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Factory farming poses a threat to the health of Americans. Since the livestock is kept in such cramped quarters, they're given a lot of antibiotics in their feed. It's common knowledge that this practice is resulting in diseases that don't respond to antibiotics. A case in point is swine flu.

Another resulting problem of factory farms is that they kill the small family farm where animals are raised without antibiotics. It's also very hard for family farms to compete with agri-business. This lack of competition is not only bad for our health, but also killing the rural way of life in the U.S., and the environment.

The enormous holding ponds of waste often contaminate ground water and pose a threat to the ecosystem in general. In short, agri-business with its mechanization and horrible treatment of livestock and the environment has proven itself unsustainable.

The government should be cracking down on agri-business so that small and much more sustainable farms will be able to survive in these hard times.

Sincerely,

The I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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