

Mega-dairies (and other types of factory farms) pollute the water and air, endangering the livelihood of people living downstream and around the CAFO; treat animals poorly in order to save costs; exploit their laborers who are typically paid minimum wages and are predominantly people of color.

They end up benefiting only the owners. While consumers arguably get lower prices on dairy products, it comes at the expense of all the above drawbacks. But consumers are fickle. With the industry facing stiff competition from plant-derived products, they would be forced to keep going down this downward spiral to save further on costs, endangering our environment, workers and animals. It's time to put a stop to this until their harmful effects are comprehensively studied. Oregon should not allow exploitation of the many for the benefit of a few.