FRESH FOODS 01-29-2013 By Harry Zirkelbach

Just saw this Bumper Stickler

Food has replaced sex in my life now I can't even get into my own pants.

YES, FOOD TASTES BETTER THAN EVER. AND THE VARIETY AVAILABLE, IN MARKET AND RESTAURANT IS HUMBLING. AN ODDITY, MUCH OF THIS REVOLUTION FERMENTED DURING THE "W" BUSH YEARS.

THE FAMILY FARM IS BEING INVIGORATED. SMALL STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, LIKE MICHELLE OBAMA STARTING A VEGETABLE GARDEN ON WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS. WASHINGTON IS TALKING ABOUT A MORE NUTRITIOUS AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SUPPLY. ESPECIALLY FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

WHAT DOES THAT MOUTHFUL MEAN?

WELL HINTS WERE GIVEN WHEN THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, TONY VILSACK, GOT INTO THE ACT, HAD THE PAVEMENT OUTSIDE HIS HEADQUARTERS DUG UP, CREATING HIS OWN ORGANIC "PEOPLES GARDEN." AND KATHLEEN MERRIGAN OF TUFTS UNIVERSITY, CHAMPION OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND HEALTHY FOOD, IS VILSACK'S TOP DEPUTY. ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES, AT THE TOP.

INSTANT CHANGE AT THE DEPT OF AGRICULTURE, FARMS, SUPERMARKET? NOT IMMEDIATELY. LAST YEAR'S FARM BILL SET DETAILS AND FUNDS FOR FARM POLICY FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. PROBABLY NO CHANGE THIS YEAR. BUT SET IN MOTION IS NEW INTEREST IN NUTRITION, HEALTH CARE REFORM, WITH HINTS OF MORE CHANGE ON THE HORIZON.

RECENT AGRICULTURE CENSUS FIGURES INCLUDED MORE THAN 100,00 NEW SMALL FARM RESIDENTS. MEANWHILE WE WILL CONTINUE TO EAT PRETTY MUCH THE SAME FARE. AND THAT'S NOT BAD.

BUT TO TASTE THE FUTURE, NEXT TIME YOU SHOP, TRY A WHOLE FOODS STORE. SELECTIONS ARE FABULOUS, DISPLAYS BEAUTIFUL, SAMPLES AVAILABLE IN STORE. PRICES TEND TO BE HIGHER, EXCEPT THAT GRAINS CAN BE BOUGHT IN BULK, REASONABLY. AND IF YOU GO THERE HUNGRY, LOOK TO HAVE YOUR NEXT MEAL THERE. SELECT FROM OFFERINGS FOR A WHOLE MEAL, EAT THERE A STAND-UP TABLES OR A REGULAR TABLE, BOTH INSIDE THE STORE. CUSTOMIZE YOUR MEAL, PAY FOR WHAT YOU ORDER, NOTHING ELSE.YOU DO YOUR OWN SERVING AND CLEAN UP, AVOID THE TIP. ENJOY. NO RUSH. JUST GREAT FOOD.YOU ARE INTO IMPROVING YOU HEALTH , YOU WILL BECOME A TREND SETTER AMIDST THIS MASIVE ARMY OF YOUNGSTERS WHO ARE HANDSOME, APPEAR HEALTHY. AND THESE WORDS WORDS, THIS WON'T IMPROVE YOUR GOOD LOOKS, BUT WILL ACT AS AN ATTITUDE CHANGER.

THEN IN THE SUMMER, VISIT A METRO DENVER FARMERS MARKETS. THEY ARE JOVIAL PLACES. WHEN YOU STICK TO LOCALLY GROWN FRESH PRODUCE, YOU'LL THEN BE PREPARING WHOLESOME FRESH MEALS AS LONG AS THEIR SUPPLY LASTS IN YOUR KITCHEN. AND ONE SMALL FARM GATHERING WILL SEE THEIR ECONOMY IMPROVE.

ITS YOUR HEALTH. PROTECT IT. REALLY, FOOD TASTES BETTER THAN EVER. ON THAT THE WIFE AND OUR CHILDREN AGREE WITH ME, THIS TIME.