

# Hijacked Future

## ***It's 7 am: do you know where your toast came from?***

Eating breakfast toast: a simple ritual to start the day. The bread probably came from a bakery or grocery store, but beyond that who knows where the wheat came from – never mind the seeds that grew the wheat. Do we need to know? A new one-hour documentary, “Hijacked Future” says yes, because those seeds that became the toast you ate this morning are being hijacked - right into a looming world food security catastrophe.

Catastrophe? Wait a minute. We see plenty of food on our supermarket shelves. Is our food security really at risk – or is this just scare mongering from the fringe?

Hijacked Future warns us that our current agricultural system is unsustainable - one that will be unable to support us and our grandchildren in the future. It's a system that literally runs on oil, from fertilizers and pesticides, to the trucks and planes that transport food. And the source of our food – seeds – is being hijacked by a handful of corporations from the farmers who have for millennia, grown and saved them.

But why should we care about a farmer's seeds? Aren't companies developing new seeds all the time? They are -- and that's part of the problem -- because who controls the seeds, controls our food. More and more, that control is in the hands of a few multinational corporations whose bottom line is profit for their shareholders not necessarily an abundance of healthy food. Should anybody, the film asks, own seeds?

“Hijacked Future” takes us from the grain fields of Saskatchewan, to farmers and seed banks in Ethiopia, to north of the Arctic Circle in Norway, where the “Doomsday” vault is being built to stockpile seeds in the event of a global crisis.

The documentary looks at the increasingly fragile base of our North American industrial food system in order to bring all of us consumers of food to a better understanding of just what's at stake with our daily bread. It asks us to question the wisdom of a system precariously based on oil and corporate seeds while we're at the same time witnessing the impact of climate change.

As the film says, “It all starts with the seed, and the stakes are high... because who controls the seed, controls the food... Who will control the seeds we plant, and the food we put on our tables?” Will our future be... Hijacked?

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