

A look at how animals, including humans, are treated in today's food system

CELEBRATING NATIONAL PIG DAY



By Mike Callicrate

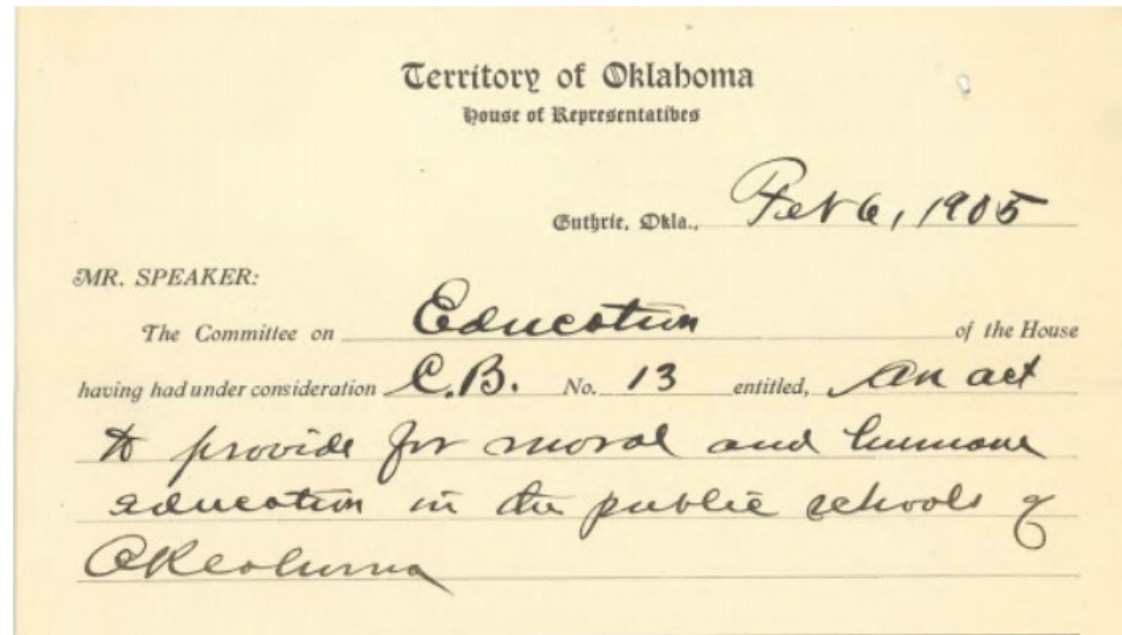
OSU- Oklahoma City

March 1, 2023



**KIRKPATRICK
FOUNDATION**

The year before Upton Sinclair's, *The Jungle* 1906



THE TEACHING OF MORALITY

Sec. 8234. HUMANITY—In each and every public school in addition to the other branches of study now prescribed, not less than one-half hour of each week, during the whole of each term of school, shall be devoted ***to teaching the school children attending said school kindness to and humane treatment and protection of dumb animals and birds; their lives, habits and usefulness, and the important part they are intended to fulfill in the economy of nature,*** and such studies on the subject as the board of public education may adopt.

Ontology: The study of the nature of being

So, considering, “... *kindness to and humane treatment and protection of dumb animals,*” how did this happen?

470,000 pregnant sow pigs in Oklahoma

Estimated 95% are housed in gestation crates

And this, concerning Oklahoma’s family farms and ranches:

2,400% rise of foreign owned agriculture land in Oklahoma since 2004

Oklahoma leads the nation in the rise of foreign owned ag land (2021)

Oklahoma led the nation in farm bankruptcies (2019)

Oklahoma is a prime example of poor policy, passed under the guise of "helping rural communities"

For factory farms to replace family farms

IOWA STATE COLLEGE



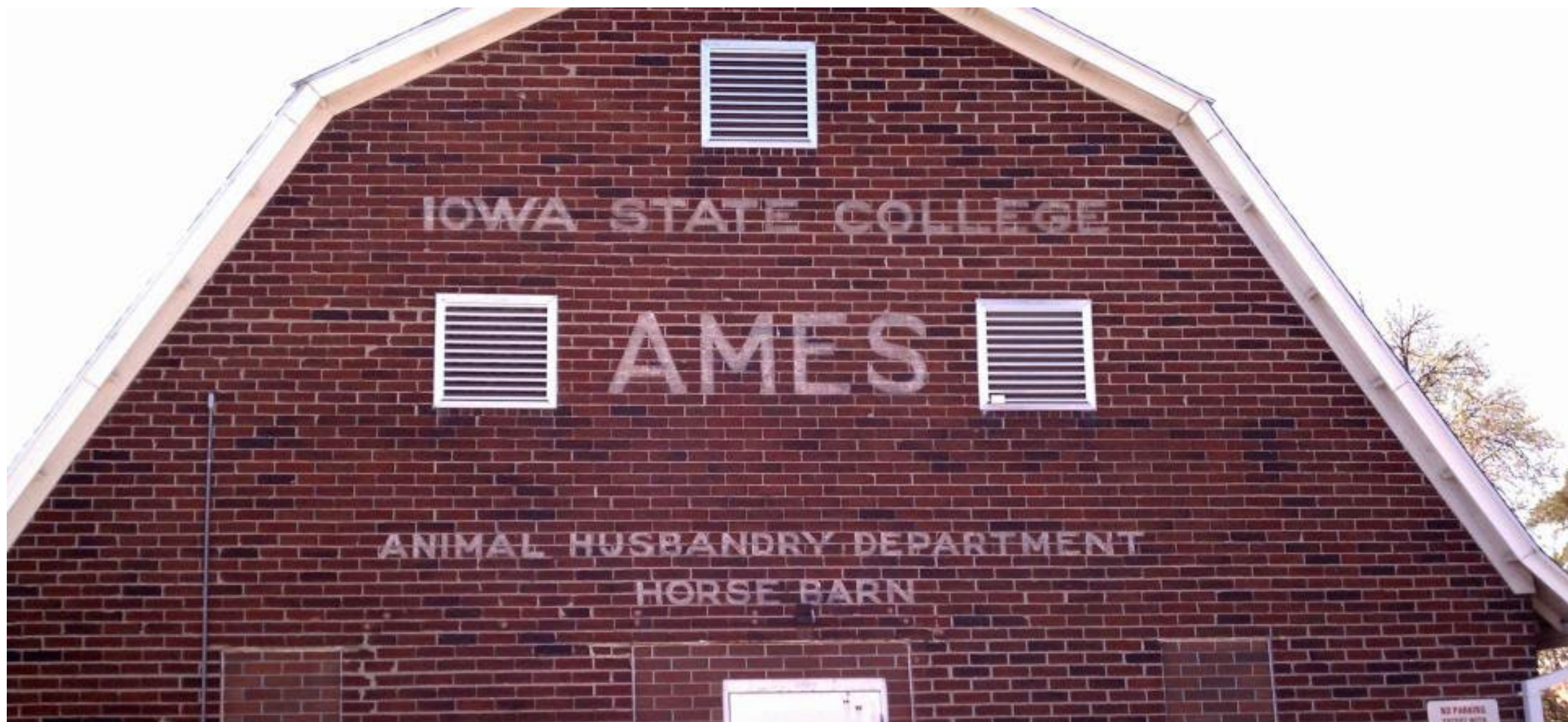
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ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT
HORSE BARN

**Animal Science had to
replace Animal Husbandry**

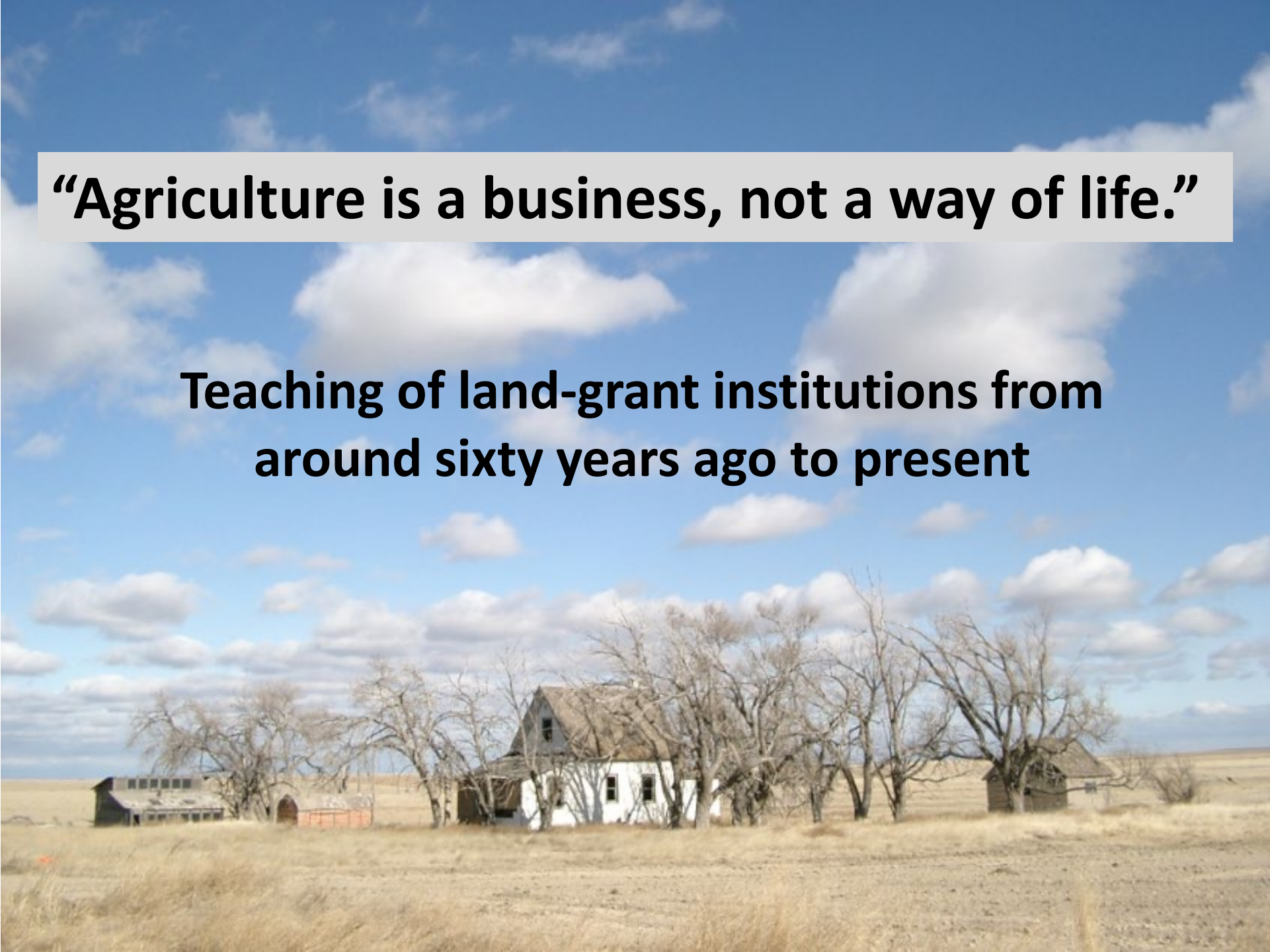
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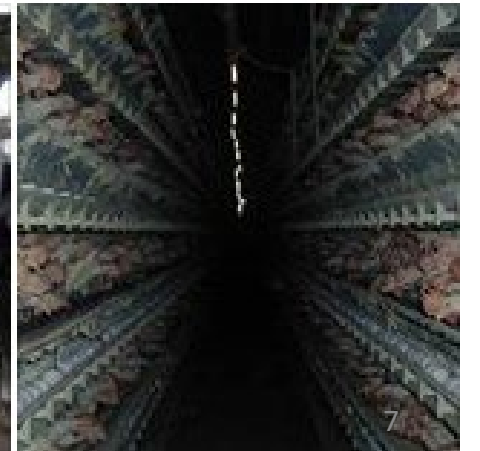
In 1959, this Iowa land-grant college was officially renamed Iowa State University of Science and Technology. Animal Husbandry gave way to industrialized Animal Science, betraying the vision of President Lincoln.

“Agriculture is a business, not a way of life.”

**Teaching of land-grant institutions from
around sixty years ago to present**



Animal Science





Animal
Husbandry

Gunthorp Farms
Lagrange, Indiana

"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men."

- St. Francis of Assisi, Roman Catholic friar, founder of the Franciscans Order





The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated. - Mahatma Gandhi



WHITE OAK

EST.  1866

PASTURES

BLUFFTON, GEORGIA

SHOULD HOGS LIVE
IN SKYSCRAPERS?

26 story hog skyscraper in China



foodtank

Empty barns: Prolonged low milk prices pressuring dairy farms to fold

Jan 31, 2018

"You just had to fool yourself every day that you were going to make it," said Euerle, a father of four. "As a farmer, your mentality is that things will get better, but it didn't."

[ALEXANDRIA, Minn.](#)—There wasn't really a last straw that made Billy Euerle walk away from his Garfield dairy farm last year.

Headline: Dairy Co-op Sends Farmers Suicide Hotline Numbers After Milk Prices Plummet



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To free the pig, we must free the farmer

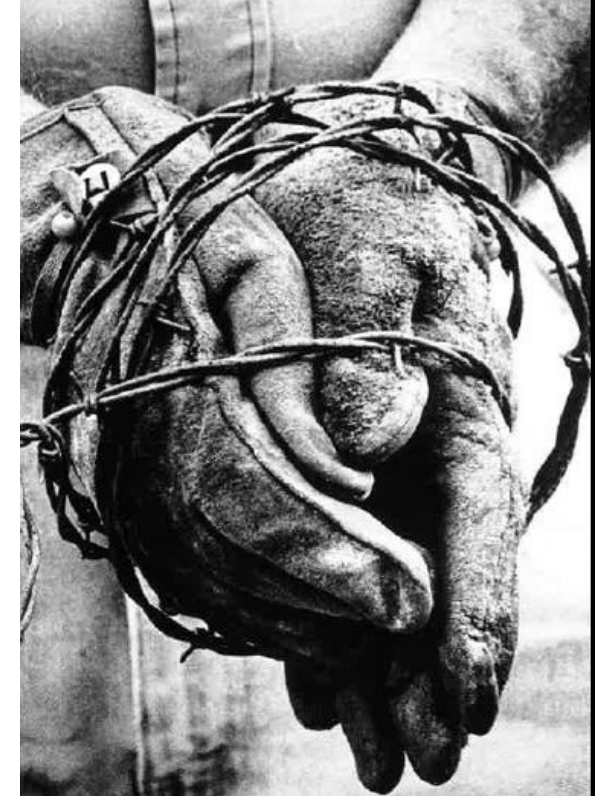


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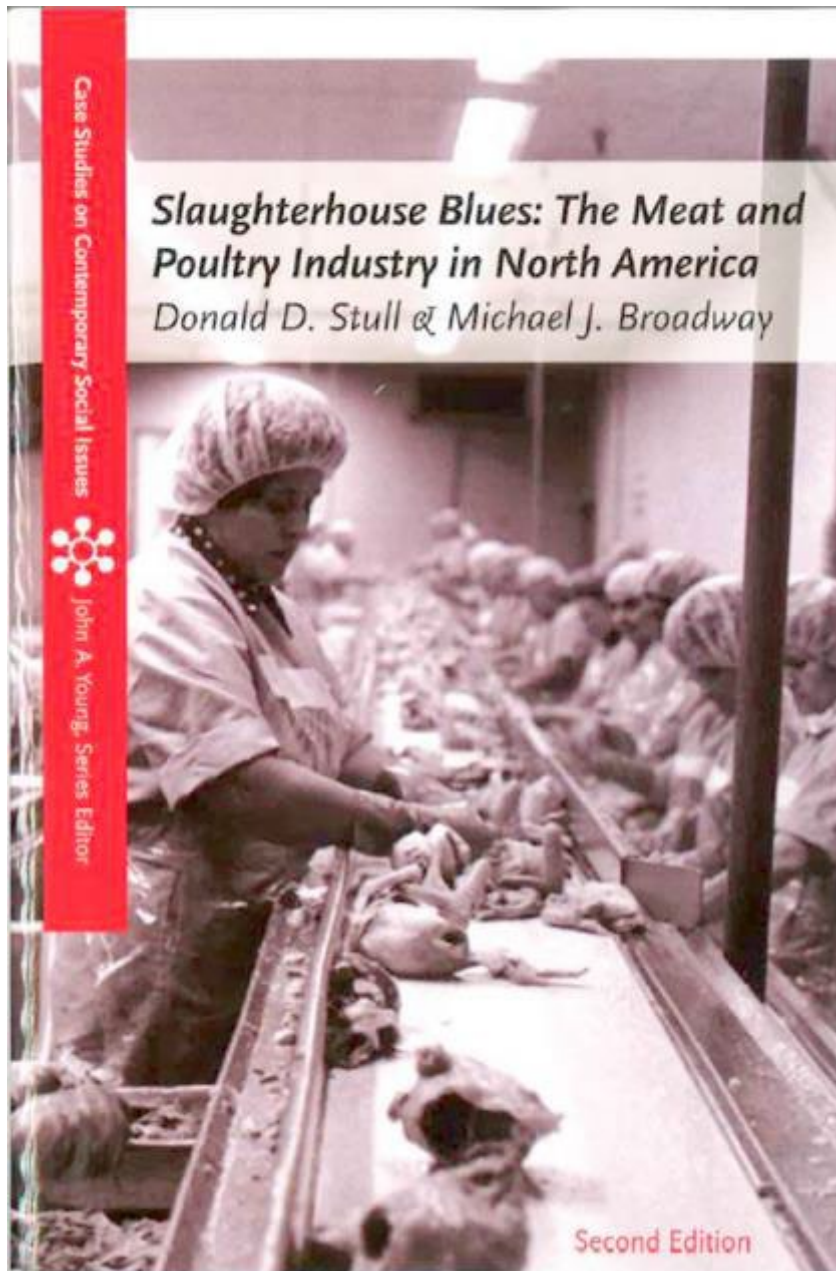
Is There an End in Sight for Gestation Crates?

By Sentient Media September 24, 2018

EATING IS A
MORAL ACT



National Catholic
Rural Life Conference



“Despite the intervening century, with it’s dizzying array of technological advances and dramatic social reforms, meat and poultry processing early in the twenty-first century is regrettably reminiscent of what Sinclair (*The Jungle* 1906) described early in the twentieth.”

America's Worst Graveyard Shift Is Grinding Up Workers

Bloomberg - December 29, 2017



Cleanup at the slaughterhouse is as dangerous as it is repulsive, and the immigrants who do the work are under pressure to complete it faster than ever.



AP File Photo/David Zalubowski

Return to the Jungle

A worker heads into the JBS meatpacking plant in Greeley, Colo., on Oct. 12, 2020. **JBS** is one of 13 meatpacking plants in eight states that the Department of Labor says have **employed children as young as 13.**

A Picture of Food System Success and Failure

Local Supply Chain - Ranch Foods Direct

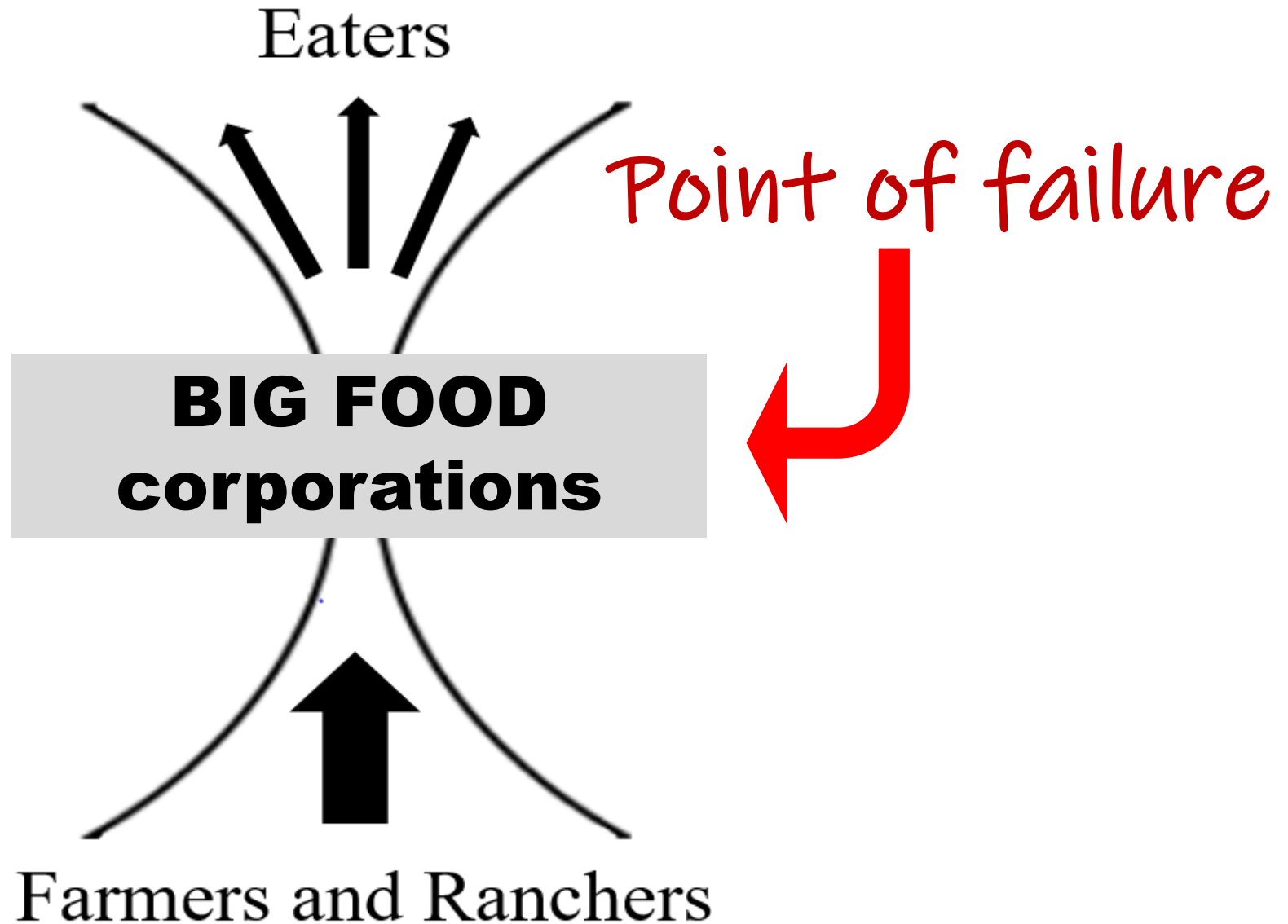


Global Supply Chain - Kroger

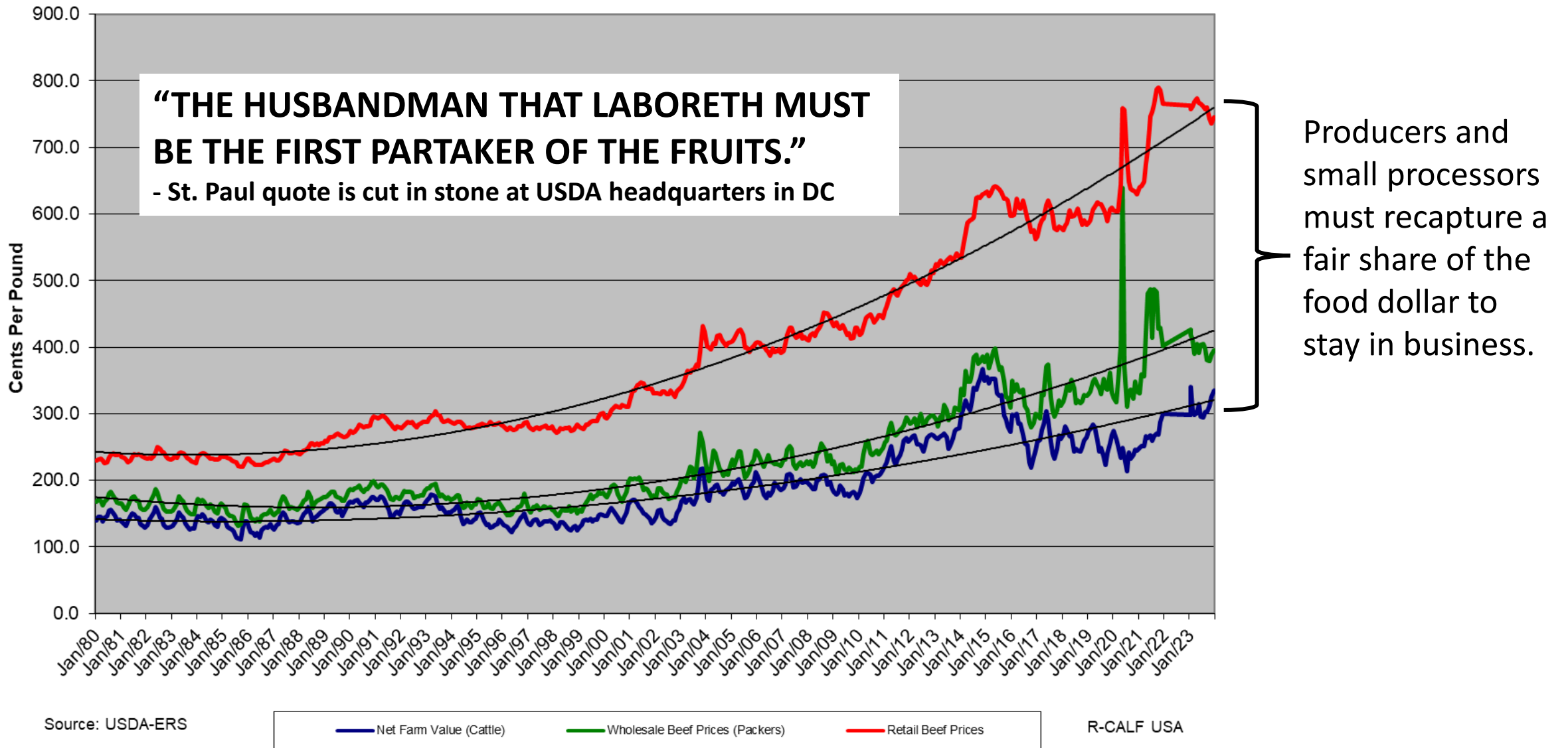


Colorado Springs - Saturday March 13, 2020 - 5:30 pm

CURRENT U.S. FOOD SYSTEM



Middlemen have taken the producer and worker share of the food dollar.



Retail Beef Prices vs Wholesale Prices vs Net farm value Jan 1980 – May 2022

“There’s an economic term to describe this phenomenon: It’s called stealing.”

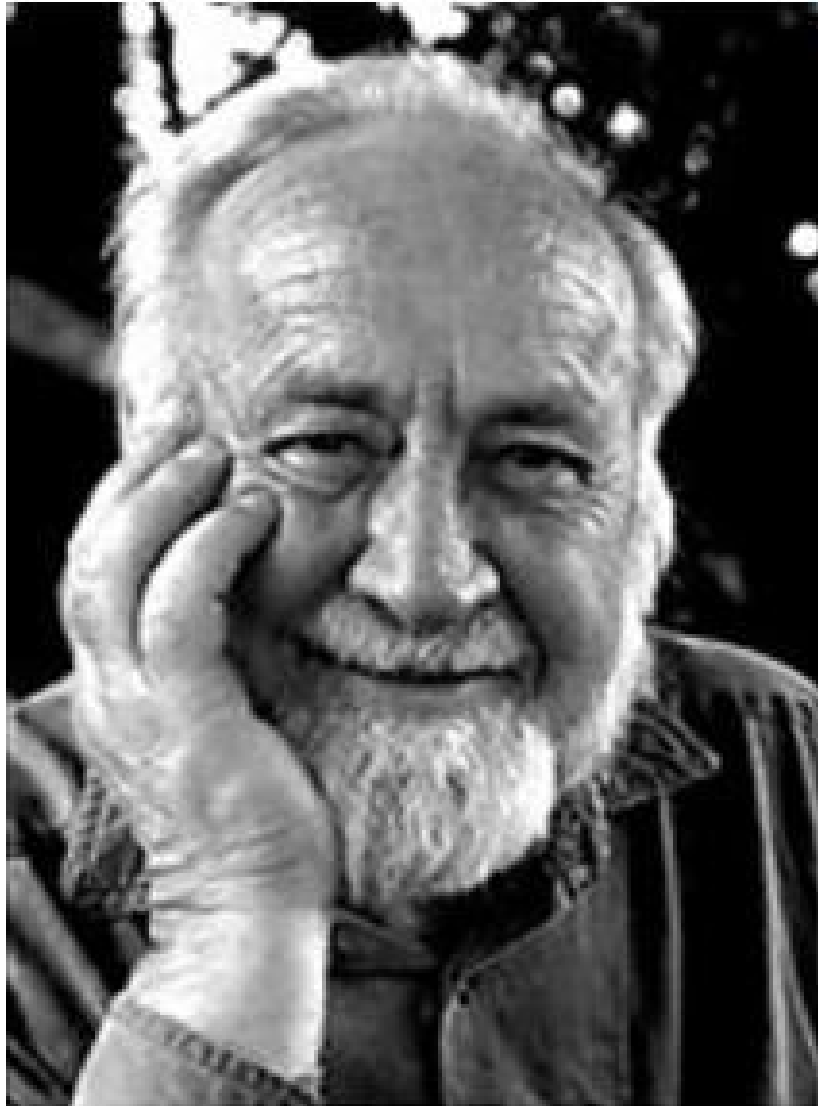
In 1998, Agricultural Economist, Dr. John Helmuth described what the big meatpackers were doing to cattle producers.



Chico Basin Ranch, Colorado Springs

How do we build a new, fully transparent, fair economy around food - a marketplace that connects producers and consumers, ensuring workers, rural communities, small businesses, and main streets aren't left behind?

Where do we start in building a new economy that meets the needs of people and our planet instead of the demands of Wall Street, private equity, and offshore banking centers?



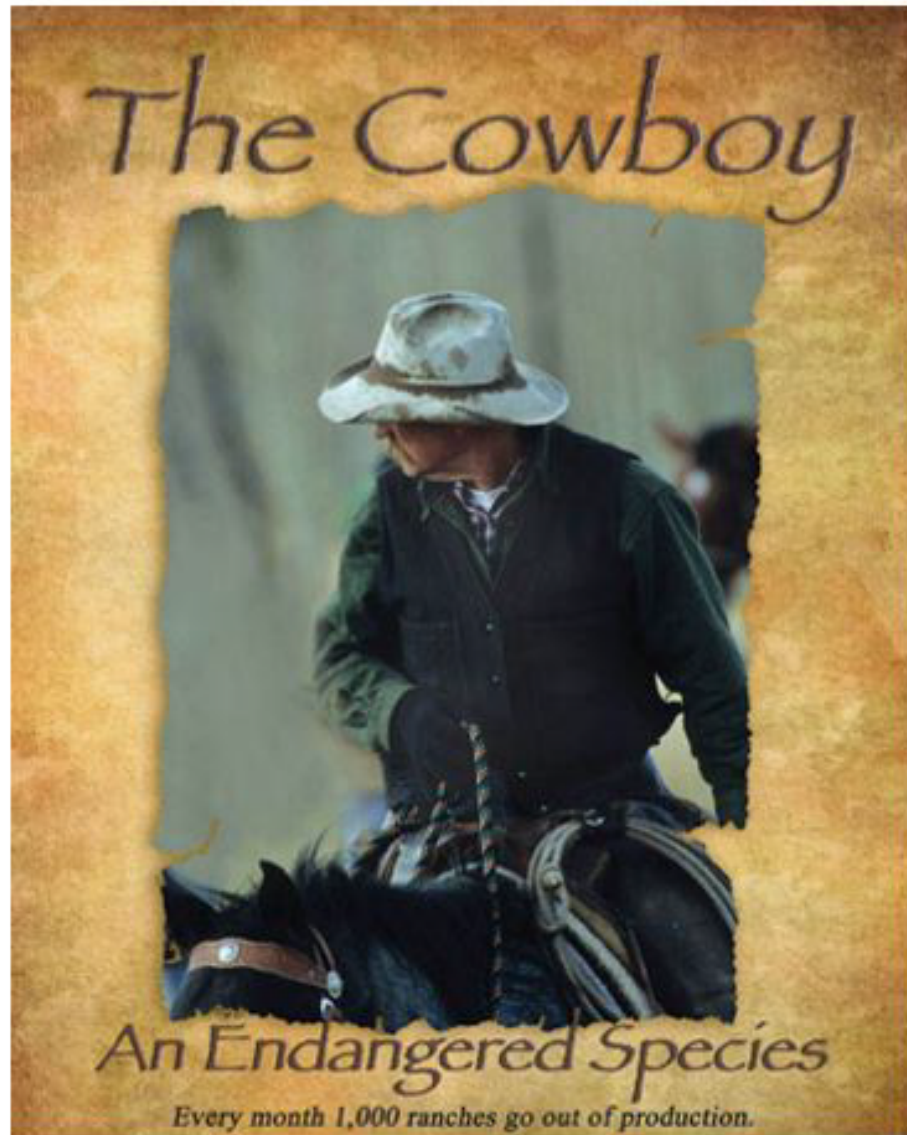
Though the problems of the world are increasingly complex, the solutions remain embarrassingly simple. – Bill Mollison

Developed theory and practice of permaculture

THE RANCH FOODS DIRECT SOLUTION



**Producers are looking for a safe and profitable pathway to consumers.
Consumers are looking for a healthy, safe, dependable food supply.**



“If America could be, once again, a nation of self-reliant farmers, craftsmen, hunters, ranchers and artists, then the rich would have little power to dominate others. Neither to serve or rule. That was the American Dream.”

- Edward Abbey

From the book, Great Ranches of the West

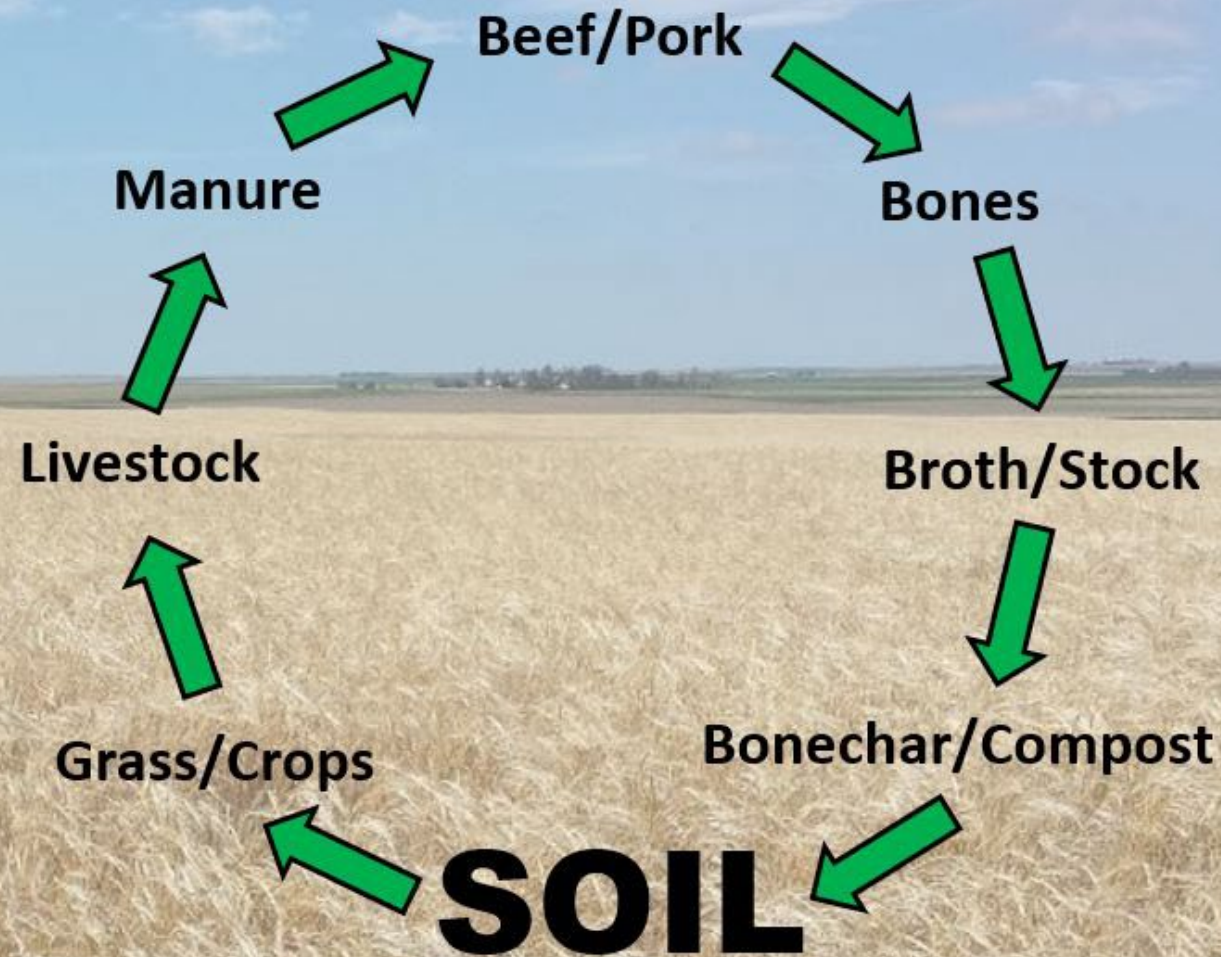
We believe the ideal farm is family owned and operated, diversified and livestock-centered, responsibly grazing and feeding the farm's production, with animal manure going back to the land.

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Regenerative Farming and Ranching

Callicrate Cattle Co.



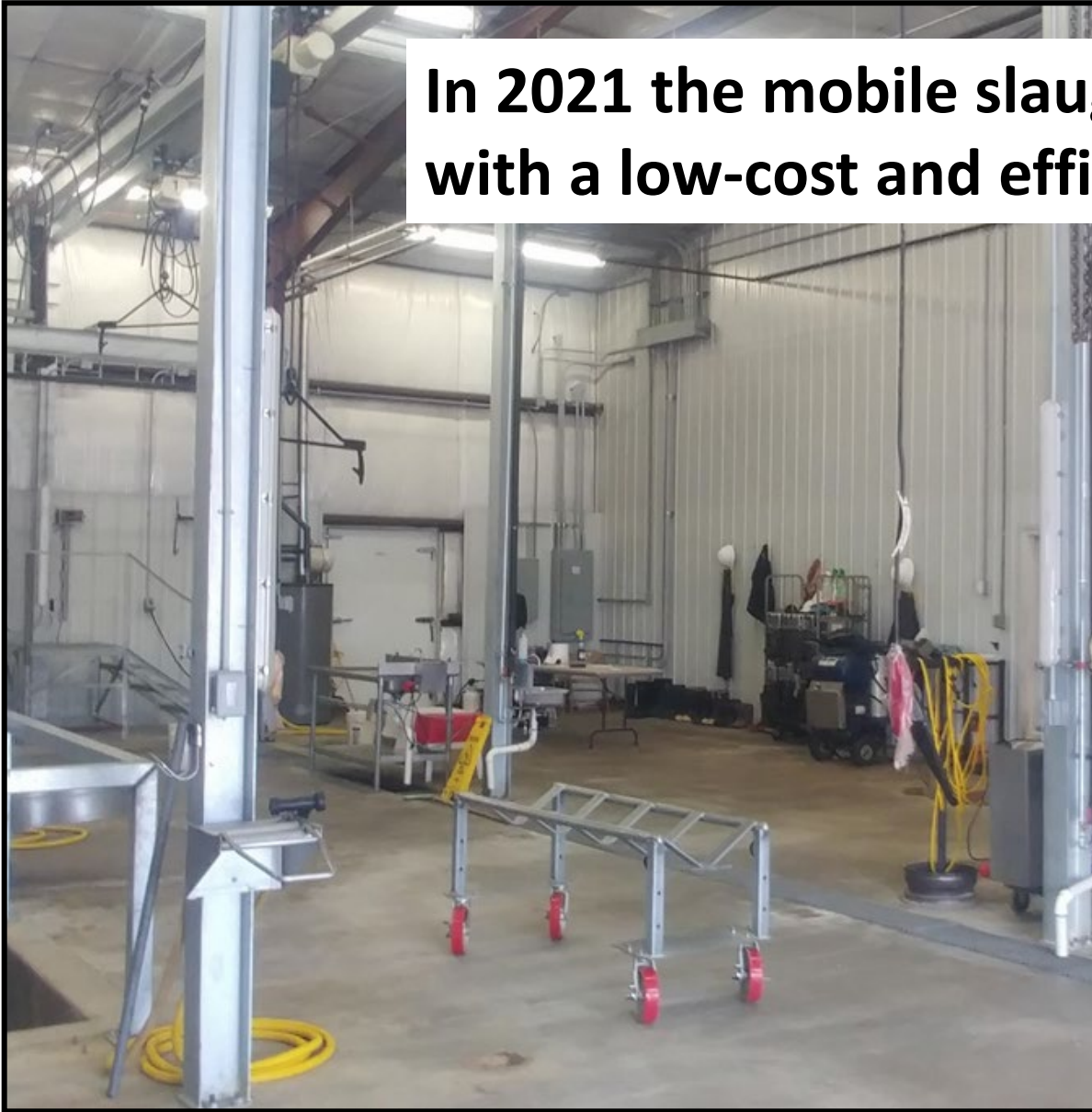
Healthy Soils – Healthy People - Healthy Communities!

**A more direct route for producers to connect with consumers
wanting to know where their food comes from ...**

**Slaughtering animals where they are is more
humane, efficient, and improves meat quality.**

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In 2021 the mobile slaughter unit was replaced with a low-cost and efficient slaughter floor.



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Mobile unit is part of new meat curriculum at Havre, Montana

April 25, 2021 – Final transition to a 30 head per day beef, and other species, slaughter facility with a cooler capacity of 70 head of beef carcasses



Delivering carcasses directly to retail meat markets cuts out the boxed-beef cartel.



“... we must adopt the measures needed for bringing together the producers and consumers of food and wool, and thus augmenting their power to have commerce among themselves.”

– Henry C. Carey 1853, advisor to President Lincoln

The Lincoln administration established the United States Department of Agriculture along with Land-Grant Colleges to develop agriculture and assure our ability to feed ourselves.



Two hundred miles and 3½ hours later, a truck delivers carcasses, eggs and other food items from the region to the Colorado Springs food hub.



Connecting consumers with local/regional food producers since 2000



Building Community Around Local Food



The market feeds the city. Owner-operated businesses process and package foods from the region, from meats to grains to seasonal produce. A brewery using local grains and hops. Many other prepared food makers sell directly to eaters and eateries - seasonal markets outflow from the primary market, welcoming producers and growers from urban to rural. This energy-filled year-round market is where community happens – a gathering place for residents and visitors.