

Food Free Fridays Coming?

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Food-free Fridays?

Once again, the high priests of the UN/IPCC have forecast world starvation unless we mend our wicked ways.

According to them, unless we curb our use of oil, gas, coal and meat, the carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere will soar, the globe will heat up, and food production will plummet.

This is just a rerun of their previous failed forecasts based on academic theories and computer models.

They should have asked practical nurserymen, farmers and meteorologists.

Nurserymen would tell them that if you pump carbon dioxide into a greenhouse the plants grow faster, bigger, more drought-tolerant and more heat-tolerant. Therefore more carbon dioxide will produce more food.

See this Time-Lapse video showing effect of carbon dioxide on plant growth:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=P2qVnK6zFgE

Farmers would tell them that plants grow faster in the warmth of spring and summer and slower in winter. Any warming by carbon dioxide would tend to warm the higher latitudes so the snow line will shift, thus creating more arable land. It would also tend to produce warmer nights, thus reducing frost damage to crops and opening more land to frost-sensitive crops.

Meteorologists would tell them that if global temperatures increase, evaporation from the vast oceans must also increase. What goes up with more evaporation must come down as more rain or snow. While some areas may become drier, a warmer world is on average a wetter world, producing more food.

There is also no evidence that extra carbon dioxide and warmth will make weather more erratic – in fact the reverse should occur as the global temperature gradient which drives winds and storms will be reduced with more warming at the poles.

Finally, there is no evidence that their climate scares will occur “much earlier than expected”. With global temperatures flat for 17 years, how can warming occur faster than in their previous failed forecasts?

There is no rational basis for claims that increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will add to world starvation – history and science tell us that it would produce a productive green and bountiful world. It is global cooling we have to fear.



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On the other hand, there is no doubt that foolish climate POLICIES will produce less food. Policies on ethanol, biomass, carbon-credit forestry and the Kyoto bans on regrowth control, either directly consume food, or reduce the land available for food production. Encouraging and protecting trees at the expense of grasslands is threatening the production of low-cost food from marginal grazing lands and water restrictions are driving irrigators out of business. And to top it off, their taxes and regulatory wars on carbon energy will push marginal farmers and fishermen out of production. The world may indeed see hungry years, but carbon dioxide will not be the cause.

Already they advocate “Meat-free Mondays”. Their anti-food anti-carbon policies will soon result in “Food-free Fridays”.

If you would like to read more see:

The Beneficial Effects of Global Warming for the Biosphere:

<http://news.heartland.org/newspaper-article/2014/04/08/comprehensive-report-documents-beneficial-impacts-global-warming>

Blaming mankind for floods:

<http://www.spiked-online.com/newsite/article/the-eco-hysteria-of-blaming-mankind-for-the-floods/14672#.UzVK64WzW5J>

The Food production lies of the IPCC:

<http://www.c3headlines.com/2014/03/fundamental-lies-of-the-uns-ipcc-food-production-harmed-by-co2-warmer-temperatures.html>

Alarmists admit that they exaggerate damage caused by climate change. It's OK to lie:

<http://ajae.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2014/02/24/ajae.aau001.abstract>

Climate change will reduce crop yields sooner than we thought:

<http://phys.org/news/2014-03-climate-crop-yields-sooner-thought.html#jCp>

Grass, Trees, Climate and Food:

<http://carbon-sense.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/grasses-trees-climate-food.pdf>

The Twilight of Abundance with the Cold Sun?

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2014/03/06/new-book-twilight-of-abundance/>

If you would like to comment on this article:

<http://pickeringpost.com/story/what-s-next-food-free-fridays-3068>

Flood Plains are for Floods

Every month or so TV screens are filled with images of desperate people somewhere battling a flood.



The town of Emerald, Queensland January 2011

Credit: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/australiaandthepacific/australia/8238087/Australian-floods-timeline.html>

Naturally “global warming” is usually blamed, but this claim will not hold water because, for 17 years, there has been no global warming. Moreover, nature’s floods have been reshaping the Earth for millions of years. And some past floods were far larger than modern floods, evidenced by the width of many flood plains - seldom are they completely flooded today.

The majority of homes and cities were built on flood plains, and for good reasons - closer to water, with fertile soil, better groundwater, flat country that is easier to build on, near good fishing holes and shady trees, and periodically re-fertilised with silty topsoil. In some countries rivers also provide local washing, latrine and transport services.

We hear alarmist stories about the soaring costs of floods. Records show that most floods are not bigger – it is just that more people are building more costly homes and infrastructure on flood plains. And unlike Australia’s early settlers, too few people put their houses on stilts out of the reach of most floods.

Those who choose to build/live on flood plains will usually pay less for their homes than those who buy a home on the hill with views. But they must also accept the costs that go with it – occasional flooding and expensive flood insurance.

Long term flood problems are increased when government steps in and “helps” those who buy/build on flood-prone land with repair subsidies, public works or insurance caps. This allows risk-takers to escape the real cost of their decisions. Then more people build on flood plains.

Flood diversions and levees may not help – too often they just shift flood water from one piece of land to another. Commonly, they also increase water speed, thus increasing the erosive power of the flood.

But governments must ensure that essential infrastructure is relatively flood-proof – roads, railways, airports and electricity should remain operational during most floods. And strategically placed dams will moderate the extremes of both floods and droughts.

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Blaming mankind for floods:

<http://www.spiked-online.com/newsite/article/the-eco-hysteria-of-blaming-mankind-for-the-floods/14672#.UzVK64WzW5J>

Is England’s Bad Weather A Sign Of Climate Change?

<http://notalotofpeopleknowthat.wordpress.com/2014/01/06/is-englands-bad-weather-a-sign-of-climate-change/>

Latest Global average temperatures in the lower atmosphere. No warming here folks:

<http://www.drroyspencer.com/latest-global-temperatures/>

All you ever wanted to know about global temperatures over the ages. Getting things into perspective:

<http://www.climate4you.com/GlobalTemperatures.htm#An%20overview%20to%20get%20things%20into%20perspective>

Dr Patrick Michaels lecture tour on Climate Change.

Dr Patrick Michaels is a Senior Fellow at the Cato Institute in Washington D.C., and formerly a professor at the University of Virginia. He’s the author of many important books on climate change, including *Meltdown: The Predictable Distortion of Global Warming by Scientists, Politicians, and the Media* and *Climate of Extremes: Global Warming Science They Don’t Want You to Know* which he co-authored.

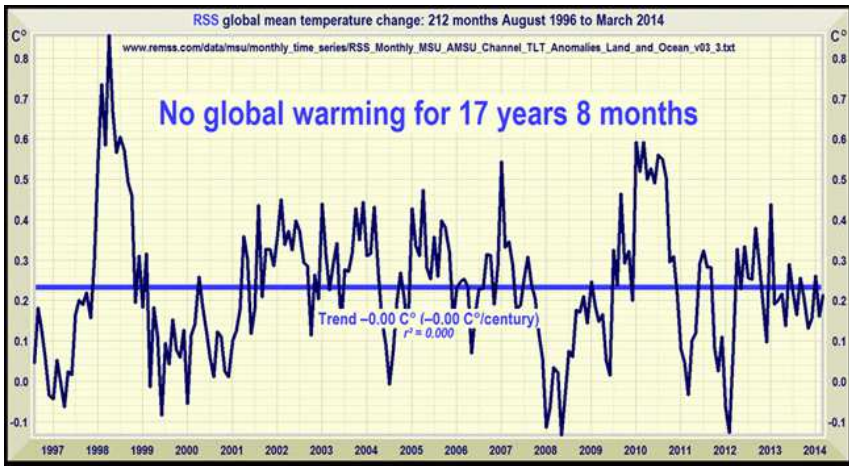
To read his comments on green energy follies see:

<http://www.cato.org/publications/commentary/governments-big-energy-folly>

To book at one of his lectures see:

<http://rsvp.ipa.org.au/?ee=74>

No Global Warming for 17 years 8 months



For details and discussions, see:

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2014/04/05/no-global-warming-for-17-years-8-months/>

Believe it or Not

Finally, UK Climate Change Minister agrees that British people should eat less baked beans as their flatulence contributes to global warming:

<http://www.breitbart.com/Breitbart-London/2014/04/09/UK-Minister-Cut-Back-on-Baked-Beans-to-Reduce-Smelly-Emissions-and-Fight-Climate-Change>

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