



# FOODOPOLY

## *The Battle Over the Future of Food and Farming in America*

**By Wenonah Hauter**

### **U.S. AGRICULTURAL POLICY HIJACKED BY LOBBYISTS**

**A solution to the global food crisis requires more than consumers simply "voting with their forks."**

Wenonah Hauter is the executive director of the U.S.-based Food & Water Watch, but she also owns an organic family farm in Northern Virginia that provides healthy vegetables to over five hundred families in the Washington, D.C. area as part of the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. Because of this she is of the nation's leading healthy food advocates. Hauter believes that the local food movement is not enough to solve America's food crisis and the public health debacle it has created. In FOODOPOLY, she takes aim at the real culprit: the massive consolidation and corporate control of food production, which prevents farmers from raising healthy crops and limits the choices that people can make in the grocery store.

Through meticulous research, Hauter presents a shocking account of how agricultural policy has been hijacked by lobbyists, driving out independent farmers and food processors in favour of giant international food conglomerates like Cargill, ADM, Bunge and ConAgra, which play a part in our daily lives even if the names aren't familiar. She demonstrates how the impacts ripple far and wide, from economic stagnation in rural communities at home, to famines in poor countries overseas. In the end, Hauter illustrates how solving this crisis will require a complete structural shift, a grassroots movement to reshape the food system from seed to table – a change that is about politics, not just personal choice.

FOODOPOLY has topped Amazon's Environmental Policy and Environmental Economics lists and Hauter has been named one of 10 New Food Heroes by *Vegetarian Times* and recognized by Food Tank as one of seven women working to change the food system.

**"...A meticulously researched tour de force...examines the pernicious effects of consolidation in every sector of the food industry." – Publishers Weekly**

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**KEY SELLING POINTS:**

- **Wenonah Hauter is executive director of America's most vocal food industry watchdog group, Food & Water Watch and its European project, Food & Water Europe. The author will be in Europe in Early June and September 2013.**
- **Hauter says we need a structural shift that goes beyond shopping at farmers markets, with extensive data to back up her position.**
- **A fresh, comprehensive, political lens on the issues and industries surrounding food and farming.**

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