



Starve the World!

***The European Union and
world trade...***

***un-free
un-fair***

***The truth about world poverty the
politicians don't want you to read***





Why are food prices shooting up?

As a densely populated industrial island, Britain has had to import food since the middle of the 19th century. Since the repeal of the Corn Laws in 1846 it was British policy to allow food to enter the country without charging customs duties. This cheap food policy continued until Britain's entry into the Common Market – now the European Union – in 1973.

Taxing the poorest...

Since then, food prices have been much higher than they need to be behind the tariff wall that was erected to protect inefficient French peasant farmers. The cost to British families, particularly those on low incomes, has been enormous – *and our taxes have been raised to buy up, store and, finally, dump food onto the world market.*

Crippling the developing world...

This has caused great damage to farmers in developing countries, who have been forced out of business by unfair EU competition rules. Not only are they undercut by EU food dumping, but they are restricted in what they are able to sell back to Europe. This is a monstrous injustice – and something to think about the next time we see TV pictures of famine in Africa or Asia.

Keeping prices high...

Food and farming policy in the European Union is controlled by the notorious Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). Hand-outs to European farmers and the destruction of fresh fruit and vegetables keep prices at levels well above those on the world market. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) concluded in 1993 that “an average family of four in Britain pays approximately an extra £940 a year as a result of artificially high agricultural prices.” Today the figure is well over £1,000.





Because of the European Union, Britain's home-grown food production is declining, just at a time when world food supplies are getting scarcer – a scarcity made worse by the ill-conceived, EU-imposed plan to divert land from food production to biofuels.

Britain no longer has a Minister of Agriculture. This shows how lightly the government takes its responsibility to provide us with secure sources of food – whether home grown or imported.

Destroying fish stocks...

The treatment of our fisheries is even worse. Under the Common Fisheries Policy, control of Britain's territorial waters was passed to the EU in 1973. Under orders from Brussels, British boats are only permitted to sell a tiny fraction of the fish landed. Any fish they land over quota must be thrown back dead into the sea. Norway, which has sensibly decided not to join the European Union, successfully and sustainably manages its fish stocks. In contrast, cod and other fish species in EU-controlled British waters are near extinction and fishermen face losing their livelihoods.

What's the answer?

Claims by some British politicians that we might somehow 'opt out' of the CAP are either naïve or outright lies. *The CAP is central to the operation of the European Union.* In the past, thanks to Brussels, we suffered from a food glut, with the infamous EU wine lakes and butter mountains. Now we are entering a time of relatively scarce supplies of food the British government cannot adjust its policies but has to do what it is told by the EU. *So the solution is to get out of the European Union, buying food from world markets – benefiting both ourselves and producing countries.*

The European Union keeps food prices high, damages the economies of poorer countries, and is bad for the environment. Enough is enough. It's time to end this madness...





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+++ HEALTH SERVICE IN CRISIS +++

+++ E.U. IN FRESH CORRUPTION SCANDAL +++

+++ IMMIGRATION OF OUT CONTROL +++ STOP +++

Most people know that the European Union is an expensive rip-off, but not everyone realizes the negative effect Brussels has on many day-to-day issues. The reality is that over 80% of the laws that govern us are made in Brussels, not in our own Parliament – a fact kept from us by the politicians.

The truth is that there is no point complaining about many of the issues facing Britain today unless we address the *real* problem – Britain's disastrous membership of the European Union. We'd all be off out, and able to spend *our* money on things *we*, rather than unelected bureaucrats in Brussels, decide are important.

Outside the European Union, Britain will...

- ✓ Trade freely in world markets, benefiting producers in developing countries as well as British families...
- ✓ Spend the £11 billion of taxpayers' money handed over annually to Brussels on health, schools, transport and pensions...
- ✓ Once again make our own laws in our own Parliament...
- ✓ Get shot of the 320,000 pages of bureaucratic nonsense foisted on us by the EU...
- ✓ Prevent the further decimation of North Sea fishing stocks...
- ✓ Regain control over our borders and immigration policy...

Help us work for a brighter future – outside the EU

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