**Industrial farming**

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**Industrial farming**

Industrial farming or factory farming is a kind of the farming of animals.

It means to hold mostly only one type of animals i big factorys tp slaught them in there. The animals are often chicken, pics, cows or gooses that get fatten there untill they are fat enough to get slaught. That menas these animals live often less then one years and much shorter then their life expectancy (Only some cows life longer because of their milk).

This comes from special food the animals get to grow faster. This menas after only a few month they give the same meat as an over years grown „normal“ animal on a normal farm. So they earn in the same time much more money, what the only advantage of this kind of farming is.

The name industrial farming came in the 1970 ears when this kind farming gets more and more popular. This is many ears ago but the industry still grows, from 1998 to 2008, in only ten years about 47%, in last four years 7.5%.

Today live two times of livestock animal as humans in germany, over 80% oft them will never see the sun and stay their whole life inside laying batteries.

In this chart you can see the life expectancy of animals lifing as livestock animals in farms and animals lifing in natur: only a moiety!

Gooses are extrem case: they life not even one year in facotry in contrast to gooses in natur wich life about 40 years!

**Consequences for humans and earth**

Industrial farming has a massive impact on the environment and and humans.

**South American cattle-farming**

A well-known example is the cattle farming in South America. The cattle needs lots passture (grassland) and lots of food. To get more land to plant soy many woods get cleared, often by slash and burn method. This means to burn an area down: this is really fast but also means that the ground gets infertile and cant be used the next years. So this method is not really sustained.

The result is a very high release of carbon-dioxide and there are less trees to filtre this substance out of the air, this supports the greenhouse effect!

Also more grassland means more export ( of meat and cattle), because there is a big buisness of cattle farming.

This transports and the fact of more cows and cattle that produce methane, also supports the greenhouse effect!

The cattle-farming in South America has also a big impact on the local people. To protect their soy from parasitesy many farmers use illegal pesticides, which cause cancer and other diseases, so a big amount of people in the rual areas die as young people.

**Impact on Africa**

Trough our european consumer behavior the most parts of poultry are getting sold to poor african countries, where the local farmers aren't able to keep up with the low prices, so they go bankrupt.

Another problem is that 90% of the sold european meat is already rotten when it gets sold, which causes illnesses.

**Impact on Germany**

Also the german environment and citizen is affected by industrial farming.

The high amount of sulphur in the air, which is manly produced by pigs and acidosis of the ground caused by the use of slurry, causes the death of many indigenous plants, which causes the death of animals, which need these plants to survive.

The overly use of antibiotics in lifestocks leads to the formation of antibiotic-resistant germs, which kill thousands of people every year.

Our massive consumption of meat also causes other diseases and obesity.

**What can I do?**

All this facts sound very hard and cruel angainst animals. But it is only the truth.

So the question is: What can I myself do to interrupt this? How can I help?

At first, everybody can help. You can stop to buy products, made of livestock animals. On every pack of eggs is a number that shows, where they are from.

So you can spend a few cents more for meat of a normal farm, where you can be save not to support industrial farming.

Maybe you can buy in future at the butcher or another adress, where you know where from meat comes from. That it is from the same county does not means as well it is from a farm, there are many farming facory in germany as well, all around.

Another point is to go maybe to a demonstration close by. Show that you are against and dont like what they do, maybe write a letter to some politicans. If you need some information look online, there are many organisations with internet sites where you can find for example events or you can support them with only or only on social media sites.

Last point is very easy: only to speak about it. Tell friend and family what you think about and whats the problem. Maybe some of them understand what you mean or have the same point of view, have only not thought about this yet.

**Conclusion**

Industrial farming is a issue, which can't be ignored. There are happening sad things right in front of us and we have to take action and change something and everyone can help. Even if you don't feel like to change the world you can do little things against it, which are listed in the previous part.

Industrial farming is just a thing because of our consumer behavior.

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