

FOOD + FARMING : SECURITY & RESILIENCE

Should we be concerned ?



**NO FARMERS
NO FOOD**

British Farmers are warning the public about an imminent food emergency

UK Government is paying farmers **NOT** to grow food : **WHY ?**

**35 to 40 %
national food
self-sufficient**

**2nd worst
harvest
on record**

**30 % of farms
operating
at a loss**

**Fragile just in
time supply
chains**

Production to consumption of native crops is now down to 73%. This was at 95% in 1985. Native crop production has therefore been falling at an average rate of 5.5%/decade for the last 4 decades. Source DEFRA UK Food Security Index 2024

Return on investment in the farming sector is on average 0.5%. Output prices are so low and input costs so high that very little money is being made. Every £1 million pounds worth of asset will only generate an annual profit of £5k. Source DEFRA Balance Sheet Analysis 2022/2023 Nov 2nd 2024.

The percentage of agricultural holdings **NOT** making a profit has tripled in 3 years. In 2022 10% made a loss, in 2023 it increased to 17% and in 2024 it was reported at 30%. Source DEFRA Agriculture in the UK 2022 report, DEFRA Farm Business Income by Type of Farm in England 2022/2023 Nov 14th 2024.

Government policy & legislation under the influence of global corporations & interests are making traditional farming unviable.

Why, in 2024, were farmers protesting across 47 countries ?

**A SERIOUS
GAP IN STATE
THINKING**

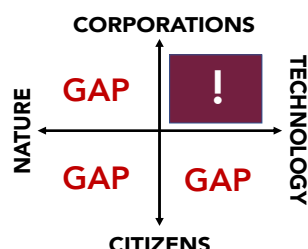
The UK Government Resilience Framework has next to no focus on either food or the role of the public in civil food resilience. The omission or downplaying of risks does **NOT** match what specialists or the food industry think is possible

UK food resilience gap report, January 2024 for the National Preparedness Commission

**Three regional
Councils found
NOT FIT for
EMERGENCY
PLANNING**

**SERIOUS ORGANISATION
FAILURES IDENTIFIED:**
Advisory + Planning
+ Audit, Scrutiny
& Governance

**SCENARIO
PLANNING
ADVISED**



Seven Concerned Citizens www.sevenconcernedcitizens.co.uk

Addressing problems from Central Government policies together with the failures & gaps of regional councils concerning EMERGENCY PLANNING

Town & Parish Councils must declare a **Food Security Crisis** and Local Authorities must create **Food Systems Resilience Committees** as an 'Emergency' measure to urgently improve food security.

A template is provided by
www.farmersmovementcornwall.co.uk



CONCERNED CITIZENS ADVISORY ASSEMBLY

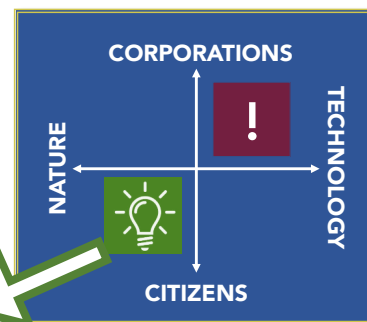
INITIATING A SCENARIO PLANNING approach for the Southwest region.

Over 100 people gathered near Exeter in January 2024 to explore food security & resilience. Seven highly informed citizens spoke at the event. A paper capturing the event has been produced together with podcasts by some speakers. Reference links and related videos can be found on:

www.ccadvisoryassembly.co.uk

7 ADVISORY CONSIDERATIONS & INSIGHTS

- **Food security & resilience is at a crisis and should outrank any other political agenda or emergency.**
- **A TARGET of 85% food self sufficiency by 2030**
- **TO ACHIEVE THIS:** a '**partnership of support**' is necessary between the people and the farmers. This includes closer connections, buying direct from markets and farm shops, community growing projects, allotments, home growing and land sharing.
- **Regenerative & no dig farming are promoted as best practice.**
- **Independent public education about the health effects from production intensive farming, chemicals, GMO's and artificial foods.**
- **Re-direction of public sector emergency powers, funding & resources**
- **FULL SCENARIO PLANNING FOR THE REGION**



COMMUNITY CALL TO ACTION

**Conversations at family, community, parish and regional levels.
This is an imminent emergency that will impact everybody.**