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Subject: Fw: manitobafactoryfarming

I sent this letter to a friend who had written a fantastic article regarding corporate farming and the misuse of animal refuse, the mistreatment of animals and the dire result of this all on the universe, people and the environment. I would very much like you to have a copy of this letter so that you are aware that there are other people than the farmers and the so called environmentalists who know what is going on and want to stop it before it is too late.

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> A friend forwarded me an email copy of the "Clean Environment
> Commission Hog Industry Review" and I was so pleased and impressed
> with the review
and
> the list of people it was forwarded to.
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> I was also intrigued by your last line "Where do we go from here?"
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> For years now the government has allowed the big industrial farming
> organizations to rule their separate little roosts, as well as what
happens
> in the farming industry and the use of different methods to (as they
> call
> it) improve production - be it of cattle, hogs, grain or chickens,
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> For years now we have been having problems with the issue of
> "corporate farming", the rapid growth of the "fast growth" of all
> types of food - and the subsequent use of methods that are not only
> harmful to the human race, the environment and the health of the
> nation but are only involved in the making of big bucks for the higher
corporations involved i.e.
manufacturers
> of chemicals for the fertilization of the soil, the destruction of so
called
> "weeds" and the manufacturing of genetically manipulated feed for our
> animals, as well as the production of genetically altered seeds which
> I
read
> at one time were required to be used by the farmers because the
> industry does not want farmers growing their own seeds (of course not
> - they would not be paying the seed companies for that privilege) (I
> refer here to
only
> the genetically manipulated seeds)
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> There is also the issue of cruelty to the animals which are penned up

> and force fed so that they grow faster, larger and with less real food
> value than ever before. We can see in our young people how these
> genetically altered feeds for animals and seeds for grains are
> changing our youth, making them larger, probably less healthy from
> many points of view - and
we
> have not even begun to see the long term result of any of this.
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> Your article on the hog industry is excellent and hopefully the
> results will be positive - but it is only the beginning of the fight.
> The family farm is a thing of the past because of the rush to be
> "corporate" , and
the
> control of farming by the industries that manufacture the chemicals
farmers
> have been using for years, plus the manufacture of the genetically
> altered feeds, seeds and whatever else they have begun to use their "I am god"
> attitude in producing and forcing upon the public.
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> It is time those of us who care about our life on this planet and the
lives
> of all those to come after us, came together as a large organization
which
> extends beyond political bonds, racial, religious and ethnic
> boundaries -
to
> become the largest environmental protection agency in the world -
> using
the
> knowledge of environmentalists, scientists, the medical profession and
> the educational fields both in the schools and the universities - to
> spread
the
> facts as your article to clearly describes. Not only do you cover
> the emotional side of all the problems with commercially gigantic
> farming
groups
> and mass production of animals with no thought to the animal, the
> environment, the results to people and the earth - but you articulate
> in a sensitive, intelligent and awakening way.
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> If I can be of any help as an individual or as someone who might put
> my thoughts and ideals in line with whatever fight we need to get
> involved in so that we can protect the lives of our children,
> grandchildren and future generations, plus the well-being of animals,
> the earth and the future on this planet - please let me know.
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> Thank you so much for your work in this field.
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> Margaret McAdam
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