

**World Food Problems  
Fall 2009**

*The World Food Problem: Toward Ending Undernutrition in the Third World.*  
Leathers and Foster, 2009 (4<sup>th</sup> Edition)

Questions to Think About

**Chapter 19. Policies That Reduce the Price of Food Through Subsidized Consumption**

1. What are reasons listed in the first section for why food consumption subsidies are popular? (I see 5 at least.)
2. Compare and contrast Figures 19.1 and 19.2. Is one system better than the other?
3. Who benefits from subsidized food prices?
4. After reading the chapter, do you think subsidized food consumption works? How and why? And how not and why not?
5. What thoughts come to your mind when you read the quote in the middle of page 313: “Not even an unchallenged autocrat can repeal the laws of supply and demand.”?

**Chapter 20. Policies That Improve Access to Food: It’s All About Distribution (Isn’t It?)**

1. What is your reaction to the authors’ critic of the Hearts and Minds claim that reducing meat consumption by 10% in the U.S. would feed 60 million people per year? (p. 324-327)
2. What are the authors’ reasons for stating that redistribution alone will not solve the problem?
3. Do you agree with the author’s arguments against the comments or propositions quoted by others on pages 329-330?
4. What do the authors’ finally say needs to be in the solution mix?