

Obama's Green Genocide Destroys Meat Supply: 'Let Them Eat Biofuels!'

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Aug. 11—The U.S. meat supply and world food chain are now being taken down, as a result of Obama's refusal to lift the Federal biofuels requirement, under which potentially more than half of the U.S. corn crop will go to gasoline, at a time of terrible losses from the North American drought, no grain reserves, and out-of-control food futures speculation. In global terms, more than 10% of the planet's cereals production is now going for fuel.

There has been a barrage of appeals over the last two weeks, from the livestock sector and Congress, to the Obama Administration, for a waiver on the biofuels requirement, but the White House continues its anti-food stance.

Moreover, Obama is backing still more extensive non-food use of food crops, in his "Biobased Products" campaign, which the Agriculture Department has been promoting this month, at the very same time that it is designating more U.S. counties as official "agricultural disasters." As of Aug. 6, there were 1,628 counties—more than half of the 3,000-plus nationwide—which are agri-disasters. In addition to crop losses, these counties have huge losses of pastureland, hay, and fodder generally. Forest fires are raging.

In effect, these grim updates are simply, "late-breaking dispatches from the Non-News Department," commented Lyndon LaRouche on Aug. 9, because the current crisis was predictable and inevitable, barring a sharp policy shift. Now we are in a catastrophe phase. What is required is to force the passage of Glass-Steagall reinstatement in Congress (H.R. 1489), and along with that, institute emergency measures to support the physical economic production capacity for the food supply. This means that Obama must be forced out of the Presidency.



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The Obama Administration has reiterated its commitment to corn-ethanol, in its campaign for a "biobased economy," as the U.S. food crop is decimated by drought and heat. The ethanol plant is in West Burlington, Iowa.

Drought Damage

On Aug. 10, more documentation came out on the scale of drought damage to U.S. crops. The first survey-based estimate for the Fall harvest was issued in the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). It put the expected U.S. corn crop down 15% below last year's; the soy harvest down 13%, and so on. Futures prices are soaring—as deliberately condoned by the Dodd-Frank/White House non-regulation law.

The impact is devastating: For this year, the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) requires 13.2 billion gallons of corn-based ethanol to be produced, which takes about 4.7 billion bushels of corn, *which would be about 50% of the total harvest*, if the harvest comes in under 10 billion bushels, as is now likely. Next year, the RFS

is scheduled to rise to 4.9 billion bushels.

Do the “math” for livestock producers, and the disaster is evident. For example, take hogs. Feed costs amount to 60-70% of the expense of raising a pig to market weight. To finish one pig takes approximately 10.5 bushels of corn (267 kg) and four bushels of soybeans (109 kg), in the form of meal, producing a meat animal of about 260-280 lbs (123 kg).

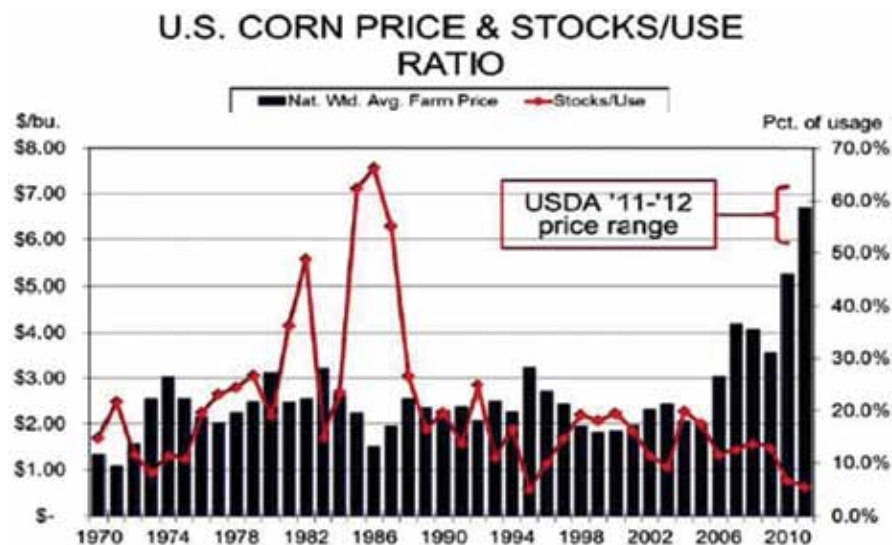
Because of scant corn availability from prior years’ harvests, and soaring corn prices, pork producers are now losing \$23 per head on each pig. Moreover, this impossible situation comes on top of the prior bad period, from Fall 2007 through Spring 2010, when 6,900 family-sized hog producers shut down, because of the impossible equation of input-costs exceeding revenue. We are at the end of the line. With different particulars, the same situation applies to dairy, chicken, turkey, egg, and other producers.

Obama’s ‘Biobased Economy’

At the same time that it is stonewalling the meat producers’ appeal for livestock feed relief, the Obama Administration has issued a national release, reiterating its commitment to corn-ethanol, and pushing a “Biobased Economy”—meaning even more diversion of food into non-food use. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack issued a statement the first week of August. In the *Drovers Cattle Network* Aug. 3, it was headlined, “Vilsack: Furthering the biobased economy.”

After a passing expression of concern to help farmers and ranchers devastated by the drought, Vilsack goes on for seven paragraphs, pledging Federal support for “innovative producers and rural businesses” who are “working hard to boost the emerging bio-economy.” By this, the Administration means more farm-produced food and fiber going into non-food uses, which Vilsack praises as “a wide variety of products—from cleaners and paints to construction materials.” He says, “From household products made of homegrown crops, to remarkable advanced biofuels

FIGURE 1



that are powering American’s ships and aircraft. . . .”

Under Obama, Federal procurement favors bio-based products, and claims to be ordering 9,000 of them in 77 categories. There are also the jobs-creation claims. Vilsack says, “more than 3,000 companies are producing more than 25,000 biobased products made from renewable sources grown here at home, and supporting 100,000 American jobs. . . .”

The Agriculture Department has created an official label, “USDA Certified Biobased Product,” to push this certifiable insanity.

Green Policy Is Genocide

The wrongful Federal mandate to use food crops for fuel, was first written into U.S. law in 2005, in the Energy Policy Act, which set the initial level of the annual RFS, and then in the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act, which expanded the biofuels requirement. Specific Executive authority is vested in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under the Clean Air Act, which has discretion to issue a waiver on the RFS, if harm is being done to the economy. The EPA has never done so. In the one case where an appeal was made—pursuant to it having to come from a state governor—the EPA denied a request in 2008 by Gov. Rick Perry (R-Tex.), on grounds of the harm to cattlemen and the beef supply at that time.

Such evil legislative changes as the U.S. 2005 and

2007 biofuels mandates, were foisted on governments around the world during the 2000s, under the banner of the fraud of man-made global-warming. This was one part of a greenie package of lies and immorality, featuring such fake premises as: the world's resources are fixed and running out; fossil fuels are depleting, polluting, and should be superseded by "renewable fuels" such as corn and cane ethanol and bio-diesel; carbon is bad; over-population is harming the Earth; man's activities are causing heat death to the planet, etc.

Why would farmers, who are in a position to know better, *go along*? It was, *to get along*. They were presented with corn-ethanol as the only sure return on deregulated markets. They were told to be smart, and follow the money. Farmers, like all citizens, saw nuclear power stopped; saw the space program diminished; and national food and farm policy destroyed by the WTO-era of globalization and "cheap food."

Now, it is empirically evident that this entire green package was designed to perpetrate destruction. Behind the lies and thuggery are interlocking financial, commodity, and political interests and cartels, best called the neo-British Empire, which orchestrated these evil policies, for the purpose of exerting control, and imposing mass depopulation, i.e., genocide.

Now, as the point has been reached of the blowout of these financial circles, seen in terms of multiple revelations of Libor-rigging, drug-money laundering, bail-out thievery, monopolization by such as JPMorgan Chase, Barclays, HSBC, et al., as well as Monsanto, DuPont, and BASF, there is the necessity and opportunity to throw over these interests and their greenie mind-control at that same time.

Will You Eat?

On July 30, a coalition of the leading national and regional livestock, poultry, dairy, and feed organizations delivered a petition to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, calling for a waiver, "in whole or in substantial part of the amount of renewable fuel that must be produced under the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) for the remainder of this year and for the portion of 2013 that is one year from the time the waiver becomes effective." The 19 groups petitioning, include the National Pork Producers Council, the Milk Producers Federation, the National Chicken Council, the

National Cattlemen Beef Association, and others.

On Aug. 1, 156 Congressmen—more than one-third of the House of Representatives—asked the EPA for a biofuels waiver. The same week, 25 Senators did so.

Then, on Aug. 9, came the clincher, in terms of satisfying the letter of the law of the Clean Air Act, to force the EPA to face the question of economic harm. Two Democratic governors filed appeals for an RFS waiver: Maryland's Martin O'Malley and Jack Markell of Delaware, who represent the Delmarva Peninsula, one of the world centers of poultry production.

The July 30 petition is a fully documented, 19-page petition, addressing four major points. To begin with, the groups state, "We believe that the drought—the most severe the nation has experienced in over half of a century—and the resulting harm under the RFS mandate, is manifest and supported in this request for a waiver." A map (see Figure 1, following article) is provided showing the likelihood that this drought will continue.

Secondly, the petition reviews the law, that the EPA has authority to act on the waiver request. In fact, the livestock groups make clear that the EPA doesn't even need a petition, or appeal from a governor for a waiver, on claim of economic harm. The law states, "the [EPA] Administrator on his own motion," in consultation with the Agriculture and Energy Departments, can exercise authority, and implement a waiver. (Clean Air Act Section 211(o)(7)(A)."

Thirdly, the petition shows the harmful consequences now extant, of continuing the RFS, given the "extreme and persistent" drought, the "rising commodity prices," and low stocks of corn. **Figure 1**, U.S. Corn Price & Stocks/Use Ratio, a graphic from the petition, shows the run-up in corn prices over the last two years; and the drastic fall in corn stocks. Subsequent to the numbers shown here, corn prices have soared, literally, off the chart to \$8.50 this past week; and the corn stocks-to-use ratio is approaching, in effect, nil.

The petition states, "Demand [for corn] has exceeded the growth in supply, as evidenced by the shrinking of the ending stocks. The extensive drought conditions in 2012, however, will cut dramatically into the available corn supply. Corn yields will almost certainly be 20 bushels per acre below those projected at the start of the year [166, by the USDA—

ed.], and additional decreases of 20-30 or more bushels per acre are unfortunately very possible as the drought continues and deepens. Prices have escalated sharply.”

A national average yield of 120 bushels per acre was estimated by the USDA in its Aug. 10 monthly report. In hundreds of cornbelt counties, it will be far less, and even nothing at all.

The petition stresses that, “Timing is everything. . . . The predicted devastating impact on corn yields and resulting high prices for feed pose a severe threat to livestock and poultry producers. Many will choose to leave livestock farming altogether, and that, combined with overall herd reductions across these industries, will cause significant job losses across all regions where livestock and poultry are raised.”

Forewarned

Last year, LaRouche issued repeated warnings of the drastic losses to the food supply, from the combination of the extreme weather patterns and dynamics of the economic-collapse process underway, from the disintegration of the monetarist system. LaRouche issued a specific warning in his Jan. 18 State of the Union webcast: “We’ve got to the point, that the whole nation, all of Europe, the United States, the trans-Atlantic region generally, has gone into a *deep* economic collapse. Such that we now have a situation where we could *not*, without a change from the current policies, guarantee an adequate food supply *beginning this Spring* for the population of the United States, and for the populations of other nations! We’ve come to that point.”

A year ago, on Sept. 14, the National Pork Producers Council warned Congress that livestock feed was entering a crisis phase, in testimony to a hearing of the House Agriculture Committee, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry. Its written testimony, provided again this July to the EPA, said that “[t]he 2011-2012 corn numbers are coming after a 2010-2011 marketing year that, while the third largest harvest on record, saw year-end stocks of just 17 days. That’s an historic low. The last time the carryover was that small—Fall 1996—corn was so scarce in Iowa—the No. 1 corn-producing state—it had to be shipped in from Texas, and other areas suffered similar shortages.”

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