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How green are biofuels

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A short and thoughtful assessment of the dilemma that is appearing to leave us wondering if lowering greenhouse gases by plant biofuel crops may have greater aggregate environmental costs than gasoline.

The *Physcomitrella* genome reveals evolutionary insights into the conquest of land by plants

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Stefan Rensing and 69 others.

While the details of this paper are for the expert, the abstract is notable for the clarity with which it points to possible ways that plant genomics may actually help us to understand some of the bigger picture about plants, in this case the continuing questions about the colonization of the land. It is well worth tracking this article down to see a readable abstract in a “high impact” journal.