



Models of Production Impacts on “Development”

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“Hunger...because of a truly brazen imposition of unacceptable models on other communities and ways of life”

We must reject all false convictions that we are victims of the moment, of circumstances beyond our control. Anything else would imply avoiding the truth, a blow in the face of all those who are starving today. Hunger is not only an unpleasant feeling in the stomach - the hunger facing our world today is the trampling of basic human rights, the theft of fundamental human dignity. This hunger is offensively unnecessary. And, most of all, it is deeply unjust.

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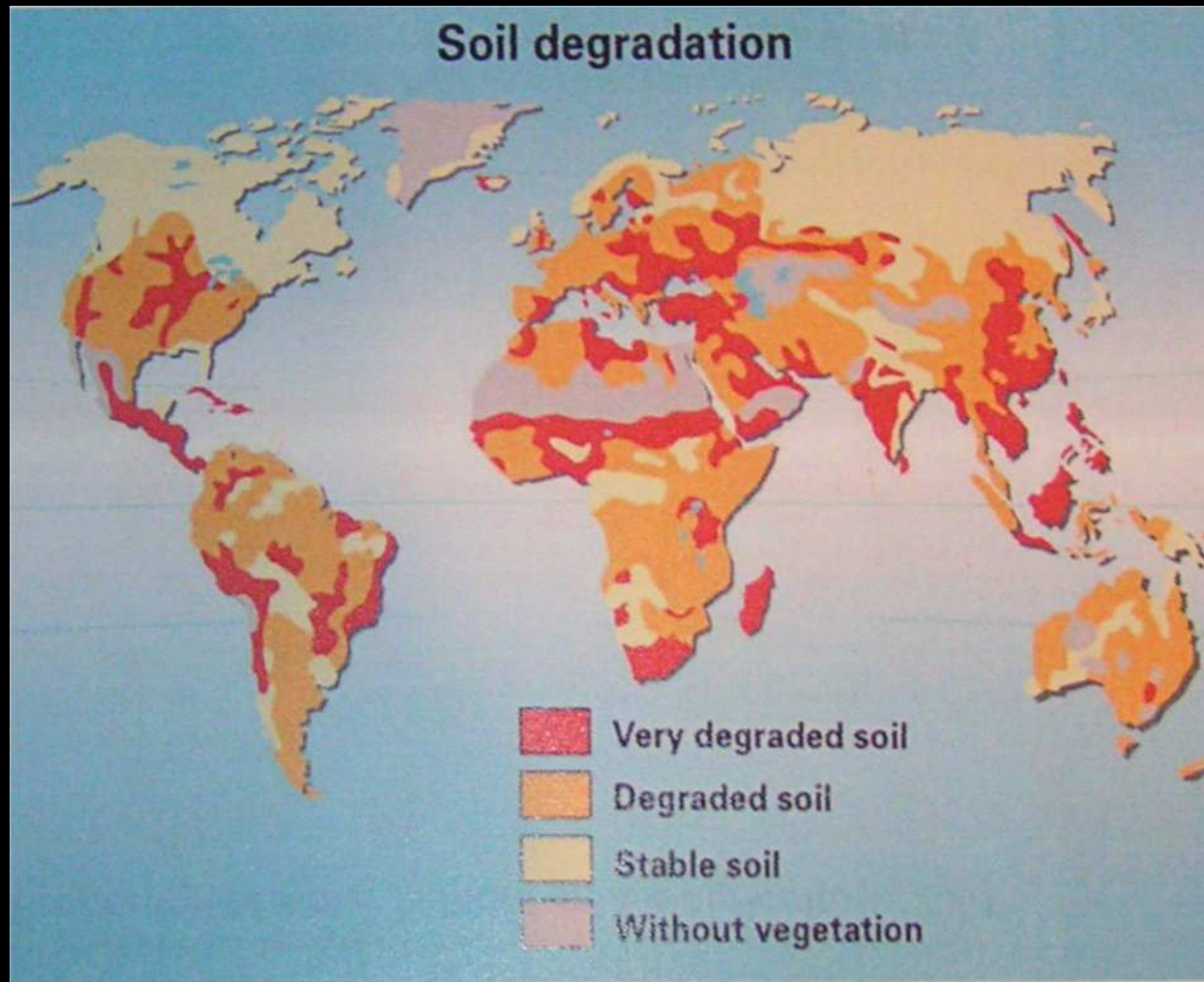
“We must accept responsibility”

The key word is: responsibility. But it is not enough to utter the word - responsibility must also be recognized. We must admit responsibility, we must accept it!

We must admit the fact that we have reached the present situation because of decades of mistaken understanding of global development, because of a truly brazen imposition of unacceptable models on other communities and ways of life, because of unfair rules of international trade and the hypocrisy of international financial institutions, because of favouring big business at the expense of ordinary people. In a nutshell, we are where we are because of the chronic lack of international justice and solidarity, which has finally and on a global scale affected the only material item which makes us all equal and all vulnerable – and that is food.

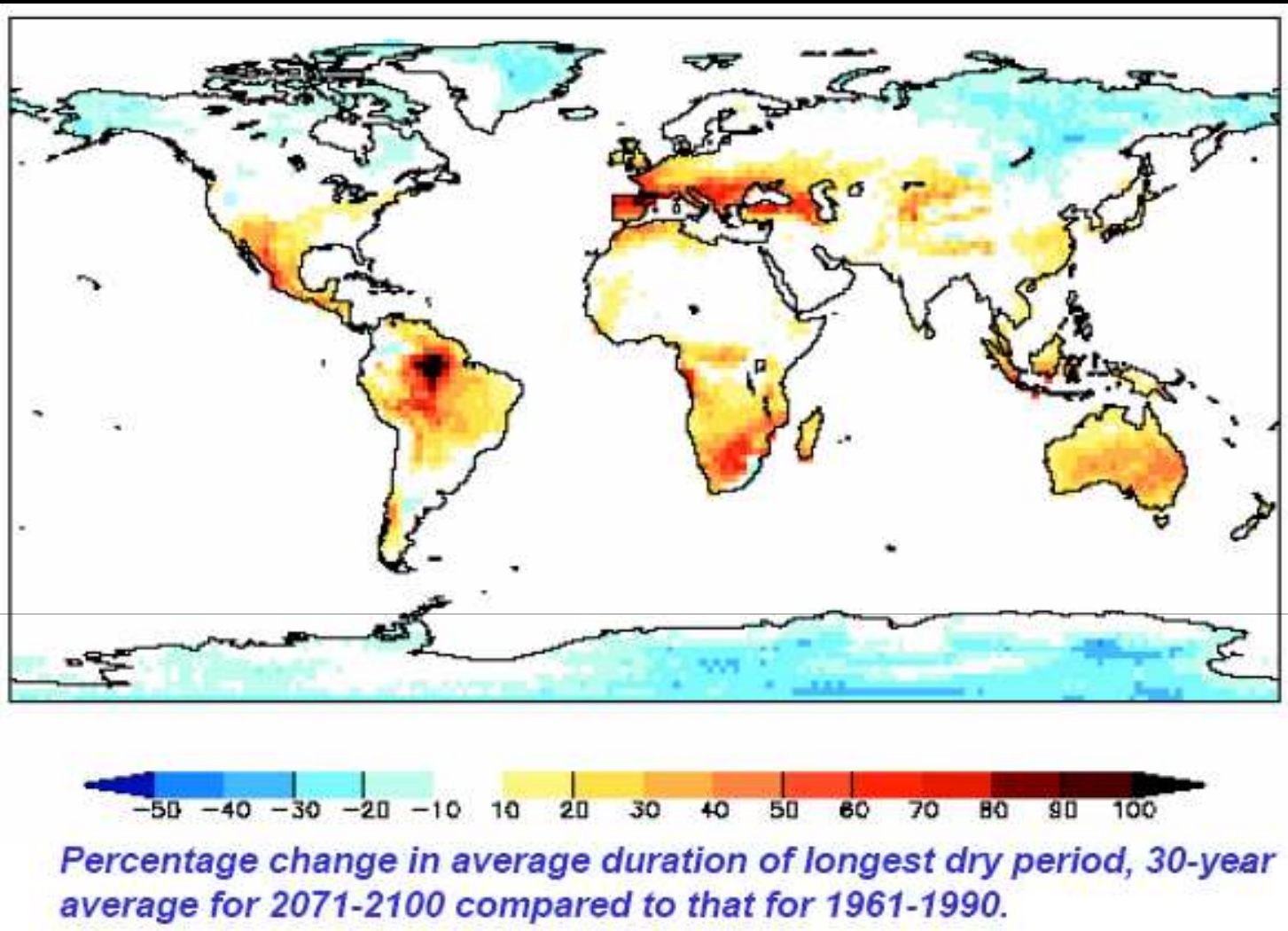
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DROUGHT PROJECTIONS

IPCC A1B scenario

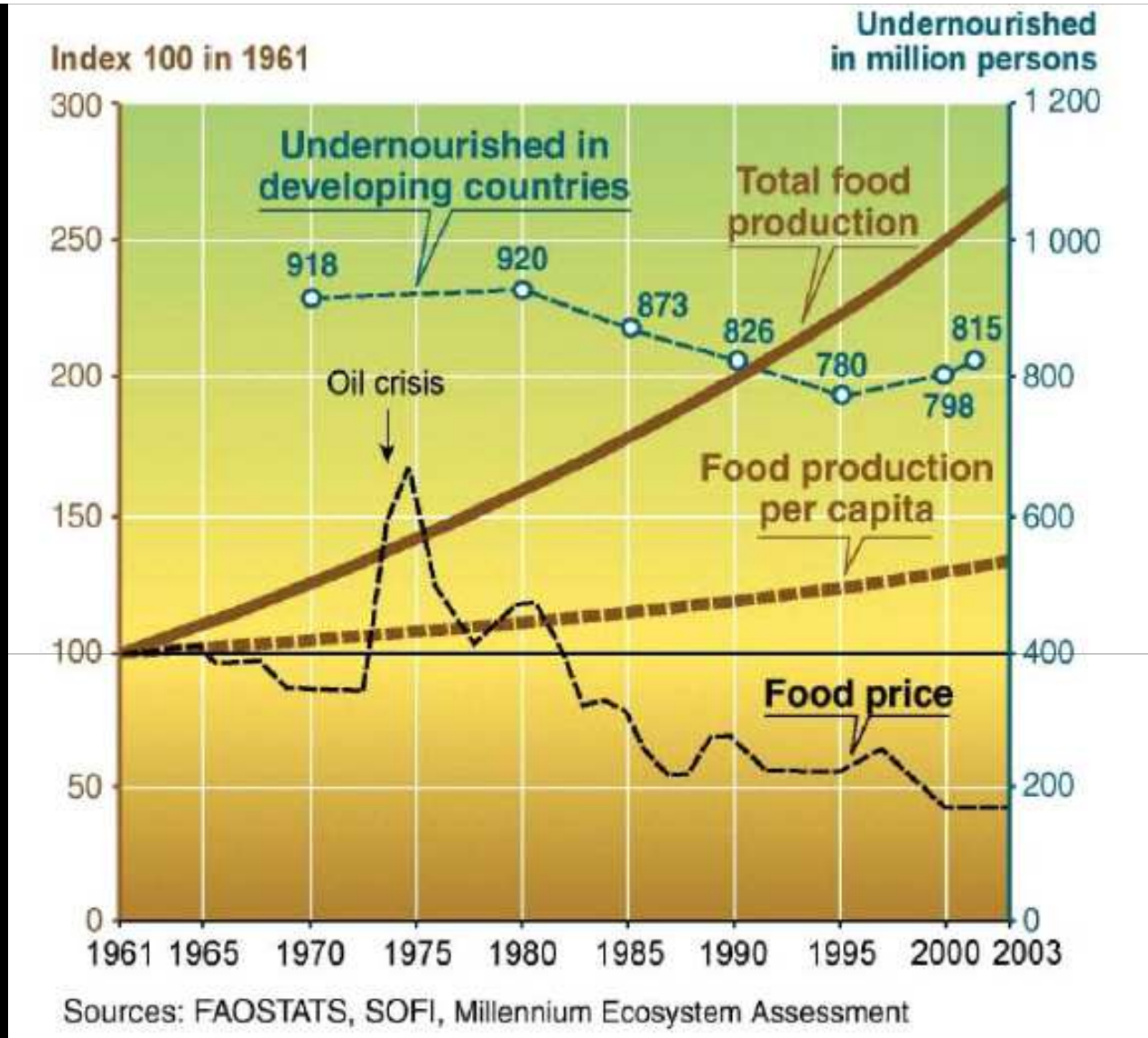
Table 1: World's Top Ten Seed Corporations

	Company	2002 Seed sales (US\$ millions)
1	Dupont (Pioneer) (USA)	2,000
2	Monsanto (USA)	1,600
3	Syngenta (Switzerland)	937
4	Seminis (USA)	453
5	Advanta (Netherlands)	435
6	Groupe Limagrain (Vilmorin Clause, France)	433
7	KWS AG (Germany)	391
8	Sakata (Japan)	376
9	Delta & Pine Land (USA)	258
10	Bayer Crop Science (Germany)	250

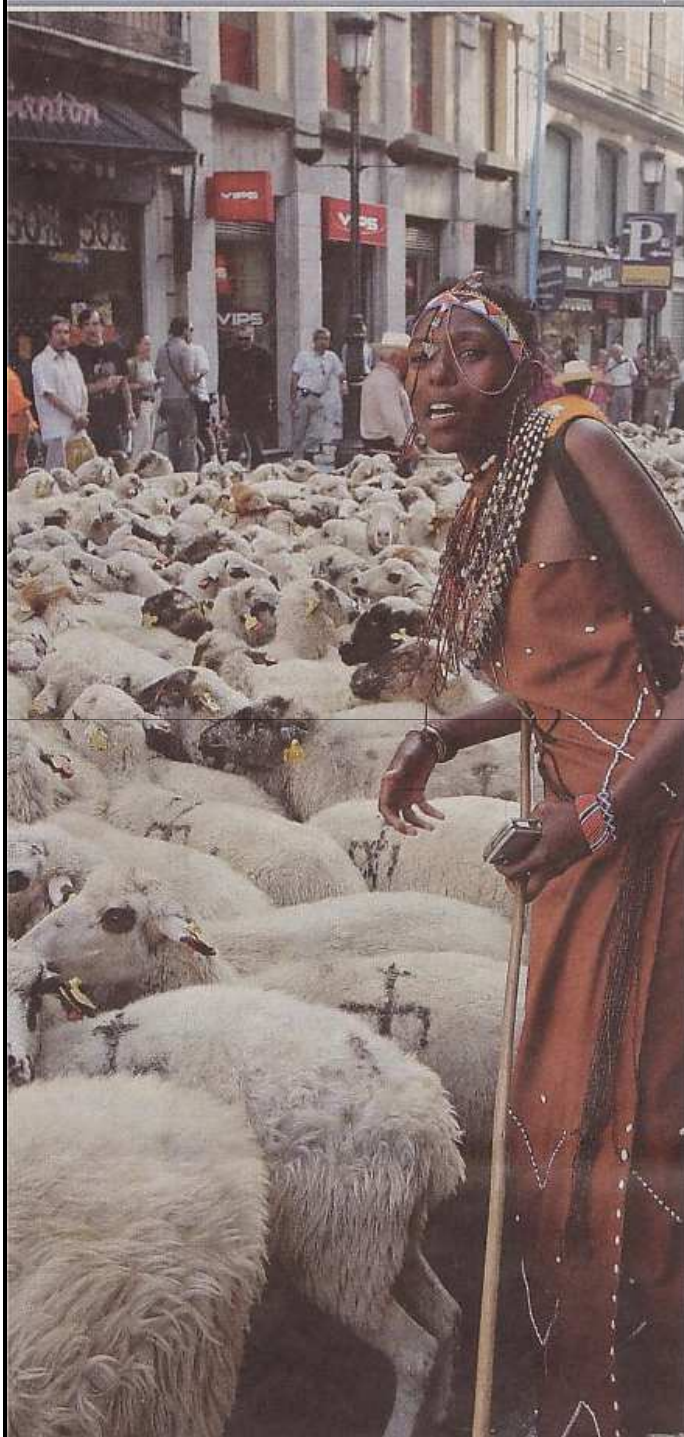
Source: ETC Group.

CORPORATE CONTROL FOOD CHAIN

Top 10 Corporations own 60% seeds in 2006



TRENDS in FOOD PRODUCTION



LIVESTOCK

a special case

- ☉ Intensive Livestock Production is a major contributor to GreenHouse Gases (GHGs)
- ☉ Land use change for animal feed production alone contributes 7% GHGs
- ☉ Rapidly increasing production driven by a spiral of increased levels of demand. These are the result of a combination of lower prices through the externalisation of environmental, welfare and social costs and oversupply – a system favoured by international financing institutions and aid agencies in their mission of implementing a development paradigm based on economic growth.
- ☉ Concentration: 4 TNCs own the genetics of the world's poultry breeds.

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International NGO/CSO Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty

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Now is the Time for Food Sovereignty

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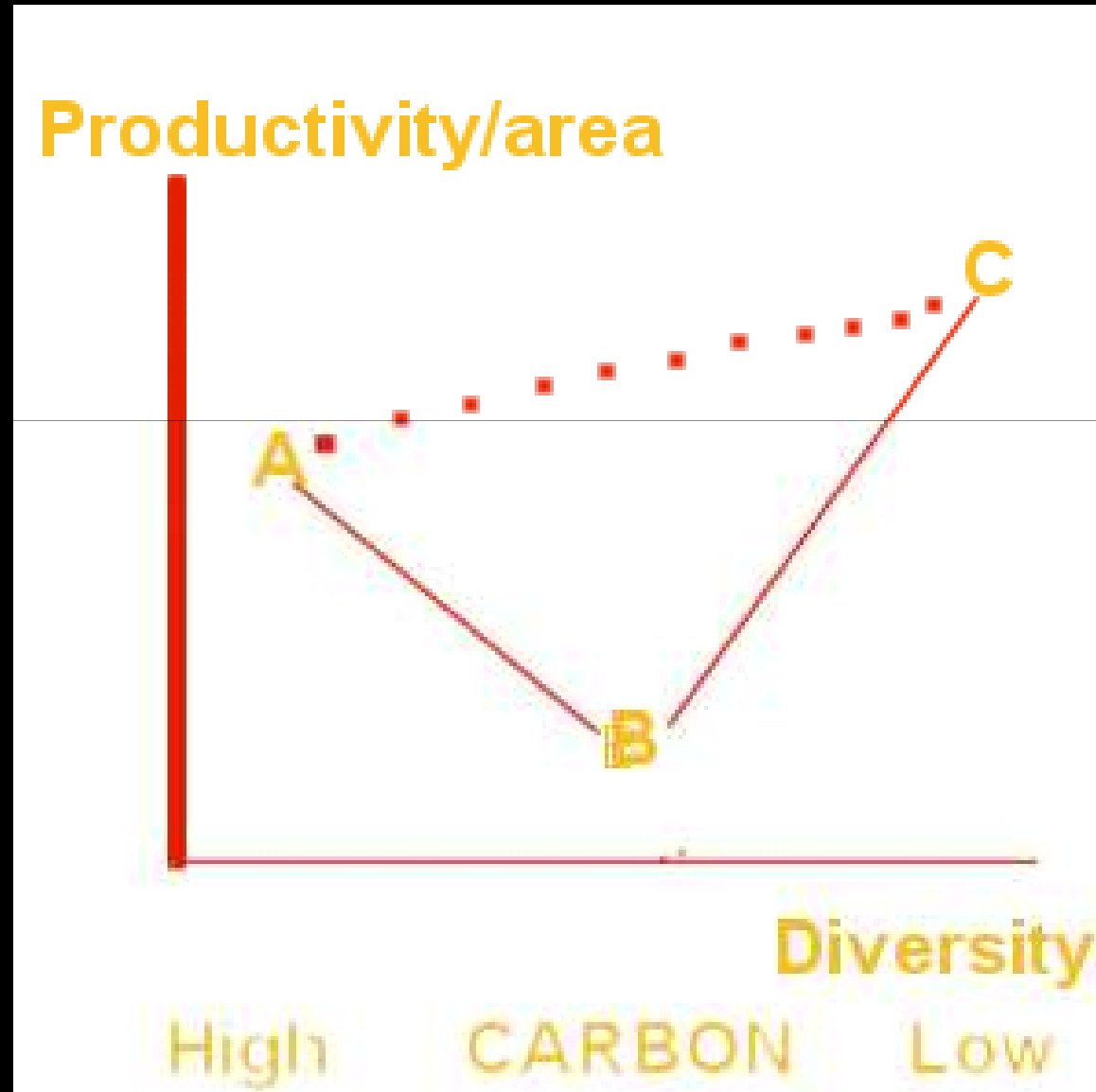
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Learning from African farmers and
from the mistakes of the CAP?

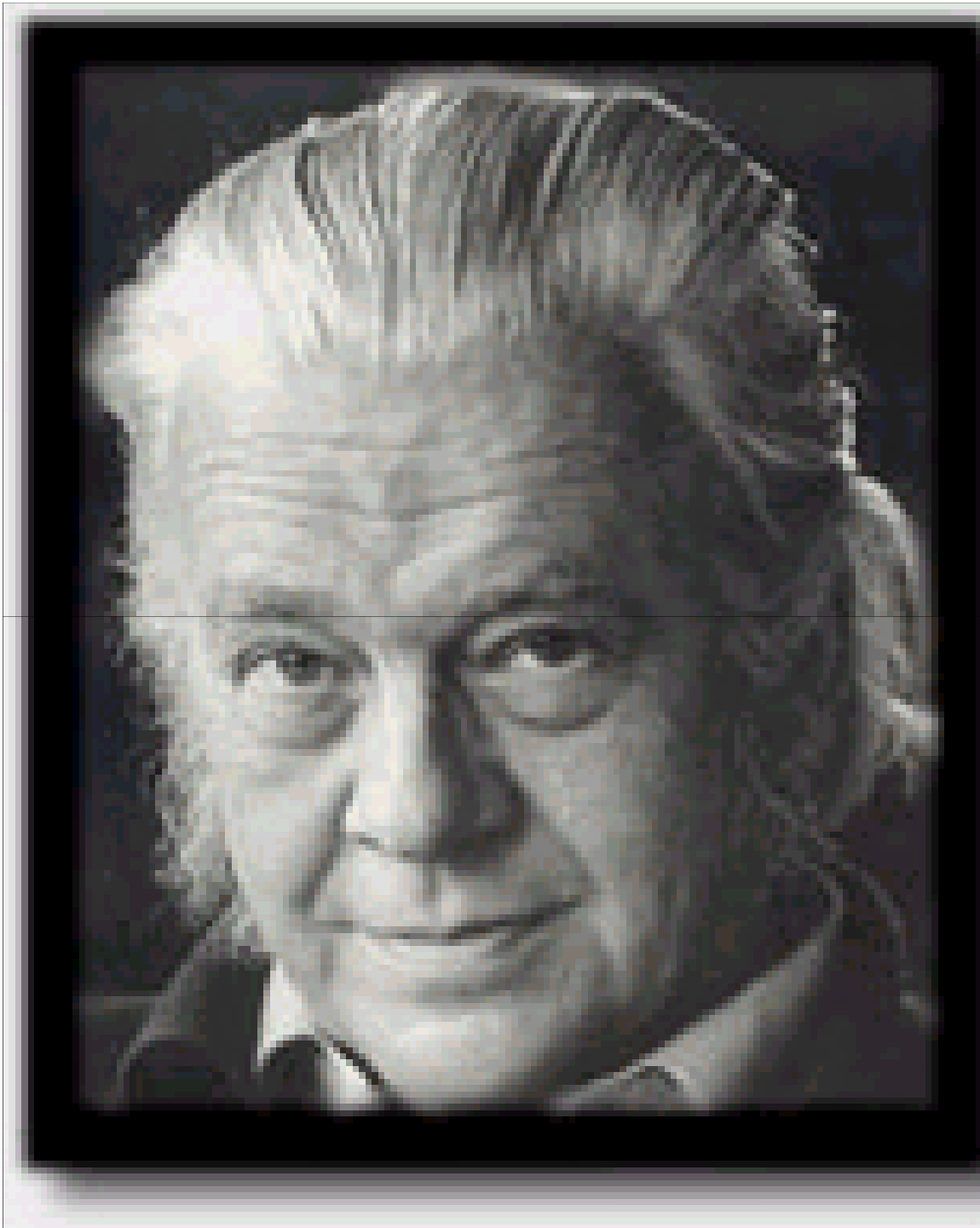
What kind of Agriculture?



**INDUSTRIAL
INTENSIVE/FARMING FADES YOUR GENES....**



.... DIVERSITY DOESN'T



**"Modern man talks of
the battle with nature,
forgetting if he ever
won the battle he
would find himself on
the losing side"**

Fritz Schumacher



LOCAL CONTROL

- **Unleashing democratic energies**
- **Meso-level decision making – social, economic and environmental**
- **Between local (government) institutions and social organisations of farmers, livestock keepers, fisherfolk and all biodiversity-enhancing local food providers**




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BACK GROUND PAPER

Current global modes of production, consumption and trade have caused massive environmental destruction including global warming that is putting at risk our planet's ecosystems and pushing human communities into disasters. Global warming shows the effects of a development model based on capital concentration, high fossil energy consumption, overproduction, consumerism and trade liberalization. Global warming has been taking place for decades, but most governments have refused to deal with its roots and causes. It has been only recently, once transnational corporations have been able to set up huge

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