

# ***BAD EATS:***

**"IF YOU KNEW HOW YOUR FOOD WAS MADE YOU WOULDN'T EAT IT"**



# US

- 80% of the beef supply in the US is controlled by:

- Tyson
- Swift
- Cargill
- National Beef

- 97% of chicken in the US is produced by a farmer that is under contract with a big chicken company.

- 4 companies control 60% of the US poultry market

- Tyson
- Perdue
- Sanderson Farms
- Pilgrim's Pride





- The unnatural feeds, hormones, and excessive quantities of antibiotics used on factory farms put the human population at risk for chronic disease, obesity, and drug-resistant bacteria, and pose the threat of major zoonotic disease outbreaks.
- Cows in the dairy industry can be given growth hormones in order to increase their milk production. Once their productivity declines, these cows are slaughtered for beef.
- The six growth hormones commonly used by the U.S. dairy industry have been shown to significantly increase the risk of breast, prostate, and colon cancer in beef consumers. Producers are not required to list the use of hormones on product labels.
- Using antibiotics on animals can lead to drug-resistant bacteria; as a result, certain bacterial infections have already become or are on their way to becoming untreatable in humans. Antibiotic resistant infections kill 90,000 Americans every year.
- Poor sanitation and waste management on factory farms and the poor management of animal waste can lead to the contamination of the food supply by bacteria like E.coli and salmonella. Each year 76 million Americans become ill from food borne illness, and thousands die.
- Some diseases, like H1N1 (Swine Flu) and Avian Flu, are communicable from animals to humans. These “zoonotic” diseases have the potential to become pandemics. Experts believe that the outbreak of H1N1 was likely caused by the overcrowding of pigs on factory farms and the storage of their waste in giant manure lagoons.

# HISTORY

**“FACTORY FARMING  
FIRST TOOK STAGE  
IN THE 1920’S.”**





- Factory farming started with chickens and first appeared on the scene in 1926. It wasn't by design but rather the result of an over delivery of 450 chicks to a small farm on the Delmarva Peninsula.
- Instead of returning the overage, the farmer/housewife decided to keep them indoors through the winter. The chicks survived and almost ten years later, she had increased her flock to 250,000. Although this was chicken feed by today's standards, the seeds of chicken factories had been planted.
- It wasn't until the early 1970's that the first giant animal factories appeared and they were for egg production.

- Hog CAFOs can be traced back to Wendell Murphy, a North Carolina state senator. Prior to becoming a senator, he was a pig farmer and decided to mimic what the chicken industry had done.
- Throughout the '80s and '90s, Murphy's company contracted with farmers to construct massive pig sheds on their property and raise pigs for him.
- In effect, he transformed small independent hog farmers into sharecroppers, raising more pigs than ever before but only getting a small return for each pig.





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CAFOs have had a negative impact on consumer health, rural areas surrounding the factories, and our environment. It's time that the government stop covering up their tracks and make them face the consequences that come with their actions. It's time we put a stop to the ecoli outbreaks, the polluting of water sources in rural communities surrounding CAFOs, and the deforestation that has come with factory farming.

# **1 Get Informed**

- Read articles
- Watch videos
- Do research on where your food comes from and how its produced

## **2 Take Action**

- Sign Petitions
- Protest
- Stop buying products produced by CAFOs
- Go vegetarian/ vegan
- Support small local farms
- Eat organic/ grass-fed meat only

## **3 Inform Others**

- Inform your family and friends by showing them viable evidence in articles or videos

SOLUTIONS

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