

Plush for the Planet Lesson: Animal Agriculture

A "factory farm" is a large-scale industrial operation that houses thousands of animals raised for food—such as chickens, turkeys, cows, and pigs—and treats them with hormones and antibiotics to prevent disease and maximize their growth and food output.

Environmental Impact:

Confining so many animals in one place produces much more waste than the surrounding land can handle. As a result, factory farms are associated with various environmental hazards, such as water, land and air pollution.

What You can Do:

Support your local Farmer's Market and avoid factory farmed meat, dairy, and eggs. Shopping local provides higher welfare food, supports a community business, and you can talk direct to the farmers who raise your product.

Eat less meat, dairy, and eggs. Did you know it takes more then 2,400 gallons of water to produce one pound of meat? Reducing your intake of these items is great for our planet and also gives you an opportunity to eat a plant based meal that contributes to your overall health.



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14% of the United States' green house gas emissions are from Livestock Pollution



A typical supermarket chicken today contains more than twice the fat, and about a third less protein than 40 years ago