofuels. They will therefore no longer compete with food crops.

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