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Biofuels run the risk of becoming invasive species.

Countries are exploring the use of high-yielding crops to produce biofuels as alternatives to traditional fossil fuels.

But many of the traits that make them attractive for this purpose - hardiness, drought resistance and rapid growth - are the same qualities that give advantage to invasive plant species.

While solutions are needed to address imminent food shortages and reduce the impacts of climate change, proposed biofuel species need to be assessed for the likelihood of invasion before being introduced and cultivated on a large-scale.