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The Breaking Point: A Practical Assessment for Rural American Families on the Supply, Fuel, and Economic Disruption Now Underway (2026–2028)

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As we wind down operations of the Independent American Patriots and transition into minimal operations I felt called to reach beyond the things that might divide neighbor against neighbor and appeal to the souls of those who know what is coming. I speak to the rational mind who certainly is nervous about the proverbial “Iceberg Dead Ahead!” moment that we find ourselves in, yet meets the challenge with faith, principles, and conviction in the Glory of our Great Father in Heaven. I beseech each of you to seek council in your Creator and ask him if these things are true and what steps you should take to brace yourself and your family in a practical manner without fear and with faith in Him who created all.

Executive Summary

The United States is entering a period of prolonged, uneven, and structural shortages in fuel (especially diesel), certain food items, and imported manufactured goods. This is not a short-term price spike like the 1970s. It is the result of physical damage to critical energy infrastructure in the Middle East, a long-standing mismatch between the oil we produce and the oil our refineries are built to process, and the slow pace at which global supply chains can recover.

Even if fighting in the Middle East stops tomorrow, meaningful relief at American gas pumps and grocery shelves will take many months. In the meantime, diesel shortages will disrupt trucking, farming, and manufacturing. Countries in East and Southeast Asia that make most of the consumer goods, electronics, and components Americans buy will also face diesel shortages, creating secondary shortages of imported products in the United States.

For rural families who still have land, skills, and some degree of self-reliance, this period will be difficult but survivable. For families and communities that have become fully dependent on continuous, just-in-time deliveries of fuel, food, and goods, the next 12 to 24 months will bring real hardship. The purpose of this document is to lay out, plainly and without exaggeration, what is happening, why it is happening, and what practical steps rural families can take now while options still exist. I do not wish to cause alarm, and this is not a forecast of total societal collapse. It is a description of a major contraction and re-localization of the systems that have supported daily life for decades.

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How We Got Here

For years, the United States has run a structural imbalance in its energy system. We produce large volumes of light sweet crude oil from shale, but many of our most complex refineries (especially along the Gulf Coast) were built decades ago to process heavy sour crude. These refineries are optimized to turn heavy oil into high volumes of diesel and jet fuel. When fed lighter domestic crude, they produce lower yields of the types of fuels America actually needs.

Rather than adapt and build refineries to process the oil it produced, the United States became a net exporter of crude oil while still needing to import specific heavy grades to keep its most valuable refineries running efficiently. That import flow depended heavily on stable supplies from the Middle East, particularly through the Strait of Hormuz.

In early 2026, open conflict in the Middle East severely damaged or took offline more than 80 major energy facilities across the Gulf region; including refineries, export terminals, pipelines, and storage sites. Many of these facilities will require 6 to 18 months to return to even 80% of their previous capacity. The number of skilled workers is also finite, and some repairs require peace to complete. At the same time, the Strait of Hormuz (through which roughly one-fifth of global oil and a large share of traded fertilizer normally moves) became heavily disrupted and remains to this day.

Even after brief periods when tankers began moving again, the physical damage and ongoing instability have kept heavy crude flows constrained. Crews need to be evacuated out of the area; ships needed their hulls scraped and maintenance performed while ports and terminals need to be repaired. The United States has drawn down its Strategic Petroleum Reserve significantly, but that reserve cannot be emptied completely without damaging the underground salt caverns that store it. The Pentagon also needs a minimum stockpile to operate during a prolonged conflict all while current levels are the lowest in decades.

There are compounding effects from other sectors. The broader global system that moved goods cheaply and quickly has been strained by years of accumulated debt, just-in-time supply chains with no buffer, and now the loss of reliable energy flows from the Middle East. We have spent decades outsourcing our industrial and production capacity to countries that provide cheap labor and energy. Countries in Asia that manufacture most of the products Americans buy every day are being hit particularly hard. They also rely heavily on diesel for trucking, factories, and shipping. When diesel becomes scarce or extremely expensive there, factories slow down or close, and the flow of goods to the United States tightens.

This combination (physical destruction of key infrastructure, refinery configuration limits, long logistics delays, and secondary effects on global manufacturing) is why shortages are appearing and will likely worsen through the rest of 2026 and into 2027, even if the immediate fighting ends.

Why This Is Different from Past Crises

The 1970s oil shocks were painful, but the underlying system was still intact. Refineries could process available oil, global infrastructure was largely undamaged, and supply chains could recover once political deals were reached. Most Americans still lived closer to local food production, had more practical skills, and carried less household debt. Many families had living relatives from the Great Depression that provided needed on hands experience and knowledge of self-sufficiency and hard times and communities were much closer together.

Today the system is far more specialized, globalized, and leveraged. A large share of the population has little direct connection to food or fuel production. Many do not know how to grow their own food or forage for local sustenance while others live in confined areas without adequate soil and space for self-sufficiency. Supply chains have been optimized for speed and low cost with almost no buffer like the warehouse and distribution systems of the 70's. Debt levels across households, corporations, and governments are historically high and will become increasingly

unsustainable for most. When a major physical disruption occurs at a critical chokepoint like the Strait of Hormuz and the Gulf energy infrastructure, the effects will cascade farther and last longer than in previous decades.

The result is not simply higher prices. It is intermittent physical shortages of specific fuels and goods, combined with a loss of confidence that the old system will quickly return to normal.

Phase-by-Phase Outlook for Rural Families

Phase 1: Spot Shortages and Rising Friction (Now through roughly August 2026)

Regional and local shortages of diesel and gasoline become more frequent. Areas that have some petroleum production will be slightly better than those that don't. Some stations impose purchase limits. Prices are high and volatile. Imported goods begin showing occasional empty shelves or longer delivery times as Asian manufacturing feels early diesel pressure. Rural areas still have relatively normal access to feed, seed, and basic supplies, but costs are climbing and some items require driving farther. At some point the general population will start to understand the gravity of the situation. Panic buying in nearby towns creates temporary local shortages even when national stocks are not yet critically low. Trust in distant institutions begins to erode noticeably as people see that problems are not being solved quickly. Politicians on all sides will likely become increasingly detached from the average American. Social unrest is likely to increase as people become desperate for critical goods and services.

Phase 2: Widespread Diesel Pressure and Supply Chain Strain (September 2026 through roughly February 2027)

The severity of winter will decide how harsh the effects are, but it will be hard. Diesel shortages become more persistent and affect critical systems like farming, trucking, and local delivery. Spring planting and fall harvest cycles are disrupted in many areas. The large El Niño compounds these affects and harvests are low and nonexistent in some areas. Food price inflation continues to accelerate as families and individuals become more desperate. Imported consumer goods, auto parts, electronics, and components face longer delays or reduced availability, in many cases what is on the shelf will be the last one you see. Rural families notice that even when they have cash, certain items are simply hard to obtain. Local barter and neighbor-to-neighbor exchange become more common and more unofficial neighborhood watches start to form in some areas while others start to fray. Political anger intensifies and becomes less partisan; people who have lost faith in empty promises are frustrated that the system is not delivering basic needs. Some suburban and urban populations begin looking toward rural areas for resources, increasing pressure on higher-trust rural communities. Regions where small and mid-sized towns work to coordinate with outlying communities will fare better than those who attempt to dominate what resources are left.

Phase 3: Prolonged Adjustment and Re-Localization (March 2027 through roughly mid-2028)

The old just-in-time abundance does not return. That reality sets in for all, but the remaining delusional partisans are angry at everyone. Fuel remains more expensive and less reliable than before 2026. Many supply chains have been permanently reconfigured or shortened. Rural communities that still have land, water, and basic production capacity become relatively more important. They will remain fragile as parts and supplies dwindle. Local networks for feed, fuel sharing, equipment repair, and food exchange strengthen where trust exists. Areas that cannot adapt see higher out-migration or hardship. Starvation, disease, and mortality will become a reality for vulnerable and unfortunate citizens from all walks of life. National-level politics become less relevant to daily survival as county, town, and neighborhood-level decisions matter more. The gap between prepared or adaptable rural households and those fully dependent on external systems becomes very visible. Some will adapt to trading skills, work, tools, or other goods and a bridge in the community will form whereas in other areas some will seek to dominate others and open conflict may occur.

What This Means Practically for an Average Rural Family

Most rural families will not face starvation if they still have access to land, water, and some basic skills. Things will be hard, but the human spirit is incredibly resilient when families and communities come together. The greater risks that we all face are:

- Intermittent inability to buy diesel or gasoline when needed for equipment, vehicles, or generators. Those who can quickly build wood gasification systems or other alternatives will fare better.
- Higher and more volatile costs for feed, seed, fertilizer, and veterinary supplies. Stock up where you can and don't forget to protect against rodents and insects.
- Reduced availability or much higher prices for parts, equipment, and imported consumer goods. If there is something that you know that you need regularly, consider picking up a spare or two.
- Increased pressure from outsiders looking for resources once urban and suburban shortages become severe. The rush to buy ready-made homesteads or simply people purchasing an RV or Camper and just heading to the hills is a factor to consider.
- Erosion of savings and fixed incomes if inflation in necessities accelerates or if banking/financial systems experience disruption. A large portion of Americans are directly supported by government paychecks from Federal, State, Local, and other sources which may literally evaporate or become increasingly worthless. Many businesses may find it difficult to maintain operations.

The families that fare better will be those who can reduce their dependence on continuous external deliveries for fuel, food, and basic goods while maintaining enough connection to local networks for things they cannot produce themselves. Those who maintain the philosophy of a diplomatic sentinel for their family, friends, and community will do better than those who seek to dominate and subjugate others. There will be little tolerance for empty promises or plans that ask people to give up what little they have.

Practical Steps Rural Families Can Take Now

Remain calm yet aware of your situation. Focus on what can still be influenced in the next few months while supply chains are still functioning to some degree. Rice, beans, and other basic staples are still available even if prices are high. Every purchase, barter, or trade requires careful consideration and a focus on resiliency and self-sufficiency are needed to increase the viability of every family's survival plan.

Fuel and Energy

Test and fill up any additional on-site fuel storage while it is still relatively available. Treat stored fuel with appropriate stabilizers. Prioritize diesel if you have diesel equipment. Identify local sources of fuel and alternative power and build quiet relationships now. Obtain personal solar production, battery storage, generators and wood gasification systems if you have the resources to do so. Reduce unnecessary driving and consolidate trips. Conservation is key with every resource you have. Guard and diversify to protect against those that think they have a right to what you have. Build solutions with local neighbors to support one another.

Food and Livestock

Take inventory of what you already have stored and rotate it. Find out if you have bad or damaged supplies and plug any holes. Expand garden output this season with high-calorie, storable crops. If feed supplies are uncertain, make pragmatic decisions about livestock numbers now rather than waiting until feed becomes unavailable or

unaffordable. Keep what core reproductive genetics you can reasonably store a season's worth of feed for and seek to diversify sources. Preserve meat, vegetables, and fruit while you still can. Identify nearby sources of hay, grain, or supplemental feed and secure what you can. Consider finding or start farming, homesteading, or community networks.

Water and Basic Infrastructure

Ensure backup of water supply and treatment capability. Hand pumps, gravity systems, or stored treatment chemicals (such as calcium hypochlorite shock) provide resilience if power or chemical deliveries are interrupted. Many local governments have codes and regulations so make sure that you take appropriate actions or have supplies on hand to build what you need after it does not matter.

Skills and Knowledge

Write down or print practical information on gardening, food preservation, basic animal care, and equipment repair while electricity and printers still work reliably. Keep a written log of what works and what does not and note the seasons to improve over time. Share useful knowledge quietly with trusted neighbors and make a mental note of volatile or nonsensible ones to avoid and brace for.

Finances and Supplies

Convert available cash into physical items you will actually need (fuel storage containers, tools, veterinary supplies, non-perishable food, seeds, fencing, etc.). Keep making essential payments (mortgage, property taxes) as long as the system functions, but do not drain reserves trying to stay current on unsecured debt if it means going without critical physical supplies. Focus on the essentials of survival. Water, Food, Clothing, Shelter, Heat, First Aid, Protection and Defensive Implements, and I would add Neighbors.

Security and Visibility

Keep operations low-profile. Do not advertise resources. Strengthen quiet relationships with a small number of trusted neighbors for mutual awareness and support. In a crisis, desperate people will move toward areas that appear to have resources. Being able to demonstrate situational awareness and unity is important. Stock up on spare communications equipment in advance. Extra radios, batteries, and the ability to charge them (solar, etc.) is critical to increase community resilience and ensure prompt mutual aid when needed. People don't need politicians to solve their problems they need to remember what it is like to be Americans. We believe in the principles of the proper role of government and in the spirit of our nation's 250th birthday we humbly remind our government of its social contract and subservience to the will of the people. People agree to support a government only when it remains in the confines of the Constitution and when said government understands that all political power comes from the people.

Mental and Community Preparation

Expect that normal services will become slower, more expensive, or intermittently unavailable. Be patient with one another and give grace whenever possible. Plan for periods when you may need to operate with less outside help. Identify who in your immediate area has complementary skills or resources and begin low-key coordination now. Stay grounded in the one who created all. Seek truth wherever it may lead and fill your vessels with oil so that your lamps will burn long into the night when needed. Above all understand that the Divine Creator is a beautiful painter and he creates us all with great variation and variable understanding of the world we all live in. Each will deal differently with these challenging times and each of us has an opportunity to rise to the occasion and lead with love during the challenging times. We have had it good for a long time, and we may have forgotten many basic skills that will be quickly taken up again. But do not despair. Every scraped knee and let down in your life has prepared you for this time. You know inside what needs to be done and you simply need to free yourself from the noise and propaganda from all sides to see clearly through the lens of every Independent American Patriot and good citizen on the continent.

Closing

Our way of life is about to fundamentally change but it is not the end of the road for those who choose to utilize their time and resources wisely. The systems that delivered cheap, abundant fuel, food, and goods for decades have been damaged in ways that cannot be repaired quickly. This is not a temporary inconvenience. It is a multi-year adjustment to a more expensive, less reliable, and more localized reality. We can do nothing and become victims of political infighting from the left or the right or we can seize the moment to secure our future and ensure that the principles of inalienable rights are preserved for future generations, even if it is in localized areas here and there.

Rural families who still have land, water, basic skills, and the ability to work together with neighbors are in a stronger position than most. That advantage is real, but it is not automatic. It requires deliberate action in the time that remains while supply chains are still partially functioning. All will suffer some degree of anxiety and hardship in the months and years ahead yet the grit, faith, and determination deep in the American soul can help us weather the storm.

The goal is not to return to the old abundance. Accepting the reality of our situation is critical for us to make the necessary moves and connections while we are able. The goal is to reach the other side of this adjustment with your family intact, your basic needs met, and enough capacity to help those around you who are willing to work together. That will be challenging but is very achievable and obtainable.

The old system is breaking. I cannot say it enough. What comes next will be built, in large part, by people who prepare practically and act locally while there is still time to do so. I am not interested in arguing or pondering, what ifs and fantasies are not grounded in facts. My time in the future will be utilized sharing practical tips to survive the challenging times ahead rather than argue about political talking points that won't feed my family nor help my neighbors. I encourage you to steer clear of propaganda and the vampires of civilization and to become openminded about being neighborly and put your best foot forward to reasonable neighbors and pray for those too abrasive and difficult to work with.

On a personal note, I hope I am incorrect, but it is my conviction that this document as offered is a clear-eyed assessment based on observable physical constraints, infrastructure damage, and supply chain mechanics. Although it is well researched and sourced it cannot cover all potentialities and things can devolve much faster or in unforeseen ways if nations continue to devolve into conflict. It is intended to help rural families make informed decisions while options still exist. Although I have lived in urban environments from time to time in my professional life it has been a while and I am not the most qualified person to offer suggestions and solutions from that perspective. I know that urban gardening and other alternative viewpoints are out there and I defer to the various experts in city prepping. I will not offer a perspective on what is best for the good people of America in those situations, without doing further research.

Additionally, for those interested in the Independent American Patriots I offer this lifeline. Although we have wound down our regular operations and entered into the Stewardship of The Pamphlet LLC to maintain some visibility, we will continue to champion the Calling of Independence, Tenets of Liberty, and Doctrine of Governance which enshrine principles of good governance and the essential elements that create a free and independent society that respects inalienable rights and adheres to the Natural Laws that our Great Creator bestowed upon all of humanity. In short, we will continue to generate awareness and update those who want to follow us through our website and social media. Our organization is wholly stewarded and supported by The Pamphlet LLC and we will still work with volunteers and members in the future.

Lastly as a historian, researcher, and author of our nation's foundational moments and the tough times ahead I can say that although times are going to be challenging for a while, all is not lost. Our Constitution hangs by a thread, yet the heart and soul of America beat strong with the blood of the patriots of liberty. As Americans we have been through many crises in our existence and although we are stubborn and slow to recognize a predicament, we are

incredibly resilient. We have abundant resources available if we channel them to the people who need them most and the producers of food instead of elite projects to subjugate us and rob our precious resources like land, water, and energy. Responsible stewardship and utilization of the full spectrum of resources available are the path forward. We are nearing the end of a great cycle in many ways, yet this will also be a new birth and provide new opportunities for those ready to brave the storms ahead. In closing I extend my prayers and my heart to you and your families wherever you may be and whatever your situation. I also pray that I am wrong and that I spend my last days giggling with glee at how wrong I was. An ounce of preparedness prevents a ton of pain.

As always, God Bless all those that stand for liberty, freedom, and personal responsibility.

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