

# WHERE IS THE BEEF ??

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Few Americans aren't familiar with this famous commerial, first aired by Wendy's in 1984. When Clara Peller, gruffly exclaimed, "Where's the beef?" this catch phrase soon became part of our vocabulary.

On a more serious note, our catch phrase may, soon be, "Where's the food?" From the days of the creation, one of man's main activities has been the production of food or earning the money to buy it. In latter years, volumes have been written on how the nutritional value of our food has been depleted by numerous things, such as hybrid genetics, chemical fertilizer and sprays (petroleum based), adding chemical preservatives, etc.

For decades, our government has been very successful in destroying the small U.S. farmer. This has resulted in obtaining food from other countries, such as Mexico, where quality and cleanliness has always been an issue. We are constantly-facing some food to avoid for health reasons — one of the latest being tomatoes. Each time, at least one U.S. producer goes bankrupt or simply throws in the towel.

You may not realize it, but think about your local supermarket. When you walk inside, it is well lighted, heated or air conditioned — with petroleum produced electricity. Observe the signs, packaging, labels, etc. — ink is a petroleum product!

Most of the food items before you have been transported hundreds of miles from where they were produced. This may be repeated several times between the farmer and the store. This transportation wasn't by magic carpet — it was by petroleum powered trucks and trains —



where grain is concerned, possibly river barges!

This all impacts you when the check-out clerk hits the total button on the register!

Most people I know are already altering their buying habits — even their driving habits. No more dash to the market to buy that one item you're missing. Most try to combine several stops into one trip "to town."

## Buy in Volume

Some discount stores like Sams and Costco will package canned goods in groups of six, none make case lots easily-available. Retail grocery stores and even Wal-Mart only have canned goods in single units. For economy and ease of handling, cases of 12 & 24 are more attractive.

When the cost of driving to the point of purchase has to be factored in, the internet offers a good solution.

I found that [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and another place: [www.buythecase.net](http://www.buythecase.net) offer good selections and service. Just a click of your mouse and within a few days, UPS delivers to your door. Leave your car in the garage. Save \$\$\$

We're addressing this area of food from both economy and survival. When looking at survival, there's the "Blast From The Past" scenario, where enough supplies were stored to feed a family of 3 for nearly 20 years. This pipe dream, also, had fuel storage enough to keep generators running during this time.

Such plans have to fit your personal situation. I would recommend enough food stashed away to keep your family fed for a very minimum of 30 days. Naturally, more would be better. However, what we are trying to eliminate here is the need to immediately panic when any disaster arrives. You should not have to spend your first hours trying to find something to eat!

In reality, I recommend having at least a 3 years supply of quality storage food on hand.

Another factor to consider is how extra food gives you a buffer zone in cases where something prevents you going to the store for some time; such as illness, car problems or no money!

In military survival training, the soldiers are dropped into some unfriendly environment, with only a few basic items on their person; and they must live off what they can catch, kill, dig up etc. Fortunately, few have ever had to exist under these conditions. However, I tend to apply the laws of energy conservation to this situation.

It goes like this: Why burn up 500 calories catching some disgusting thing that, when eaten head, tail and all, only provides 250 calories? Clear enough?

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If you own a dog, you should include him in your food storage plan — for more than one reason. **NO**, we're not going to eat him!

Few people realize that humans can live on dry dog food! With a supplement of vitamin C, you can remain bright eyed and bushy tailed along with your dog! A canine's body manufactures it's own vitamin C and doesn't require a supplement.

If the truth were known, some dog food might have better ingredients and be prepared under cleaner conditions than some human food! Which would you rather eat; a rat, a snake or some dog food biscuits?

So, throw on an extra bag or two of Ol-Roy, while you're loading up on groceries!

As few people as possible should know that you have extra food stored. We will see the old ant/grasshopper story come to life! While buying dog food, you might even grab a few extra 5 pound bags just to give to your grasshopper neighbors, if they come a knocking!

Our forefathers have faced food situations many times before us. It is recommended that you read **Exodus, Chapter 16**. It is interesting to note that God provided for them in such a manner that demanded their allegiance to him. They were instructed, through Moses, to only gather manna sufficient for the day. This kept them looking to God for food each new day. Those who disobeyed, found their stash rotted and filled with worms the next day. Today, any long term storage should not cause us to forget that God is our provider.

This scripture will certainly be of comfort for those who can barely afford minimum storage of food. Realize that God has provided you with the means to gather a sufficient amount of "manna." God has already called you out to be in the remnant. Will He not provide for your daily needs?

As the coming tribulation unfolds upon us, remain faithful to God and trust

Him to provide for your needs. Continually seek His help and guidance. Read **Matthew 6:9-13**



People who aren't knowledgeable about dehydrated storage food usually want to know 2 things:

1. What is the cost?
2. How much storage space is needed?

The picture above shows the "Freedom Unit available from:

[www.efoodsdirect.com](http://www.efoodsdirect.com)

This unit has enough dehydrated food for one adult for 1 year. It consists of 16 cases, with each case containing 6 No. 10 cans. Each unit comes with a bucket containing seeds and equipment to grow sprouts. At the time of this writing, the cost of this unit is: \$1,682.00 plus freight from Salt Lake City, UT.

As the picture depicts, this unit occupies about the same space as a washer, dryer or refrigerator. Since ideal storage environment should not have extreme hot or cold, a spare bedroom is ideal.

The food value represented by the Freedom Unit is equivalent to \$3,000.00 worth of food bought from the grocery store at prices at the time of this writing.

People need to see the investment wisdom in buying storage food, even more than you need. As money devalues and food becomes more scarce, you will

have an excellent bartering item. You will, also, have an item that some will kill for — so as few people as possible should be aware of what you have.

As you try to persuade friends and family to buy and store food, you will be amazed at the stupidity of people. (then you will realize why we have the government we do)

I had one friend make the following remark to me: "If things get better and you don't need your storage food, what are going to do with it?" This poor zombie didn't have enough brain cells working to realize that since it's food, it can be eaten!

This year and beyond promises to have a lot of unpleasant surprises in store — any one of which could trigger a grocery buying frenzy — sufficient to bare the shelves of all essential items. On the other end of the supply chain, we have depleting farm supply, increasing transportation costs and fuel shortages. Any way you look at it, there's problems ahead!

If this scenario isn't bad enough, throw in angry mobs of starving people, who'll kill for food! If you manage to leave a grocery store with anything in your shopping cart, you run the risk of being hijacked of your food.

**Our Cornucopia might go from this:**



**To This!**

