

Viewpoint: 'Fashionable organic fantasies' — Global elite at Davos WEF convention endorsed failed agriculture policies amid global food crisis

While eating caviar and sipping on fine wine, wealthy elites at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos hobnobbed with an assortment of academics, government leaders, and environmental activists to [discuss their plans](#) for a global transition in agricultural production. They all agreed that the conventional practices now feeding the world need to be scrapped and replaced by organic-style farming, which they claimed would help fight climate change and make food systems more secure.

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The Davos elites trumpet organic agriculture as the way to end food insecurity, even though it yields [35% less food](#) per acre on average and could not possibly sustain the current population, let alone the almost 10 billion predicted by 2050. Their Swiss [experts](#) admit, and [researchers](#) confirm, that it cannot be scaled-up to feed even half the current world population.

In fact, every sustainability goal touted in Davos would be undermined by a shift to organic. Being 35% less productive means 50% more land needed to grow the same amount of food. Massively increasing farmland means cutting down forests and destroying habitat. That would devastate biodiversity and produce [50% to 70% more](#) greenhouse gasses (GHGs).

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The wealthy elites steering the WEF and COP could make progress toward their laudable goals if they base their policies on such demonstrable facts, rather than fashionable organic fantasies.

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