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...Destroys Habitats. The process begins with clear-cutting of forests to create pastures for cattle and other ruminants. It continues as pastures are plowed under and turned into animal feed cropland after they are overgrazed. Wildlife suffers as millions of birds, deer, and predators are squeezed out of their home or killed for "interfering" with animal agribusiness. [1]




...Causes Climate Change. Methane and nitrous oxide are far more powerful greenhouse gases than carbon dioxide, and their number one source is the billions of chickens, turkeys, pigs, and cows raised for food. According to the United Nations, animal agriculture is responsible for more global warming than all forms of transportation combined! [2]



...Wastes & Pollutes Water. It requires hundreds of gallons of water to produce just one serving of meat, resulting in 8% of the world's water supply being used to raise animals for food. Additionally, the animal agriculture sector is the largest polluter of our water supply, rivers, lakes, and oceans in the form of pesticides, antibiotics, and animal waste. [3]



...Burns Fossil Fuels. Transporting meat and dairy to the market accounts for 5-10% of all fossil fuel consumption in the developed world. The long process involves fertilizing animal feed, transporting that feed to farms, transporting animals from breeding facility to farm to the slaughterhouse to packing plant, and then packaging and transporting the final product to its destination. [4]



...Damages Air Quality. Dust from topsoil depletion and ammonia and hydrogen sulfide from animal waste cause farm workers and rural community residents to develop bronchitis and asthma. EPA exemptions prevent most animal farms from being regulated under the Clean Air Act. [5]

