



Food First
A People's Think Tank
working to end the injustices
that cause hunger
Since 1975



Just Food and Food Justice

Dismantling
Racism



Transforming the
Food System



A vibrant food movement!



Farmers Markets



**School gardens/
Farm to School**



Organic/locally-grown



Food hubs & CSAs



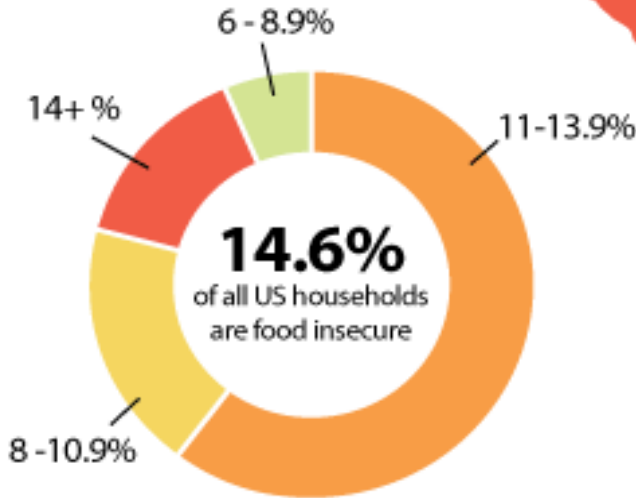
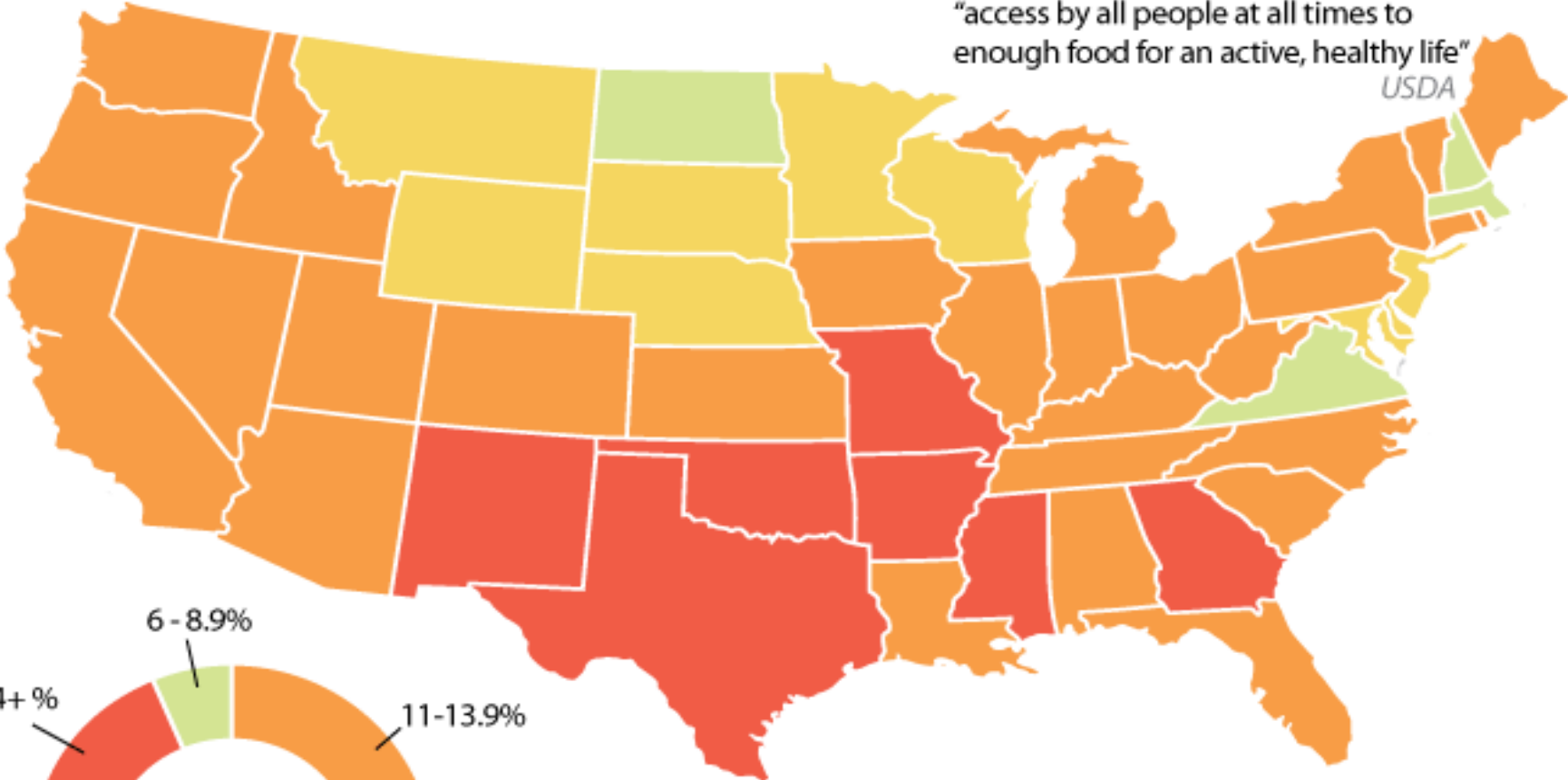
Urban Farms

food insecurity in the US

what is food security?

“access by all people at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life”

USDA



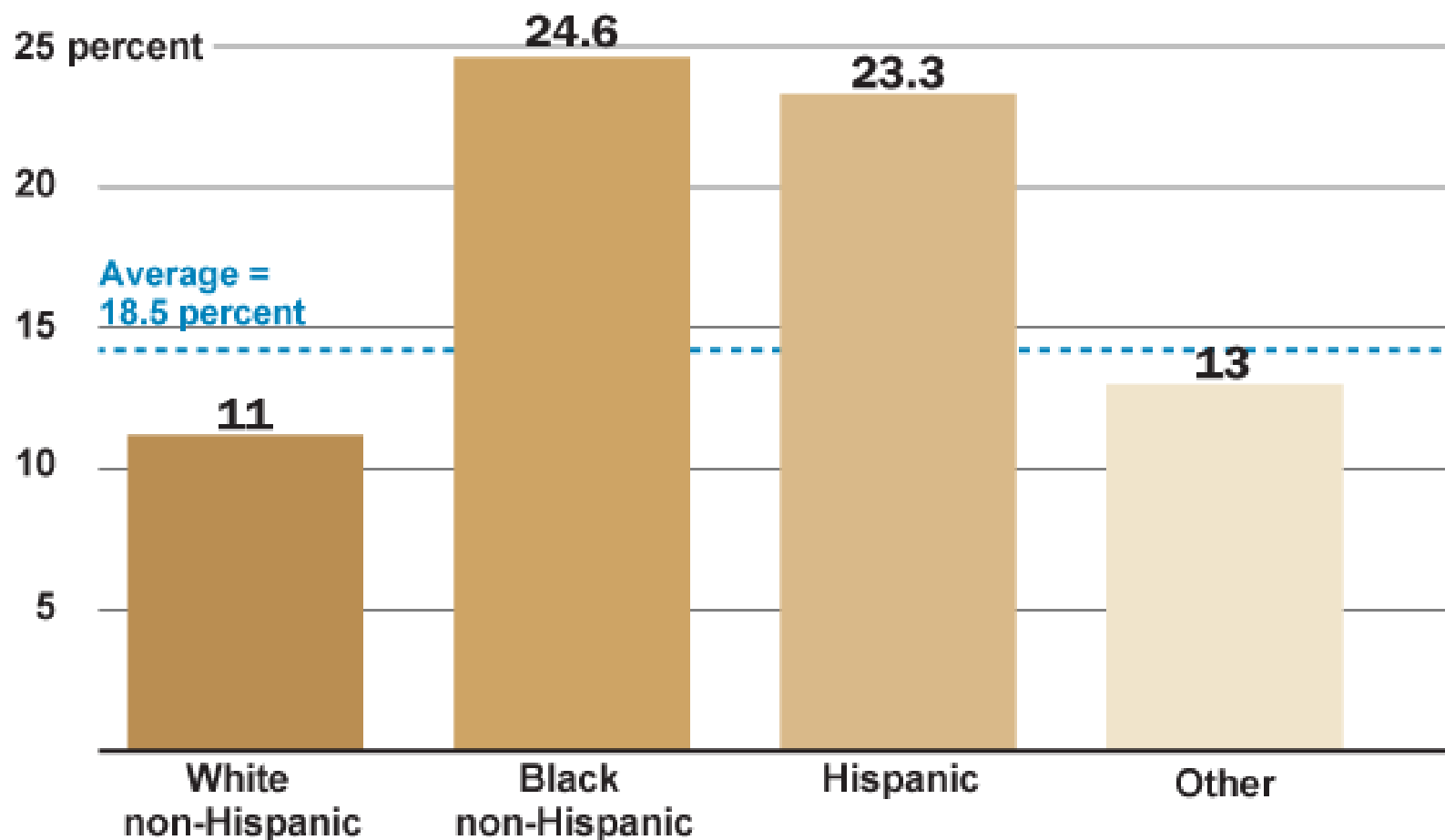
states with the **highest rates** of food insecurity

Mississippi	17.9%
Texas	16.3%
Arkansas	15.9%

states with the **lowest rates** of food insecurity

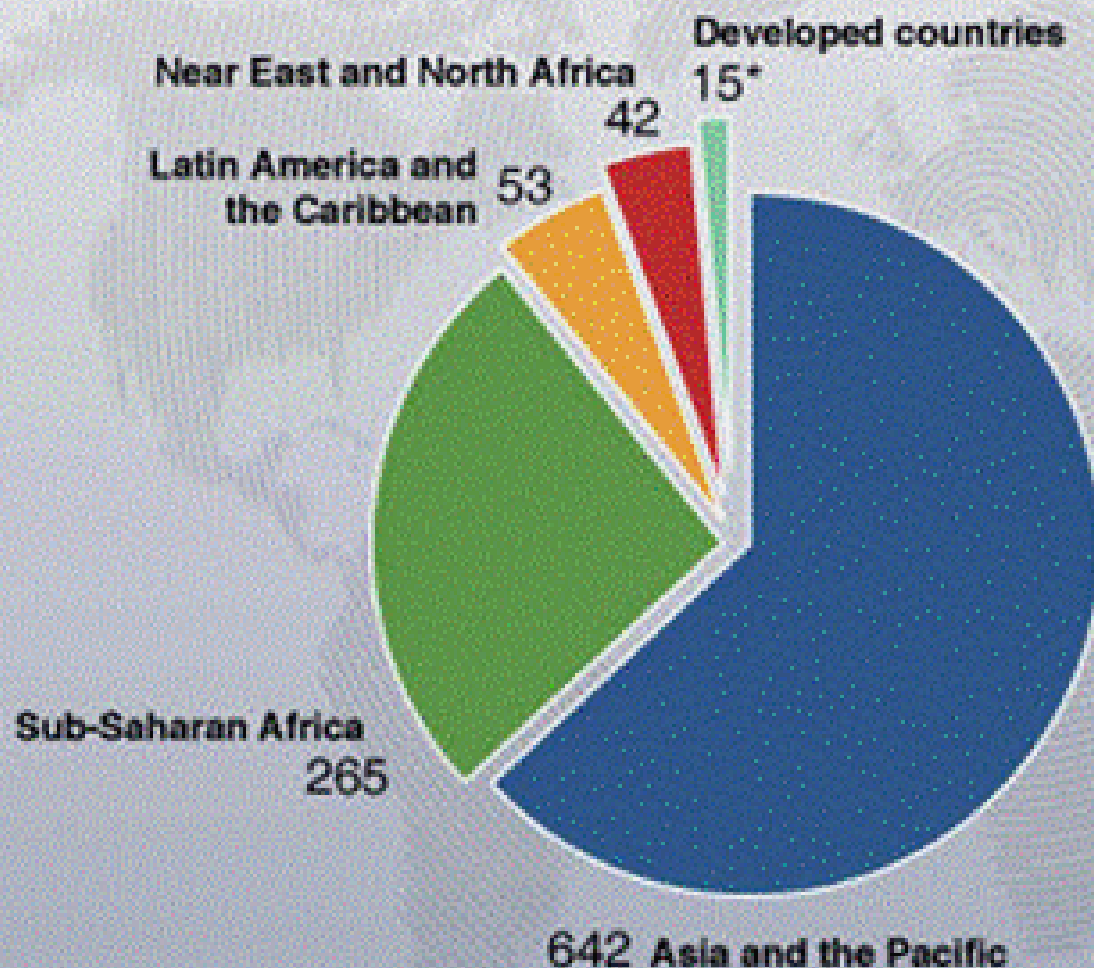
North Dakota	6.9%
Massachusetts	8.3%
Virginia	8.6%

PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS LABELED 'FOOD INSECURE,' 2012



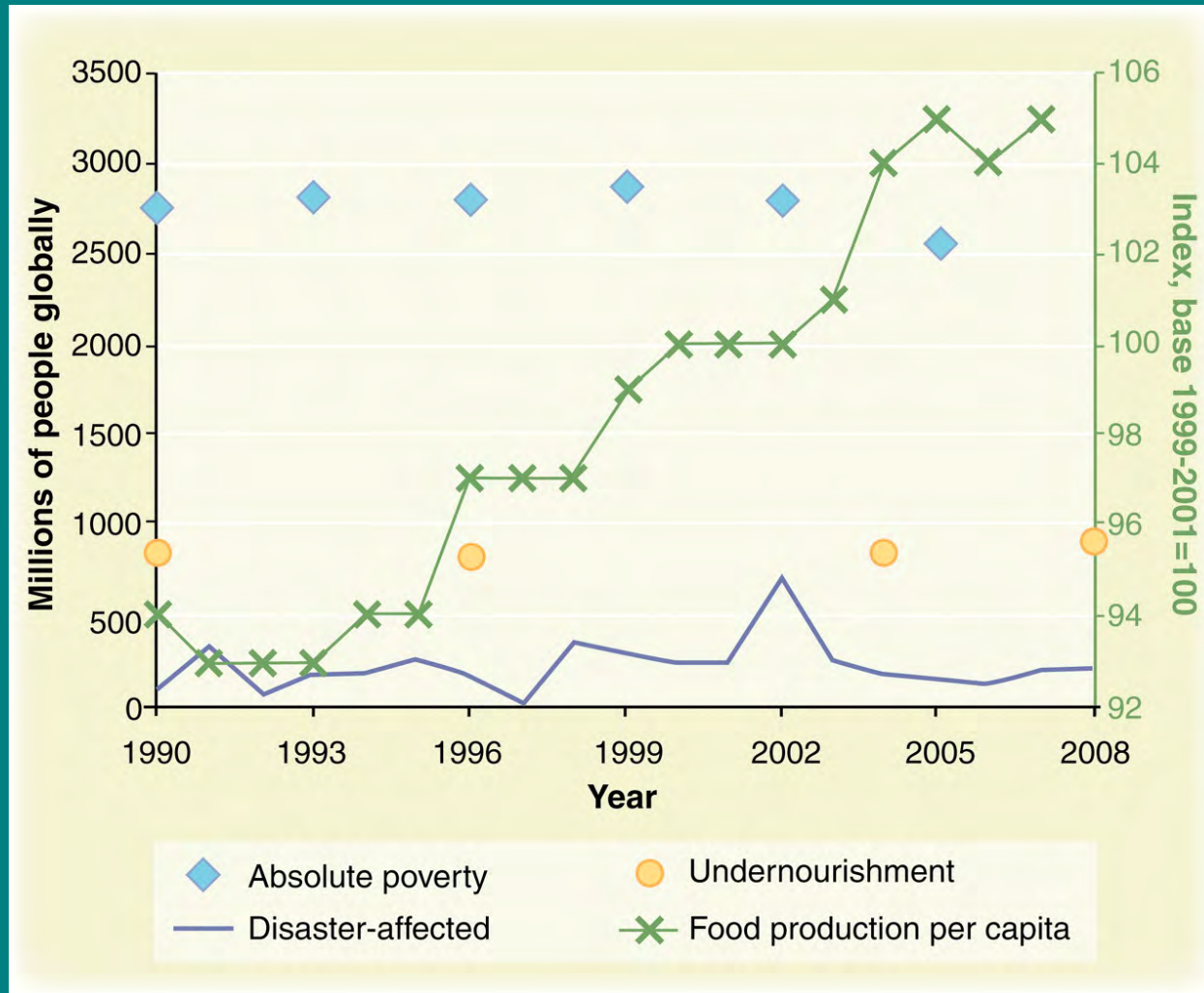
Source: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S ECONOMIC RESERACH SERVICE

More than 1.02 billion hungry people



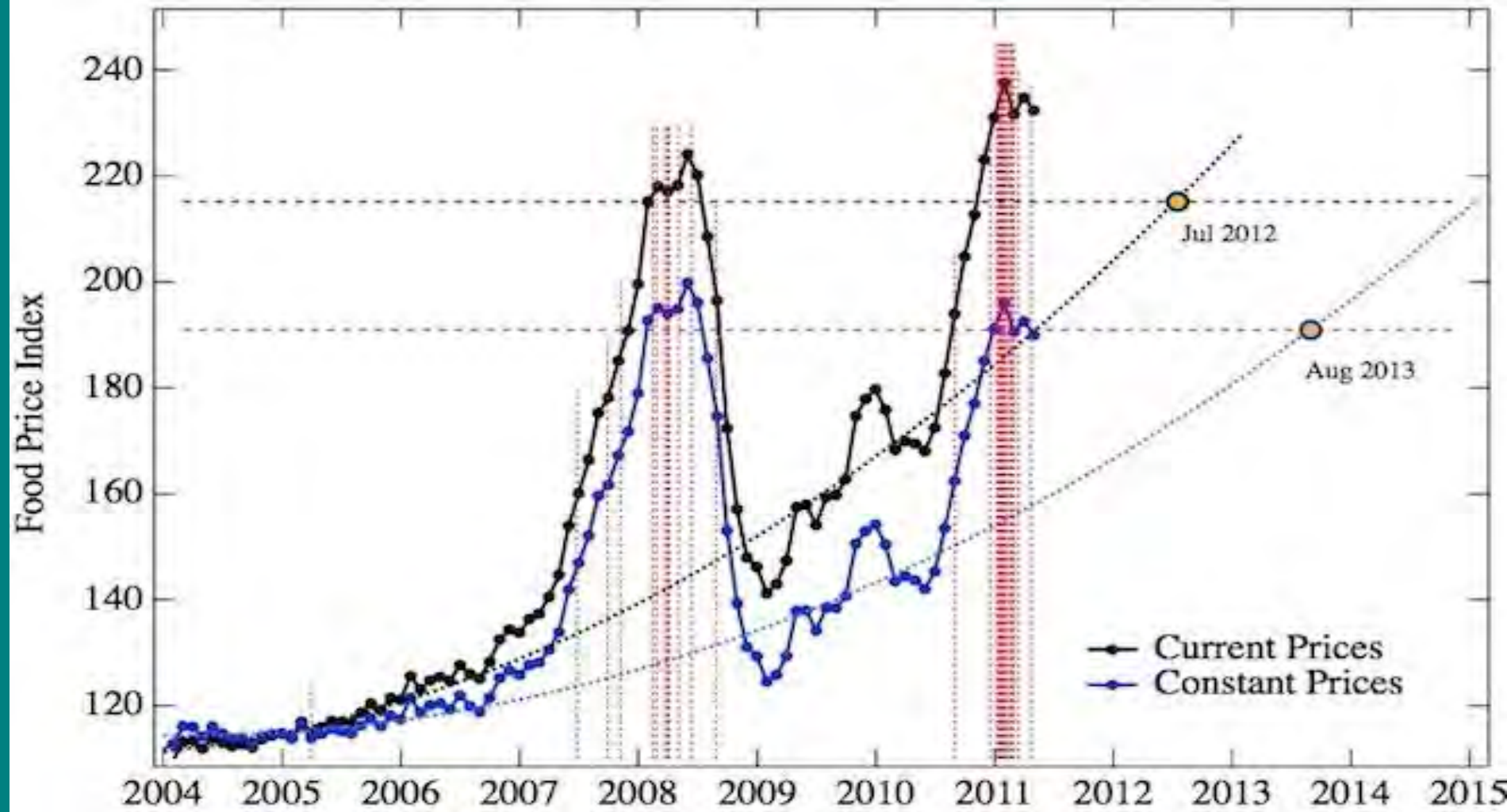
*Millions of people

“The undernourished population has increased by 9% globally despite a 12% rise in global food production per capita since 1990.”



C B Barrett Science 2010;327:825-828





FAO Price Index at current prices (black curve) and corrected for inflation (blue curve) between January 2004 and May 2011. Red dashed lines signify the beginning dates of food riots and unrest in North Africa and the Middle East. Black and blue horizontal lines represent the current-price and inflation-adjusted food price thresholds for riots. *“The Food Crises and Political Instability in North Africa and the Middle East.”* By Marco Lagi, Karla Z. Bertrand and Yaneer Bar-Yam. *arXiv*, Aug. 11, 2011.



Record Harvests Record Profits

Record Hunger

Bumper harvests: 2007-08 +5%; highest corn crop in history

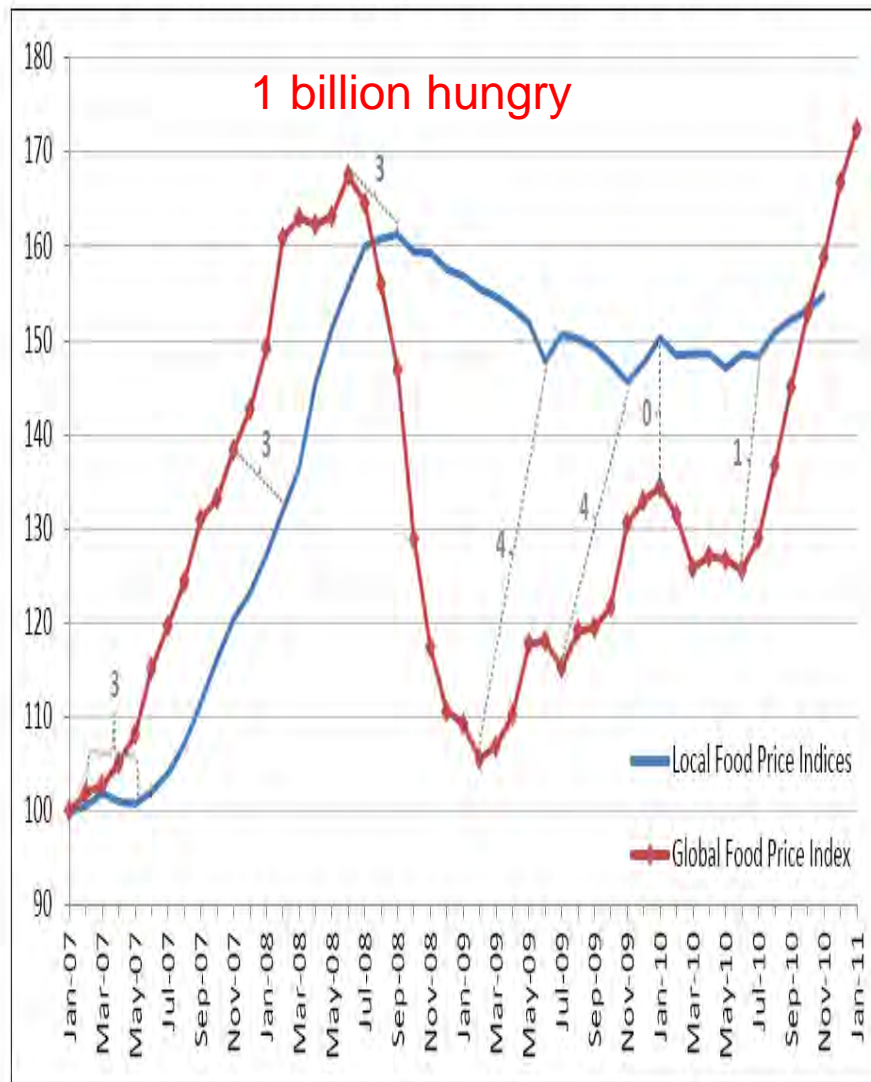
1 billion people hungry

2025: 1.2 billion people hungry—2X projection

Bumper profits last quarter: ADM 20%; Monsanto 45%
Cargill 86%; General Foods 61%

Figure 7. Local Food Prices and Global Food Price Index, Jan. 2007-Jan. 2011

(local food prices in unweighted average index values; Jan. 2007=100 for both metrics)



Source: FAO (2010a and 2010f) and authors' calculations

Note: The grey lines connect corresponding local and global food price ascents and descents, with the grey number representing the estimated global-to-local price transmission time number of months

MON 69.88 ↓ 0.37 (0.52%)

as of Mar 29, 2:01 PM EDT quotes delayed

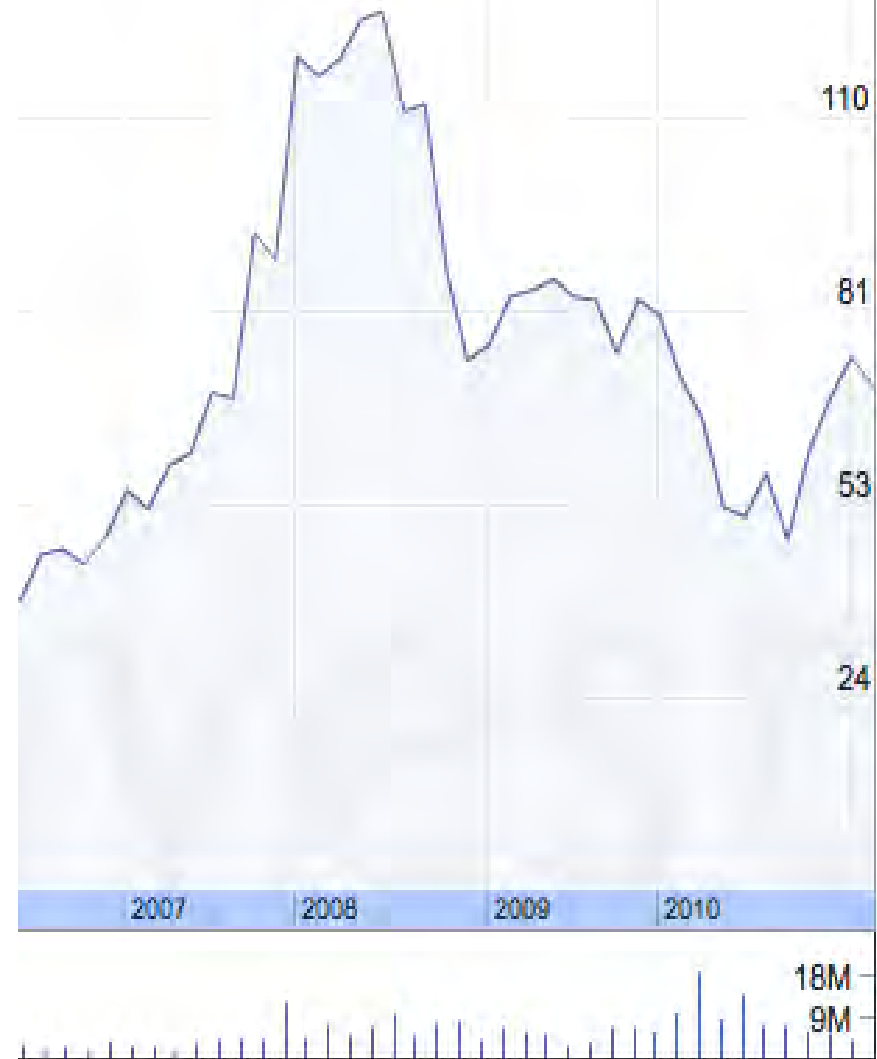
Day range 69.03 - 70.43
52wk range 44.61 - 76.69

Volume 1.60M
Mkt Cap 37.703B

P/E Ratio 34.3
EPS N/A

NYSE:M

1 billion hungry



Rise of the Global Food Regimes

- Colonial Food Regime 16th-18th Century
 - Dispossession
 - Indentured labor, Slavery
 - Immigrant labor
- Post WWII Food Regime
 - Green Revolution 1960-80s
- Corporate Food Regime
 - Structural Adjustment Policies 80s-90s
 - Free Trade “mania” 1990s-present
 - Financialization and Land Grabs

Results?

- Global South Food 1970-2001 : \$ 1 billion surplus—\$ 11 billion deficit
- Industrial Agriculture: 20% GHG; 80% water
- Loss of 75% crop diversity
- Increase food per capita = increase hungry = 11%
- Immigration: 1.3 million Mexican smallholders bankrupt
- One in Seven people are hungry (globally and in US)
- Diet-related disease=\$150 billion a year in US health costs
- 88 million acres grabbed worldwide
- Financialization of farmland (\$30-40 billion)
- Increase of Inequality and Loss of the Public Sphere

INEQUALITY ON A GLOBAL SCALE



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Loss of the Public Sphere

- **Privatization**
- **Deregulation**
- **Militarization**

- Loss of public goods
- Shrinking of health, education & welfare
- Increasing debt and dispossession
- Increase in state violence, social tension, racism
- Increase in social, economic & environmental vulnerability of underserved communities
- Loss of informed civic engagement, community networks, social cohesion necessary for a healthy public sphere



USDA

**Supplemental
Nutrition
Assistance
Program**

Putting Healthy Food
Within Reach



Fixing a broken food system ?



VOTE WITH YOUR FORK



*Join the
Local
Movement*

LEARN HOW NOW

 HealthyHolisticLiving.com



The best food you
can eat may be in your
own back yard. Here.



Food Sovereignty Movement: creating the political will for an equitable, sustainable food system

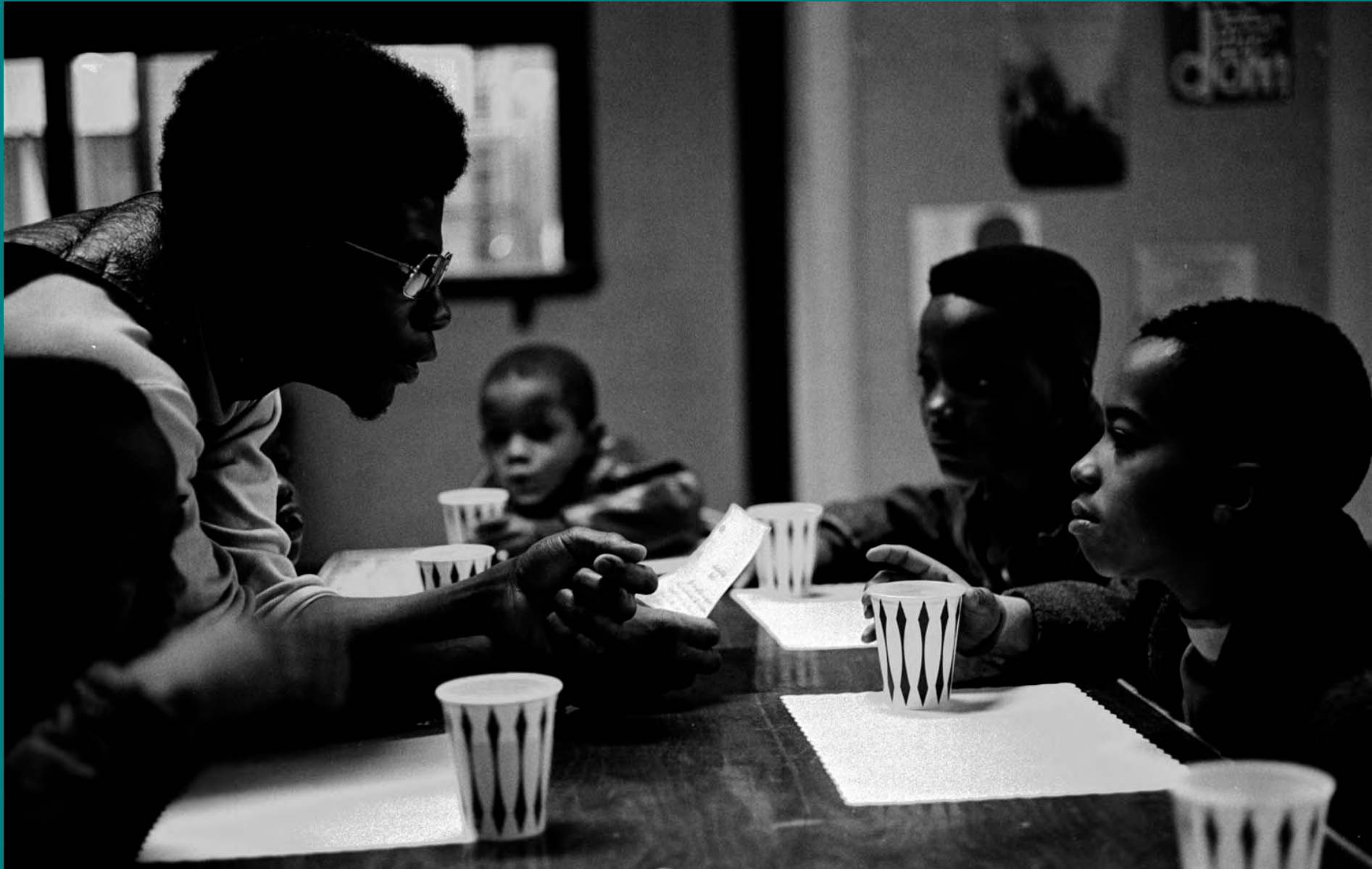


A movement of movements

Food Justice



Free Breakfast for Children Program



WE WANT

1. **FREEDOM & POWER** to determine the destiny of our Black community.
2. **FULL EMPLOYMENT** for our people.
3. **End to robbery by the CAPITALIST** of our Black community.
4. **DECENT HOUSING**, fit for human beings.
5. **EDUCATION** for our people that exposes the true nature of American society & teaches us our true history & how to live.
6. **Exemption from military service** for all Black men.
7. **End to POLICE BRUTALITY & MURDER** of Black people.
8. **Freedom from PRISON & JAIL** for all Black people.
9. **A jury of peers or people from the Black community** for all Black people brought to court, as defined in the U.S. Constitution.
10. **LAND, BREAD, HOUSING, EDUCATION, CLOTHING, JUSTICE & PEACE.** Implementation in a Black community at the United Nations for the purpose of determining the will of our people.

From the Black Panther Party's
10-Point Program and Platform

1966

Corporate Food Regime Management

- *Liberalization period* characterized by unregulated markets and breathtaking capital expansion, followed by devastating busts.
- *Reformist period* in which markets, supply, and consumption are regulated in an effort to re-stabilize the regime.
- While these phases may appear politically distinct, they are actually two sides of the same system.
- (Polanyi 1944)

Politics, Production Models & Approaches				
	Corporate Food Regime		Food Movements	
POLITICS	NEOLIBERAL	REFORMIST	PROGRESSIVE	RADICAL
Discourse Main Institutions Orientation	Food Enterprise International Finance Corporation (World Bank); IMF, WTO: USDA; Global Food Security Bill; Green Revolution; Millennium Challenge; Heritage Foundation; Chicago Global Council, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation;	Food Security International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank); FAO; U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development; International Federation of Agricultural Producers; mainstream Fair Trade; Slow Food; some Food Policy Councils; most food banks and food aid programs.	Food Justice Alternative Fair Trade & many Slow Foods chapters, many organizations in the Community Food Security Movement; CSAs; many Food Policy Councils & Youth food and justice movements; many farmworker & labor organizations	Food Sovereignty Via Campesina, International Planning Committee on Food Sovereignty; Global March for Women; many Food Justice and rights-based movements
	Corporate	Development	Empowerment	Entitlement
MODEL	Overproduction; Corporate concentration; Unregulated markets and monopolies; Monocultures (including organic); GMOs; Agrofuels; mass global consumption of industrial food; phasing out of peasant & family agriculture and local retail.	Mainstreaming/ certification of niche markets (e.g. organic, fair, local, sustainable); maintaining northern agricultural subsidies; “sustainable” roundtables for agrofuels, soy, forest product, etc; market-led land reform	Agroecologically-produced local food; investment in underserved communities; new business models and community benefit packages for production, processing & retail; better wages for ag. workers; solidarity economies; land access; regulated markets & supply	Democratization of food system; Dismantle corporate agri-foods monopoly power; parity; redistributive land reform; community rights to water & seed; Regionally-based food systems; sustainable livelihoods; ; protection from dumping/ overproduction; Revival of agroecologically-managed peasant agriculture to distribute wealth and cool the planet
Approach to the Food Crisis Guiding document	Increased industrial production; unregulated corporate monopolies; land grabs; expansion of GMOs; public-private partnerships; Liberal markets; Int’l. sourced food aid; WB 2009 Dev. Report	Same as Neo-liberal but w/increased middle peasant production & some locally-sourced food aid; more agricultural aid, but tied to GMOs & “bio-fortified/climate-resistant” crops. guiding document : WB 2009 Dev. Report	Right to food; Better safety nets; sustainably-produced, locally-sourced food; agroecologically-based agricultural development; guiding document: IAASTD	Human right to food sovereignty; Locally sourced, sustainably produced, culturally appropriate, democratically controlled focus on UN/FAO negotiations guiding document: Peoples’ comprehensive framework for action to eradicate hunger

Building Alliances Doing Food Justice

Control Exchange

Redistributive Land Justice

Labor and Immigration Reform

Stop Oppression and Heal Trauma

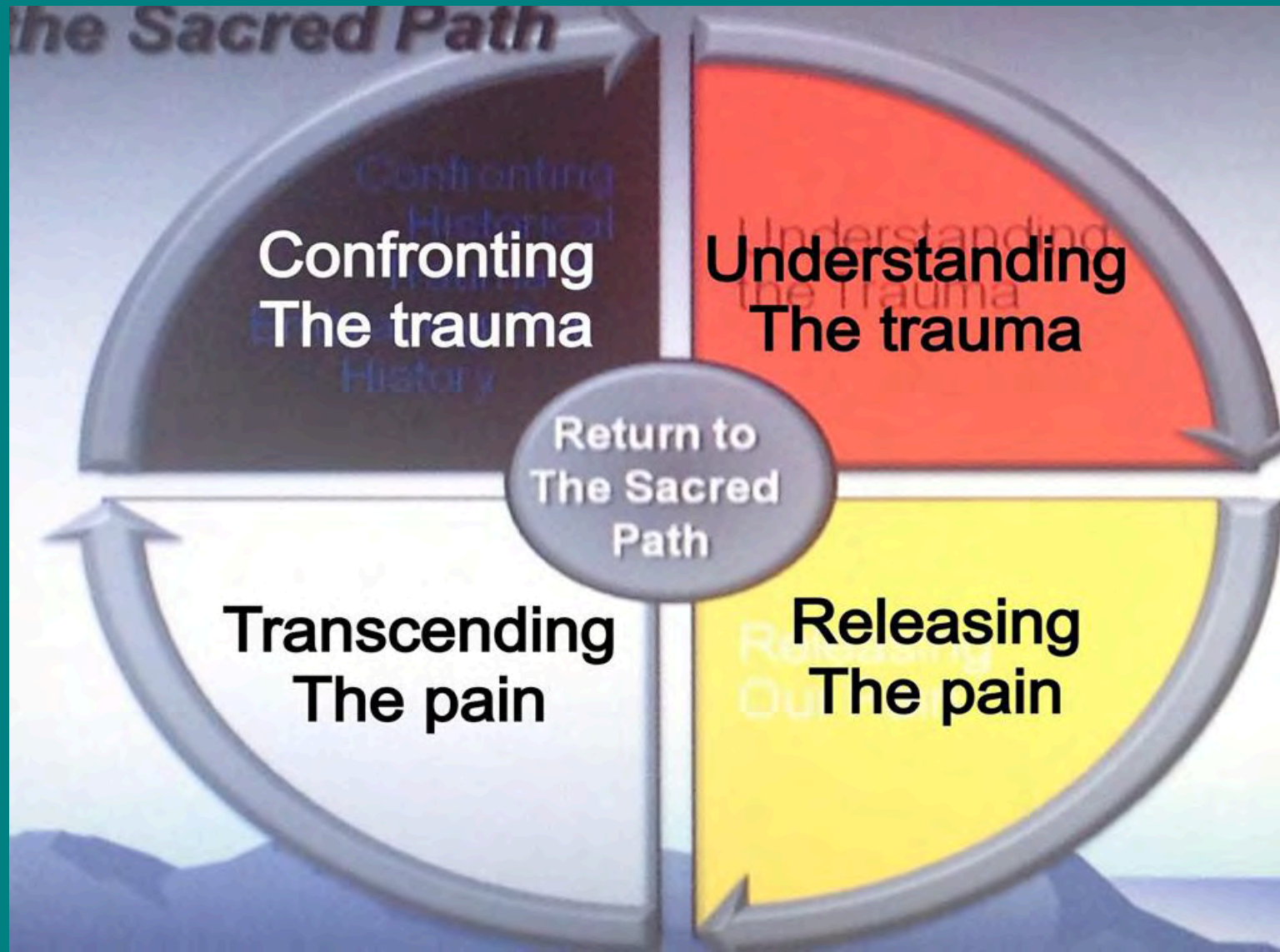
Slocum and Cadieux 2015

- *Dismantling racism*
- *Dismantling white privilege*
- *Overcoming internalized oppression*

Transformational Solidarity



Overcoming Historical Trauma



Transformative Vision

What would our food system be
If ?

**If food
workers were
food secure?**



**If farmworkers received living wages and
had decent working conditions?**



**If women were recognized as the
producers of 70% of the world's food?**



If Black lives mattered?

**BLACK LIVES
MATTER**



Explore your global food system with *Food First*



South Korea: Land, Food & Democracy | May 9-17, 2015 **Food Sovereignty**
Hawai'i: Food Justice and 'Ahola Aina | August 14-22, 2015 **TOURS**
Mexico: Indigenous Food and Water Sovereignty in Chiapas | October 17-27, 2015

Learn more @ www.foodfirst.org/tours



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EXPLODING MYTHS
& INSPIRING CHANGE

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Food First is dedicated to **re-building the public sphere** and this includes through the way we manage our organization – with a truly **public interest agenda** responding to the needs and priorities of people around the world struggling to build a more just, democratic, and sustainable food system, *together.*

Please support the way we run our organization with your donation today – so that we can continue to explode myths and inspire change!



In celebration of our 40th Anniversary, you can ...

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- Come or sponsor our 40th Anniversary special events
 - ❖ May 20th Panel Event in Emeryville CA
 - ❖ October 16th World Food Day Gala and Auction in Oakland CA
- Not in CA for those dates? Host a Food First 40th Birthday party
- Sign up for our e-newsletters to stay up to date on events, publications, and news