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Factory Farming is horrible for the planet and for the animals.

Factory farms fuel climate change by releasing harmful and dangerous greenhouse gas emissions such as methane and nitrous oxide.

One ton of manure from large dairy farms produces more than twice as many greenhouse gas emissions as one ton of manure from small dairy farms due to manure management practices.

Large CAFOs rely on unsustainable agricultural practices which produce massive amounts of manure, along with significant methane, ammonia, and nitrous oxide emissions. Shifting to regenerative, sustainable practices would create a resilient food system that prioritizes the health of our environment and our communities. Oregon has progressive, humane values. Yet farmed animals, especially in industrial-scale settings, still suffer immensely as they spend their lives in overcrowded and unsanitary confinement.

Unlike industrial practices used by large CAFOs, small and mid-sized farms prioritize higher welfare standards, such as access to pasture and the space to carry out natural behaviors.

Chickens are confined along with their ammonia-filled litter, which leads to ulcerated feet, feather loss, blisters, tumors, osteoporosis, and more. We have to do better than this.