

## U.S. Agriculture Dept. turns green

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture has turned green. You may have known the agency was bad, but not this bad.

When the Department of Agriculture was founded in 1862 by President Abraham Lincoln, its mission was to produce good and plentiful food based on scientific methods. Lincoln said, "The general designs and duties [of the Department] shall be to acquire and diffuse among the people of the United States useful information on subjects connected with agriculture in the most general and comprehensive sense of that word" (May 15, 1862).

During World War II, U.S. agriculture was heroic—doubling, tripling, quadrupling food output when needed.

Go down to Washington, D.C. today, to Independence Avenue and the Agriculture Department, and here's what you get: cult material. There has been a radical change at the USDA. They now worship a pagan goddess called "Lisa," and the "Earth Team." "LISA" stands for "low-input sustainable agriculture." Ask yourself, "Sustainable for whom?"

According to the new thinking at the USDA, there are to be lower inputs per acre in farming, less energy per acre, less mechanization, and so forth. The rationalization for this? The lower inputs are to be "quality" inputs. More spiritual. Good for the environment. Good for the birds, and the swamp things. You farmers are supposed to love this, because you are supposed to lower costs by not buying equipment, fuel, fertilizer, pumps, and such things. You are supposed to put in more sweat labor, and the USDA calls this "quality of life" for you and your family and your farm environment.

Secondly, there will be less food per acre produced under this perspective. The rationalization for this? There may be less food, but it will be "quality" food. "Pure. Safe. Natural. Non-poisonous. Chemical-free. Traditional. Organic. Aesthetic."

What's going on here? The result of all this is obvious. There is to be less population. Less food . . . fewer people. The argument is, there are to be "quality" people. White. Elite. Select.

Don't be shocked. For 20 years, the USDA has been imposing policies to bankrupt farmers, cut food supplies,

and serve the interests of Cargill, Archer Daniels Midland, and the other food cartel companies, to control our food. The USDA hasn't changed its spots overnight. Now their policy is outright starvation and genocide. . . .

Look at the book *Alternative Agriculture*, the new bible of the USDA. . . . The book says that farmers should switch from so-called conventional farming, to "alternative" agriculture. By this, the book merely means that farmers should not have the income and circumstances to choose freely what techniques they prefer of tilling, animal husbandry, harvesting, shipping, fertilizing, and so forth. Farmers should use only low-cost, low-tech methods that the self-styled experts say are good for the environment. These are the methods the hocus pocus experts call "alternative," just to use an inoffensive-sounding name.

Just recently, a new bill, "The Sustainable Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1989," was introduced into Congress to help farmers "make the transition."

Farmers: Don't be taken in by the propaganda. Most farmers would like to be in a position to change how they're doing things: make improvements; try something else; get out from under the yoke of the crop program restrictions. And this must be done; this is our Food for Peace policy. I'm not a soil scientist, or expert on animal husbandry. I'm not going to tell farmers what methods are best for each of their situations. But I tell you: If you are are falling for a policy that is designed to feed fewer people—millions fewer people—you are being taken for a fool. And you won't be in farming for long. The same with questions of diet and nutrition. Everyone healthy has a healthy interest in mealtimes and good food. I'm not a doctor or nutrition expert. But I tell you: The propaganda you are getting about pure food, safe food, non-poisonous food is part of green fascism. . . .

### Who promotes green fascism

The best thing you can do, is look at who is promoting this greenie food and farm propaganda. Look at just three projects and their backers.

Firstly, look at who funded the publishing of the *Alternative Agriculture* book. The Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the Andrew Mellon Foundation—the same family that founded the Federal Reserve—the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, etc. These interests want fierce austerity so their own financial empires can be saved at any cost. The Rockefeller family interests were always fanatical backers of population reduction.

Secondly, green, "eco" farm conferences. In January, there is a big gathering in California. One of the backers is



the Esalen Institute. This outfit was founded in the 1960s, to conduct sensitivity sessions for "mind expansion." The night before the Charles Manson murders, Manson spent an evening at Esalen. In the 1970s, Esalen started specializing in U.S.-Soviet exchanges. Esalen favors spiritual relations with the Earth.

Another backer is the Rodale Institute. Founded in the 1940s, this group is part of the cult networks called anthroposophs, connected to a mystic named Rudolph Steiner. Steiner once published a magazine called *Lucifer*, and he referred to his friends as "white magicians." Steiner's student Ehrenfeld Pfeiffer wrote an article for the first issue of *Organic Farming and Gardening* in 1942. The article called for a "new peasantry." No more mechanization and chemicals. . . .

Thirdly, there is the federal law called the Conservation Reserve Program. Started in 1985, this plan aims at taking 45 million crop acres out of cultivation and putting them into non-food, wilderness use. That is the brainchild of the Conservation Foundation.

This group was founded in Washington, D.C., in 1948. It was set up by racist British and Swiss oligarchs, as a replacement for their pre-war group that got a bad name for advocating eugenics—Master Race breeding. The first director of the Conservation Foundation was Henry Fairfield Osborne, the nephew of one Fairfield Osborne who, in 1932, had hosted, along with the Averell Harriman family, the International Eugenics Conference in New York City. Nazi race experts attended that to discuss how to purify races by exterminating "undesirables." For the last 41 years, the Conservation Foundation has carried on their advocacy of selective population reduction under the cover story of protecting the environment. William K. Reilly, the current head of the Environmental Protection Agency, was formerly head of the Conservation Foundation. . . .




First, there is the Conservation Reserve Program (see **Figure 1**). If you figure that a farmer here in the U.S. can produce grain on one acre for at least 2.5 people for a year, then if you remove 40 million acres from cultivation, grain for 100 million people is not being produced. Where are they getting their daily bread? They're not.

Look at other foods. Milk: The "alternative agriculture" people tell you that too many cows produce manure, which pollutes the groundwater. They also say that too much milk makes too much butterfat and cheese, and that fat in school lunches hurts children. One decent milk cow produces enough milk for 9,000 half-pint servings a year for children. This could give 26 children their daily milk for a year. But the USDA Dairy Herd Termination Program eliminated 1.5 million cows. This is milk for 37 million children. Where will they get it? They won't.

Apples: One decent apple tree gives 500 apples a year, enough for 1.5 children to get an apple a day. But the scare about Alar and sprays on apples is bankrupting growers, and ruining orchards and trees. A 40-pound child would have to

FIGURE 1

## Environmentalism kills

Environmentalist program	Requirement for food production	Food lacking for how many people
Conservation Reserve 40 million acres in non-food use 	1 acre feeds 2.5 persons	100 million
Project Groundwater Reduce manure animals 	1 cow feeds 25 children	37 million
Ban farm chemicals on fruit ALAR scare against apples ruined thousands of orchards 	1 tree feeds 1.3 children "an apple a day"	780,000

eat 1,000 apples a day for a lifetime—26 million apples—to ingest the amount of Alar (daminozide) that produced tumors in laboratory rats. But now . . . thousands of children won't get *any* fruit. The impact of the Alar scare this spring is to deprive over 700,000 people of their apple a day.

The green fascists say that insecticides pollute. In 1972, William Ruckelshaus of the Conservation Foundation banned DDT, which controls malaria mosquitoes. In 1974, Russell Train of the Conservation Foundation banned diel-drin, which controls locusts and grasshoppers. It is now estimated that 100 million people die a year due to the elimination of these and other needed chemicals. . . .

Therefore, don't try to have a dialogue with the agents of the banking families—the Mellons and the Rockefellers, about organic farming or pure foods. They're plotting to divert you in this way while farms—big and small, conventional or organic—are shut down around the world, and people are starved. If someone says to you that they don't like the way you farm, or they don't like your food or the way you eat; if someone says to you that you are hurting the environment and hurting Mother Earth's feelings, you tell him to go to another planet. Here on Earth, we're going to feed people.