# 1AC Cuban Agriculture

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#### Contention One – Agriculture

#### The collapse of global agriculture is inevitable – monocultures, pesticides, soil depletion, climate change, pollinators, peak oil and declining yields all mean a new agriculture model is key to sustainability

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The U.S. agricultural system is ... help to ensure food security.

#### Cuba’s model of urban agriculture is a sustainable alternative

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While urban agriculture was a ... impacting the environment or society.

#### The plan jumpstarts US investment in Cuban organoponics – causing a widespread global urban agricultural revolution

**Shkolnick, 12** - J.D. Candidate, Drake University Law School (Jacob, “SIN EMBARGO: n1 THE CUBAN AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE UNITED STATES” 17 Drake J. Agric. L. 683, Fall, lexis)

VI. New Opportunities While investment ... for urban agriculture to flourish.

#### A transition to urban agriculture solves environmental collapse—multiple warrants

Wright 08, Julia Wright: Ph.D., Ecological Farming and Food Systems in Cuba, Wageningen University, The Netherlands. P.G.Dip., Land and Water Management, Cranfield University. M.Sc., Sustainable Agriculture, University of London. B.A., Studies in the Rural Environment, University of Wales. She is now a Deputy Director at the Centre for Agroecology and Food Security, (“Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security in an Era of Oil Scarcity : Lessons from Cuba ”, page 1, November 2008)

There is little contestation over ... on legume pasture(Hamer and Anslow, 2008).

#### Environmental collapse risks extinction—loss of biodiversity causes ecosystem degradation

Ehrlich & Ehrlich 13 – Professor of Biology & Senior Research Scientist in Biology @ Stanford University (Paul R. Ehrlich (President of the Center for Conservation Biology @ Stanford University) & Anne H. Ehrlich, “Can a collapse of global civilization be avoided?,” Proceedings of the Royal Society Biological Sciences, Proc. R. Soc. B 2013 280, published online 9 January 2013)

Virtually every past civilization has ... majority of people would disappear.

## 1AC Multilateralism

#### Contention Two – Multilateralism

#### US leadership is unsustainable without a highly visible commitment to multilateralism

**Lake, 10–** Professor of Social Sciences, distinguished professor of political science at UC San Diego (David A., “Making America Safe for the World: Multilateralism and the Rehabilitation of US authority”, http://dss.ucsd.edu/~dlake/documents/LakeMakingAmericaSafe.pdf)

The safeguarding of US authority ... to a new world order.

#### We’ll isolate several internal links—

#### First is the First Step – lifting the agriculture restrictions on Cuba is a key first step that sets the foundation for effective mutlilateralism – prevents diplomatic and economic conflicts

**U.S. Chamber of Commerce 13** [“Oppose Unilateral Economic Sanctions,” U.S. Chamber of Commerce, http://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/international/files/Oppose%20Unilateral%20Economic%20Sanctions.pdf]

Oppose Unilateral Economic Sanctions¶ During ... the¶ United States to countersanctions.

#### Second is a Gradual Loosening—promoting relations and opening Cuba to US markets allows for further engagement and creates a credible model for multilateral conflict resolution – solves all war scenarios

Dickerson 10 – Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, paper submitted in fulfillment of a Master of Strategic Studies Degree at the US Army War College (Sergio M, “UNITED STATES SECURITY STRATEGY TOWARDS CUBA,” 1/14/10, http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/a518053.pdf)

At the international political level ... peace for years to come.

#### Multilateralism prevents multiple scenarios for extinction—

#### The alternative to multilateralism is unilateral militarism – the plan establishes a model for hemispheric diplomacy that sustains US leadership – solves all impacts

Grandin 10 – teaches history at New York University and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Greg, “Empire's Senescence: U.S. Policy in Latin America,” *New Labor Forum*, 19:1, Winter 2010, pg. 14-23)

Washington’s relations with Latin America ... paralysis quicken the U.S.’s fall.

#### Multipolarity solves all impacts – collapse makes all their impacts inevitable

**Dyer, ’04** (Gwynne, Ph.D Military Affairs @ King’s College London, M.A. Military History @ Rice, “The End of War”, Toronto Star, 12/30/2004, http://www.commondreams.org/views04/1230-05.htm)

War is deeply embedded in ... of the existing state system.

## 1AC Plan

#### Text: The United States Executive Branch should pursue trade liberalization with Cuba for agriculture commodities.

## 1AC Solvency

#### Contention Three – Solvency

#### The President has the authority to implement preferential trade access for Cuban agricultural products facilitating exports to the US

Timothy Ashby, Senior Research Fellow at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, 11/22/11

(HELPING CUBAN REFORMS THROUGH AGRICULTURAL TRADE, www.coha.org/helping-cuban-reforms-through-agricultural-trade/

Cuba’s private farmers are an ... products actually grown in the U.S.

#### **Access to the US market is make or break for Cuban organic agriculture – Cuba will only revert to industrial agriculture without access to US markets**

Kost 04 – Agricultural Economist with ERS, U.S. Department of Agriculture(URBAN AGRICULTURE: TO BE OR NOT TO BE ORGANIC?http://www.ascecuba.org/publications/proceedings/volume14/pdfs/kost.pdf)

In addition to the above ... sectors of the Cuban economy.

#### Cuba won’t revert to industrial agriculture—several reasons—

#### Cuba will outcompete industrial models and promote global adoption

Christina Cornell, Research Associate at Council on Hemispheric Affairs, 4/17/09 (Cuba Elevates Urban Gardening to a Cause, http://www.thecuttingedgenews.com/index.php?article=11525)

Many worry whether Cuba’s budget ... through competitive transactions and trade.

#### Prior experience makes it a political nonstarter

**Zepeda, 3** - Lydia Zepeda is a professor in the Department of Consumer Science and a Fellow at the Center for World Affairs and Global Economics, University of Wisconsin (Choices: The Magazine of Food, Farm, and Resource Issues, “Cuban Agriculture: A Green and Red Revolution” http://www.choicesmagazine.org/2003-4/2003-4-01.htm)

What will the future bring? ... and music in the world.