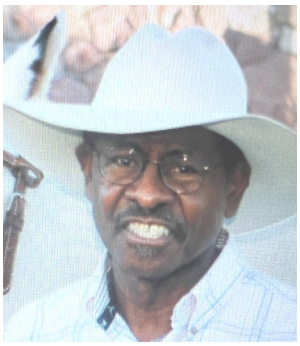


# MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Fighting for Economic Justice for America's Family Farmers and Ranchers

## *FROM THE PRESIDENT. . . .*



## Do Wind Farms Contribute to Drought?

The answer to this question is currently uncertain and being investigated. The study of the atmospheric effect of wind turbines and wind farms is ongoing, and there are several observations that are both interesting and disturbing.

First, the emergence of the "nocturnal warming effect", which is the result of turbulence injected by the rotors into the atmospheric boundary layer. The result is the DOWNWARD flow of warm air opposite the natural upward flow of warm air in the undisturbed setting. This can produce warming of 1 to 2 degrees Celsius (33.8F-35.6F). The absolute effect is directly related to the size of the wind farm and will vary with atmospheric stability conditions.



Second, mechanical mixing in the atmospheric boundary layer can affect moisture formation and precipitation, either increasing or decreasing rainfall depending on baseline atmospheric conditions.

Accurately predicting the environmental effects of wind farms remains an evolving science, and these effects become harder to assess as wind farm development expands. Atmospheric conditions driven by the solar cycle and a measure of uncertainty beyond human control.

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Over the past decade, wind farm construction in the United States has roughly doubled. Growth in the West has been slower but remains significant.

During that same period, the Intermountain West has experienced persistent but fluctuating drought, including episodes of extreme dryness linked to low snowpack, high temperatures, and long-term precipitation deficits. Because the region—including Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada, Arizona, and parts of Idaho and New Mexico—depends heavily on winter snowpack and the over-allocated Colorado River, it is especially vulnerable to multi-year drought.

The drought experienced over the decade 2014 -2023 is ongoing and coincides with the growth in wind farm development. The understanding of the impact of wind farms is not completely clear but is implicated.

The Intermountain West is already in the grip of a severe, prolonged drought, with serious consequences for downstream communities that depend on the region's river flows. Given the unresolved scientific questions about how large wind farms may alter atmospheric mixing, moisture formation, and precipitation, this issue demands immediate attention. Until the science is better understood, further wind farm construction should be paused as a precautionary measure. #

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## 28th Annual Conference and Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2026
ZOOM Meetings

**Speakers and Agenda to be announced**
*(Zoom Link will be provided)*

# The Corporate Assault on State Sovereignty— And the Fight to Keep Our Republic



By Deborah Mills, OCM Director

As Benjamin Franklin exited the Constitutional Convention in 1787, a woman named Mrs. Powel famously asked him, "Well, Doctor, what have we got—a Republic or a Monarchy?" Franklin immediately replied: "A Republic, if you can keep it."

Today, across these United States, we are fighting to keep that Republic. A coordinated, well-funded Corporate assault is targeting our democracy and threatening the very foundation of our American system.

## The Corporate Power Grab in the Farm Bill

At the center of this battle is the U.S. House Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. Under Section 12006 of this act, corporate lobbyists have engineered a Federal mechanism designed to override Local regulations. This provision establishes a sweeping Federal Preemption that bars State and Local authorities from regulating Animal Welfare, Food Safety, or Agricultural Standards for any Livestock Products transported across State lines.

Corporate Lobbyists funded by Foreign factory farm money call this provision the "Prop 12 fix" or the "Save Our Bacon Act." Let's call it what it actually is: a massive Corporate power grab designed to silence your Vote and dismantle State Sovereignty.

This provision does two devastating things:

- Nullifies Voter Rights: It completely strips voters of their right to determine the quality and standards of the food sold in their neighborhood grocery stores.
- Centralized Authority: It establishes a top-down Federal decree that removes power from Local Municipalities and hands it directly to Federal Agencies and Global Corporate Monopolies.

## A Decade of Rebranding

This is not a new fight. Global Corporations and their allies in Washington, D.C., have spent over a decade attempting to force this toxic language into law. We first saw it introduced in 2013 as the King Amendment. When that failed, it was resurrected under the same name. Next, it was rebranded as the EATS Act (Ending Agricultural Trade & Suppression) across two separate congressional sessions, before being renamed yet again as the "Save Our Bacon Act."

Despite the changing names and bill numbers, the core objective remains constant: eliminating State-level Regulations to grant Foreign Corporations control over American Agricultural Markets. This ultimately forces the consolidation of Independent Family Farms to maximize Corporate Profits. Foreign Corporations have a vested interest in eradicating State Agricultural Laws, allowing them to dominate the U.S. market at the expense of American Farmers. By enabling this, the legislation actively undermines the core principles of Local control and limited Government intervention.

For thirteen years, Independent Farmers, Ranchers, and Citizens have successfully held back this overreach. Yet, the threat keeps returning because Multi-National Conglomerates refuse to accept one basic truth: the People of the United States of America have a God-given right to Govern themselves.

## Overriding the Democratic Process

The House of Representatives has already passed its version of the Farm Bill containing this Corporate language. Proponents of the bill clearly knew they could not win a fair fight on the merits. A bipartisan coalition led by Representative Anna Paulina Luna introduced a clean amendment to strike Section 12006 from the bill entirely. However, Corporate gatekeepers on the House Rules Committee refused to allow the amendment to reach the floor for a full vote.

They choked out the democratic process because they knew they would lose. By denying Representatives the right to vote on this issue, they chose Corporate dictates over the will of the American people. Because they blocked the front door in the House, we must now stand strong at the back door in the Senate. ( ***Mills Continued on Page 5)***

# No Quick Fix,

## Only A New Economic and Security Architecture for the World, Can Work after all the Shocks

By Robert L. “Bob” Baker

**June 15, 2026** --The restrictions to the Strait of Hormuz flows of fuel and chemicals, now 3.5 months to date--are adding economic shock waves on top of a world system of production and trade already in the process of breakdown in the West, with impacts everywhere. Tariffs chaos, monopoly transnationals still dominant, and other factors combined have created a situation headed to massive disruptions. The pile-up of unpayable debts from war hawk military build-up, and legalizing of funny money use of crypto and stablecoins guarantees blow out.




This is the context in which it is saying the obvious, that the world cannot just "resume" where we left off, before the February 28 start of the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran, and just "restart" oil flows, restart sulfur flows, so we can restart phosphate fertilizer, and restart aluminum-making in the Persian Gulf states, and so on and on. There is no quick fix to any and all of these basics, now in extreme dysfunction.

Another way to say it, is that there is no longer a "status quo" to repair. We need reason to prevail, and voices of leadership to sound about what to do for a new international framework for economics and security.

Take the world food supply as the metric for our tasks for all economic sectors. The most cautious estimate is that for the current 2026/2027 crop year for "total grains" --meaning the top three staples, rice, wheat and corn, and a few others, the impact of the Iran War will bring production down at least 50 million tons. There are gaps and declines of all kinds. For example, there is a world phosphate annual







production gap of 3 million tons, at least, and growing. Minimum need is 72 million tons, capacity (the world over) is 68 million tons, with no new production operations in the works.

Put ourselves in the mindset of the wartime economic, planners for the Allied countries in World War II, who worked together on fostering production of everything from steel, rubber and pipes, to milk powder, medicines, chemicals and fuel. So today, we are called on to see that national governments confer on what actions must be taken together and separately to deal with the immediate emergencies (fuel, inputs for farmers and industry), and longer-term actions (new infrastructure and repairs for power, water, transport, and so on).

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The battle lines are shifting. Senate Bill 1326—the Food Security and Farm Protection Act—contains nearly identical language and is currently in the Senate Agriculture Committee, waiting to move to the Senate floor.

## Manufacturing a Federal Pathway

This Legislative push is a direct attempt to circumvent the Judiciary. When the National Pork Producers Council took California's Proposition 12 to the Supreme Court, the highest Court in the land ruled against the Corporations. The Supreme Court explicitly stated that States have the rightful power to regulate products sold within their borders, confirming that a Federal Pathway to override State Voters did not exist.

Proponents of the bill openly admit they are trying to manufacture that pathway anyway. In an interview on RFD-TV, Senator Roger Marshall defended this Federal Overreach by citing the Supreme Court's ruling and demanding that "Congress do your job." He is openly declaring that because the Supreme Court left the Constitutional door open for Congress to build a legal highway that steamrolls State Sovereignty and bypasses Local Voters.

This issue extends far beyond Pork or Animal Welfare; it is a Trojan horse. Global Corporations want to permanently shift our Country away from a bottom-up Republic where the people hold the power, toward a top-down Federal system where Corporate Boardrooms dictate State and Local Laws.

## A National Call to Action

The eyes of the entire Nation are on our Federal Lawmakers right now. We need Congressional Champions on the House and Senate Agriculture Committees to lead the National opposition.

- Senate Leaders: Senior leaders on the Senate Agriculture Committee possess the leverage and the platform to hold the line and block this language from entering the final Senate Farm Bill.
- House Representatives: Members of the House Agriculture Committee must continue to voice strong, public opposition to this Federal overreach.
- State Unity: Lawmakers from every State must stand together to protect Independent Family Farmers, defend our Constitutional right to Self-Governance, and refuse to let Washington lobbyists dictate Local Standards.

It is imperative to keep any language out of the final Farm Bill that creates a Federal Pathway to eliminate hundreds of State Agricultural Laws, paving the way for unchecked Foreign intrusion.

On July 4th, our Nation Celebrates its 250th Anniversary. For two and a half centuries, generations of Americans have Rallied, Sacrificed, and fought to Defend a Government of the People, by the People, and for the People. We did not declare Independence in 1776 just to surrender our Sovereignty to Global Corporate Monopolies today. Two hundred and fifty years of Freedom means power stays at the grassroots level with the American People—not in Foreign Boardrooms or Washington Backroom deals.

We have a Republic, Americans. It is time to Stand Together, for our Leaders Stand with Us, and reject the creation of Federal mechanisms that transfer power from the People to Global Corporations. Let us Stand in Unity to Protect our Great Republic—and keep it.#



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**What Is Needed? Can It Be Done?**

The indicatives for what is needed, in agriculture and the food supply, include: Credit and grants selectively available for family farms and related operations; plus, selective special help for young family farm and ranch start-ups; moratoria and reorganization of debt associated with family scale operations; end of gunboat export policies, and food import policies serving the cartel monopolies, and related measures. Begin the anti-trust actions in meat packing and other sectors and quit the stalling by doing endless "studies." Collaborate to commission and pay at good, parity-associated rates, production for food relief internationally until the emergency stage is surpassed by new production capacity in hard hit locations.

There are also indicatives of the answer to the question, can this be done? There are initiatives of dialogue and new policies underway toward a new world system, to serve populations, not the military-financial-agro complex. For example, in mid-May in Mexico, some 3500 farmers and truckers led a protest in Mexico City, at their famed Monument of Independence for a dialogue with the government on a new "National Agriculture" policy for their country. Farm leaders from 19 states came, under the banner of National Front to Save the Mexican Countryside. They since have met with the Minister of Agriculture. A top demand is that they want staple grains--corn, wheat and also soybeans--trading for their nation, to be taken off the Chicago Board of Trade, as currently is mandated in the USMCA, the latest version of the 1995 NAFTA, which is up for review or rejection now.

We have been rightly fighting on many fronts and many issues for farmers and ranchers, for many years. Now we have the fight of our lives. There is an epochal shift underway worldwide, where what can be called the "Global South" is now longer prepared to take warmed over British Empire tactics of warfare, British East India Company-type trade and production domination, and dozens of nations are moving to a new world system of sovereign nations. There are new dams, railroad, oil refineries, fertilizer plants underway.

This is the side of progress in history. This is the American System in action. It's time we restored it here in America on our 250th Anniversary. Let us restore the principles of the independent family farm and ranch, and the right of every nation to build its economy and future. #

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