

The Sun "Has Gone Into Lockdown"

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The Sun "Has Gone Into Lockdown", And This Strange Behavior Could Worsen Global Food Shortages

At a time when the world is already being hit with major crisis after major crisis, our sun is behaving in ways that we have never seen before. For as long as records have been kept, the sun has never been quieter than it has been in 2019 and 2020, and as you will see below we are being warned that we have now entered “a very deep solar minimum”. Unfortunately, other very deep solar minimums throughout history have corresponded with brutally cold temperatures and horrific global famines, and of course this new solar minimum comes at a time when the United Nations is already warning that we are on the verge [of “biblical” famines around the world](#). **So we better hope that the sun wakes up soon, because the alternative is almost too horrifying to talk about.**

Without the sun, life on Earth could not exist, and so the fact that it is behaving so weirdly right now should be big news.

Sadly, most mainstream news outlets are largely ignoring this story, but at least a few are covering it. The following comes from [Forbes](#)...

While we on Earth suffer from coronavirus, our star—the Sun—is having a lockdown all of its own. [Spaceweather.com](#) reports that already there have been 100 days in 2020 when our Sun has displayed zero sunspots.

That makes 2020 the second consecutive year of a record-setting low number of sunspots—which you can see (a complete absence of) [here](#).

And here is what [the New York Post](#) is saying...

Our sun has gone into lockdown, which could cause freezing weather, earthquakes and famine, scientists say.

The sun is currently in a period of “solar minimum,” meaning activity on its surface has fallen dramatically.

Experts believe we are about to enter the deepest period of sunshine “recession” ever recorded as sunspots have virtually disappeared.

Yes, covering COVID-19 is important, but the fact that scientists are warning that we are potentially facing “freezing weather, earthquakes and famine” should be deeply alarming for all of us.

And since the mainstream media has been largely silent on this crisis, most Americans don’t even know that it exists.

Last year, there were no sunspots at all 77 percent of the time, and so far this year there have been no sunspots at all [76 percent of the time](#)...

*“This is a sign that [solar minimum](#) is underway,” reads [SpaceWeather.com](#). “So far this year, the Sun has been blank 76% of the time, a rate surpassed only once before in the Space Age. Last year, 2019, the Sun was blank 77% of the time. **Two consecutive years of record-setting spotlessness adds up to a very deep solar minimum, indeed.**”*

So why is this such a big deal?

Well, every once in a while a very deep solar minimum that lasts for several decades comes along, and when our planet has experienced such periods in the past the consequences have been quite dramatic.

For example, [the New York Post](#) is claiming that NASA scientists fear that we could potentially be facing “a repeat of the Dalton Minimum”...

*NASA scientists fear it could be a repeat of the Dalton Minimum, which happened between 1790 and 1830 — leading to periods of **brutal cold, crop loss, famine and powerful volcanic eruptions.***

*Temperatures plummeted by up to 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) over 20 years, **devastating the world’s food production.***

Even worse would be a repeat of the Maunder Minimum which stretched from 1645 to 1715. It came as the globe was already in the midst of “the Little Ice Age”, and it caused harvest failures and famines [all over the globe](#)...

The Maunder Minimum is the most famous cold period of the [Little Ice Age](#). Temperatures plummeted in Europe (Figs. 14.3–14.7), the growing season became shorter by more than a month, the number of snowy days increased from a few to 20–30, the ground froze to several feet, alpine glaciers advanced all over the world, glaciers in the Swiss Alps encroached on farms and buried villages, tree-lines in the Alps dropped, sea ports were blocked by sea ice that surrounded Iceland and Holland for about 20 miles, wine grape harvests diminished, and [cereal](#) grain harvests failed, leading to mass famines (Fagan, 2007). The Thames River and canals and rivers of the Netherlands froze over during the winter (Fig. 14.3). The population of Iceland decreased by about half. In parts of China, warm-weather crops that had been grown for centuries were abandoned. In North America, early European settlers experienced exceptionally severe winters.

Of course this would be an exceptionally bad time for such a cataclysmic climate shift, because African Swine Fever has already wiped out [approximately one-fourth of all the pigs in the world](#), colossal armies of locusts the size of major cities are systematically wiping out crops across much of Africa, the Middle East and Asia, and fear of COVID-19 is greatly disrupting global food supply chains.

In fact, it is being reported that widespread shutdowns of meat processing facilities in the United States may force farmers to euthanize [“as many as 10 million hogs by September”](#)... U.S. [pork farmers](#) may be forced to euthanize as many as 10 million hogs by September as a result of production-plant shutdowns brought on by the [coronavirus](#) pandemic, according to the National Pork Producers Council.

At least 14,000 reported positive COVID-19 cases have been connected to meatpacking facilities in at least 181 plants in 31 states as of May 13, and at least 54 meatpacking facility [workers](#) have died of the virus at 30 plants in 18 states, [according to](#) an investigation by the Midwest Center for Investigative reporting.

Even if the sun suddenly started acting perfectly normal once again, we would still be facing what the UN is calling [“the worst humanitarian crisis since World War Two”](#).

Global food supplies are getting tighter with each passing day, and many are warning that some areas of the globe will soon be dealing with [severe food shortages](#).

What we really need are a few years of really good growing weather, but the behaviour of the sun may not make that possible.

So let’s keep a very close eye on the giant ball of fire that we are revolving around, because if it remains very quiet that could mean big trouble for all of us.