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I moved to the rural Willamette Valley eight years ago. I value the beauty of the land here, and treasure my connection to the many local farmers who steward their land and their animals responsibly to provide us with nutritious food.

Large CAFO's are a nightmare for all of us. They produce cheap meat, eggs and milk in a way that is unhealthy for the animals and places far too great a burden on the land. Small farmers are able to integrate their inputs and outputs. They do not create lagoons of waste or pollute our air or water.

I believe livestock can benefit the environment if incorporated into the land appropriately. CAFOs don't work because they violate the laws of scale. The land cannot tolerate such high concentrations! CAFOs are about making money, and that's it. The companies that own these factory farms are not good neighbors, they are not good stewards.

Please, please do not ruin Oregon with any more CAFOs.

Thank you.