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'Climate change': Clucker crow

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There's a chill in the hot air spewed by "mainstream" scientists, who now acknowledge that the global warming hiatus — they call it a "slowdown" — over 15 years-plus is real.

But even more stunning, the prognosticators of climate calamity now admit their cherished models were — GASP! — wrong.

"There is a mismatch between what the climate models are producing and what the observations are showing," says John Fyfe, a Canadian climate modeler and lead author of a new paper on this subject. Says Penn State's Michael Mann, inventor of the questioned "hockey stick" temperature graph, "We shouldn't sweep the early 2000 warming slowdown under the rug."

Their observations follow last year's study by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which found there was no global-warming hiatus.

If this is a wake-up call from those scientists long mesmerized by the lure of government funding in climate research, we welcome it. Skeptics have been challenging those same models for years.

A recent paper by the Cato Institute compared global surface temperature warming rates (since 1950) to predictions made by 108 models used by government scientists. Researchers observed much higher projected temperature rates than what actually occurred, The Daily Caller reports.

All of which, no doubt, must be quite unsettling to the climate cluckers, now forced to eat at least an appetizer of crow.