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New Projection Shows Global Food Demand Doubling by 2050

Increasing yield in poorer countries could decrease adverse environmental effects

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Global demand for food could double by 2050, newly released projections show.
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New ways of meeting demand for food need to be explored, scientists have found.

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