

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

Questions to Think About

9. Income Distribution and Undernutrition

1. What is PPP (purchasing power parity) and how does it relate to GNP per capita and income per capita?
2. What does each data point on the graphs in Figure 9.1 (p.141) represent?
3. What are major factors influencing income distribution?
4. What do you think is the fate of 'the bottom billion'?
5. Why does the demand for food increase as income increases?

(We won't hold you responsible for
Pareto's Law, Lorenz Curve, Gini coefficient, or Kuznets Curve.)

10. Other Factors Influencing Demand for Food

1. What factors influence the amount of food and the types of food consumed per capita?
2. Discuss the comment "it is easy to make a false equivalence between 'food' and 'agriculture'".
3. Understand the structure of the 'population pyramid' for a less and more developed countries.