
Cheap food Vs screwing the producers

Posted by Bananaman - 2007/08/19 12:02

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/08/19/nprices119.xml>

So here you go cheap food but rural poverty.

This is the flaw in consumer capitalism. We think we are getting cheap food but when you look at the subsidies we have to pay from our taxes to keep farmer's and their families on the land (and after all the countryside is part of what tourists come to see) how cheap is our food?

And why should I the tax-payer subsidise the "big 4" s profits when they are screwing me and my fellow citizens then exporting their profits to avoid paying taxes to support the rest of us?

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Re: Cheap food Vs screwing the producers

Posted by Jaimekens - 2007/08/20 01:41

Thank you for supplyin that. I appreciate it. I dont always have time to read all the papers.. and.. thank you for sharin juicy steak for me to sink ma teeth into.:)

We should be supportin our own locals anyway.. if you think of all the shipping and fuel costs.. and we actually support oppressive cultures. :huh:

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Posted by Jaimekens - 2007/08/20 06:13

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article2288994.ece#cid=OTC-RSS&attr=797084>

Interestin article on white collar crime.

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Posted by Vazlass - 2007/08/21 14:17

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Posted by Bananaman - 2007/08/21 17:45

One of my Social Policy lecturers gave us the case of a MOTHER in Dublin who defrauded the Dept Of Social Welfare (equivalent of DSS in UK) of €52 and was sent to prison for 90 days.

Compare with the management of AIB who routinely, and repeatedly defrauded their customers on foreign exchange transaction for 18 Months (I think AND they lied to the Financial Regulator about the rates they were charging.

No-one was prosecuted, no-one was dismissed, they were "invited" to come in to the regulator's to "discuss" the "affair"

Justice my A..E

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Re: Cheap food Vs screwing the producers

Posted by dws - 2007/08/22 17:43

I'm in total agreement with you on your comments on the "Big four", Bananaman. Knowing some farmers I believe that gross profit they receive per beast bears no resemblance to the price of a cut in the supermarket.

I'm lucky enough to have a local butcher who buys regularly from the same farms. You know where the meats from, and believe it or not it's cheaper than the supermarket. It's fairly obvious who's pocketing the money.:whistle:

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Re: Cheap food Vs screwing the producers

Posted by Jaimekens - 2008/02/14 10:01

not only that, but.. how far do you think they would go to produce the cheapest food? buy low, sell high...

Oh you can bet yer bottom dollar there's a stink in some of these companies!! Just what ARE you eating... I ate some sausage the other day.. and i stopped and looked at it.. and just thought about all the nasty bits that was in it... and.. my stomach turned...:blink: I stopped eating sausages... I dont want those parts...thank ya...:dry: anyways... with all the ...recalls on a regular basis.. i almost sicken when its time to go shopping and i dont even want to BUY the food as i dont always know directly WHERE it came from. I want to know more. Im sorry.. I think it should be labeled in detail just as they label the supposed ingredients.. As you want to see whats in the can, I would like to know how and where it was 'ran'... sweat shops? fertilizers? conditions??? We have built up our standards of what we will grow in our own country and HOW we will grow it.. and its still being examined.. but now we are getting our produce world wide.. and.. its freakin me out! I'll grow ma own, thank ya... until they figure it out.. the easy way or the hard way...

I have been absolutely put off by the mass recalls and its ridiculous..oops, sorry, just pull it off the shelves, even though youve already been eating it for weeks.. here.. you can have your money back... there's ONLY been this # of deaths.. its not THAT bad.:(

With the dog dealings.. and threats to our children with the various products.. it truly makes you wonder.. and to me... its no surprise.

All for the love of the better buy...you reap what you sow...

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