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FFD Mission

Family Farm Defenders is a tax-deductible non-profit activist organization made up of farmers and concerned consumers. We are seeking ways to bring fair prices back to farmers and to insure a safe and sustainably produced food for consumers.

FFD President's Message - Joel Greeno

Hope that this finds everyone well and in good spirits. Spring was slow to arrive in the Northern US and arrived with a vengeance in the south. With coming out of 2 years of navigating Covid 19 and now in a year of extreme uncertainty on so many levels, we find ourselves needing to make hard choices.

Between the pandemic, climate chaos, inflation and the ongoing war in Ukraine, we have plenty to occupy our thoughts. With each of these issues, Family Farm Defenders remains solid in trying to disseminate the issues and providing quality information that all of us can use in our daily lives and activities. In the early beginnings of Family Farm Defenders, through the "Dump the Dairy Board" campaign, it was recognized that - Like a Giant Spider Web - all things are interconnected. Knowing that the ultimate goal is establishing Food Sovereignty, our mission is to navigate through the many issues towards building that path. Farmers, ranchers, gardeners, fisher people, farm workers and the consuming public, to varying degrees, are all in the same boat.

With all these concerns, where do we focus our attention? My immediate thoughts are on our food supply. But where do we start? Let's start with Russian and Ukraine. About 20 % of the world's wheat comes out of Russia and the Ukraine. Will this supply be disrupted? China and India are the largest producers of wheat but they consume much of what they produce. The US is 4th, but accounts for only 6% of the World's Supply.

With wheat a staple item, this is an area of concern for much of the world. Then with Bird Flu sweeping the nation, and chicken and eggs in short supply, with millions of birds being destroyed, we have another staple item in question. Recent numbers also show that we are down to barely 30,000 dairy farms across the entire US. Another area of concern, as mega dairies expand and the opportunity for disaster also grows.

Our climate is posing another area of concern. When can we plant? If we plant, will it even grow? How are food supplies going to be affected? With inflation also surging, how will all of us be affected?

Part of a plan may be to plant a garden. Stock up on some staple items. Is it time to go out and meet your farmer? Personally knowing someone who is growing your food could be a good strategy! Is it time to join the Food Sovereignty movement and be part of rebuilding society? Ask yourself, where in this fight do YOU fit in?

Some of you may be inspired to form a co-op to secure your place in the Food World and help others. Perhaps you are joining a grassroots struggle as a "Water Protector" or working to stop a "Factory Farm" and help end "Land Grabbing"?

We all have a place in making Food Sovereignty a reality!

Let's join together in 2022, and build those bridges that make another world possible. As Family Farm Defenders, we are here to forge that path together.

Join Us!