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C.A.F.NO!



Why are we eating this?

Why are so few people upset about what's happening to our food supply? Why do cases of e.coli and reports of meat recalls last about 90 seconds during broadcasting? Why, on earth, are we treating animals and our planet this way just to have a stupid hamburger, porkchop, or a chicken wing dinner at our fingertips? People will test drive several cars before making a purchase, walk through dozens of houses before making an offer, try on 26 pairs of shoes before the clerk can make a sale, sample multiple scents before buying perfumes - why do we hardly think twice about finding out where our food comes from?

Its hard to know where to start with a subject like this. I wish I could exhaust all the info I have read or watched, but I really believe it is up to every consumer to educate themselves on this matter. We shouldn't waste our time wondering why subjects like this never make it to the front page of MSN or on prime time news outlets. Just Google, rent library books, read medical journals online, watch documentaries - whatever you have to do - just check the facts for yourself.



After watching this documentary - seeing arsenic chicken waste dumped next to homes occupied by the elderly, children from toddler years to early 20s contracting cancer, the amount of toxic waste running into the air and water supplies, and the condition in which factory farmed birds live - I am left with this initial thought: the production of our food is **PURELY** about profit. Humans do not need food produced this way, period. This is excess of the most filthy kind and unnecessary on so many levels. Factory farming has absolutely nothing to do with "feeding the world." It simply has to do with lining pockets.

Corporate farming techniques have supplanted the conventional and organic farmer as the authority on raising animals for slaughter. Essentially, this means that fat-bellied, inhumane, indecent, greedy SOBs are comfortably positioned in air-conditioned offices hundreds and even thousands of miles afar from the wastelands they are producing. CAFOs (confined animal feeding operations) are a result of a gross abuse of power and a serious loss of connection to human life.

(Side note: most people say *money is the root of all evil*. On the contrary my friends, money in and of itself is not and can not be evil. Instead, what you will find when you read where this saying **originated**, you will see the truth is the *LOVE OF* money is the root of all evil. There is nothing wrong with being rich. The issues lies within a cold-hearted, walking-dead, human being who would do any-and-every thing just to have it.)

CAFOs , or factory farms, have zero - do you hear me! - **ZERO** positive outcome or reward for the general population, namely consumers who continue to eat this meat. In the US alone, factory farms create 1.3 billion tons for sewage in a single year. The toxins produced from the waste of these farms is costing the lives of humans, other animals, and the planet. The consequences of CAFOs are as follows:

- Carcinogenic (cancer causing) fumes, phosphorous poisoning, ammonia, arsenic poisoning
- Antibiotic resistant pathogens - e.coli, salmonella, campylobacter, MRSA (staph infections), influenza [some 80% of all antibiotics produced in our country is developed for livestock as a growth stimulant and also used to fend off the bacteria that breeds in CAFOs] - no new research and development is really being conducted to improve the effectiveness of antibiotics in humans (this is due to some profit margin...basically human medical intervention is a bad investment. Why improve health when there is money to be made from illnesses?) In the future, contracting the "common cold" might spell death for the young and the elderly
- Growth hormones (a.k.a. endocrine disruption) - males and females develop reproductive hormones too early, this is known to lead to early onset of various cancers, notably: breast, ovarian, and prostate
- Poisoned soil & contaminated crops
- Air, land, and water pollution
- Animal sewage & waste dumped on land untreated



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The US, in comparison to other countries, boasts of a wide acceptance of CAFO farming with its use of arsenic in poultry production and synthetic growth hormones in cattle. Yet for some reason or another these facts are not something manufacturers are proud to stamp on their products. Perhaps in finding clever ways to mislead consumers on nutrition, trans fats, and GMOs, there simply isn't enough room for these practices on the labels. Can you imagine walking into a supermarket, grabbing a package of meat with a seal that said:

50% off Sale! For consumer satisfaction, this meat was raised in the dark under inhumane circumstances. Abuse only occurred under high stress situations where workers are grossly underpaid and treated with the same respect as the meat produced in our factory.

This meat may contain hair, feces, GMO animal feed, foreign objects, cross-bred antibiotic-resistant bacteria, and other unknown ingredients. 100% Natural.

What a joke. I am not even hungry anymore.

Here are some branches of agribusiness to research. (Beware of the diplomatic and/or high-minded approach to their information):

- FDA (Food & Drug Administration)
- GMA (Grocery Manufacturers Association)
- USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture)
- WHO (World Health Organization)

These entities were originally designed to protect public health and regulate fair practices in agriculture and the medical industry. Instead, these suckas have sold us out. They put the sole responsibility of health on consumers and refuse to take any responsibility for the mess they are making of the planet. Big money is spent on false advertising to the public and to disguise certain tactics in positive commercial campaigns that are seemingly good for consumers. If that fails, the media and prime time television are in place to redirect attention toward nonsensical, meaningless reports and reality/comedy shows that keep the masses mindless with full bellies.

Meat packing companies, lobbyists, executive board members, special interest groups, and wealthy politicians are working hard to ban images of CAFOs that show blatant abuse of animals and the endangerment of human beings. Also, millions of dollars are spent in the hopping, skipping, and jumping to new "processes" of eliminating waste. Here are some of the ways I've found so far:

- Feeding waste (dead animals including their blood and organs) to other animals
- Using waste as fertilizer
- Compost dumping sites in rural areas
- Recycling meat to create extenders or "fillers" (one filler is known as *pink slime* but there are many **others**)

I could go on forever, but I think you get the point. If at all possible, whether its 10%, 50%, 75% or 100% - go organic, local, and GMO free. Sign petitions, tell anyone who will listen about our food system, start blogs, share photos and reports, stop using fastfood as a meal, grow your own garden - whatever you do just please do something besides continuing to eat this mess!

Consumers can start to take the upper hand on this deal. If we demand clean food, it will be given. Consumers don't really need money to fight on this side of the issue, we need to simply make decisions with our money that will hurt profits - that is the

only language these big businesses speak. If we sit back, do nothing, ignore the issues, continue poisoning ourselves and the planet - the only thing that will be left is the money corporate agriculture collected from our grocery and restaurant bills.



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