

The Food Crisis is Here

Reports on the Autumn harvest now underway in the Northern Hemisphere underscore the dimensions of the shortage-crisis in the world food supply. Drought and Summer heat hit two of the most important grain-belts, after decades of global food underproduction: the corn and soy lands of North America, and the wheat belt of Eurasia—Russia, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan. The U.S. corn crop will be in the range of 15% below last year's, and soy similarly. The 2012 Eurasian wheat harvest will be down nearly 30% from last year's, and even below that of 2010, when Russia had to suspend wheat exports.

Given that national food reserves are non-existent, in compliance with the World Trade Organization's strictures, bad harvests cause immediate catastrophes. The United States, for example, accounts for over 30% of all the corn produced internationally, so a low harvest hits very hard. Russia, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan are among the leading source-regions for wheat exports. *Now the grain is not there.* The follow-on effects are slamming livestock producers with high feed prices and outright scarcities.

But no one should be surprised. The current food disaster—which will lead to rapidly increasing world hunger and starvation—is the predictable, thus intended result of the economic policies of the British financial empire, and its puppet Barack Obama. By sticking to these policies, they will achieve their stated aim of *global depopulation*. The only question is whether people will depose these policies, and those who are ramming them through, before it's too late.

It is simple to summarize what the Obama Administration has done to aid drought-stricken farms and to protect the U.S. food supply: nothing. In particular, the White House did nothing to see that

a new five-year farm law was put in place, to replace the “2008 Food, Conservation and Energy Act,” which expired Sept. 30. So now farmers and ranchers are hit by even more uncertainty and losses.

For example, one program which expired is MILC (Milk Income Loss Contract), which had provided a weak safety net for dairy farmers. MILC offered a little financial aid when the prices farmers got for their raw milk fell below the costs of producing the milk. The situation has reached the point in California, the lead U.S. dairy state, where one-third of the state's 1,688 dairy operations are currently set to close down within 90 days.

All this is bad enough, but the Obama Administration is actively doing worse. The President refuses to suspend the diversion of corn into ethanol. To meet this year's RFS (the Federal Renewable Fuel Standard), potentially *half of the 2012 corn harvest* will go into the gas tank! An unprecedented appeal has been made to waive the RFS, by livestock associations, food processors, and eight state governors. On Oct. 2, twenty nations met in Bangkok, hosted by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and called for limiting the use of food for biofuels. Obama snubbed them all.

The Obama Administration is conducting a *campaign for even more bioproducts*. It has approved sorghum biofuel, for the first time ever, and raised the 2013 RFS for soy bio-diesel. Food will not be for the starving—but for fuel.

Top this all off with Michelle Obama's campaign for lo-cal/high nutrition eating styles—a public relations cover story for talking-the-talk of fresh, local goodies, while food availability overall is cut drastically. The intent is in line with that of London's dying empire: less food, more depopulation.