

## **We're losing our food security**

The year 2015 will be marked as the time when the U.S. began to lose its food security.

Politicians do not seem to understand the strategic importance of agriculture. In less than two decades, there will be about 9.3 billion people on earth. Given increases in food consumption, particularly the desire for protein-rich foods and grains, food production will need to increase by about 55%.

Climate change has already affected production in Africa and Europe. So, increasing food production represents a huge economic, social and strategic geopolitical opportunity for the U.S.

This opportunity and our food security will soon be lost. The lack of political will, including the lack of foresight to have built a water infrastructure, has now set the stage for the emergence of the new food super powers: Russia and China.

Political and community leaders, including our local Congressmen and news organizations, need to make the food-security case for our region and country now.

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