

**DODGE COUNTY CONCERNED CITIZENS**

**NEWS & INFO UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2021**

**SAVE THE EARTH...STOP FACTORY FARMS**

***TURNING OUR MISSION INTO A MOVEMENT***

## **"THE SCOOP" - ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT MATTERS**

**Dodge County Concerned Citizens E/I/E Newsletter**

**[Educational, Informational & Entertaining]**



### **BEST OF THE MONTH**

## **Rough Ride - The cruelty of animal transports**

Every year, thousands of cattle are exported to countries outside the EU. It's often a harrowing ordeal. Activists from the Animal Welfare Foundation argue that conditions in these transports breach European law. | DW <https://www.dw.com/en/rough-ride-the-cruelty-of-animal-transport/av-56163966>

**Zoonotics draw greater public  
attention | AgWeek <https://www.agwee>**

## **[k.com/business/agriculture/6816350-Zoonotics-draw-greater-public-attention](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/agriculture/6816350-zoonotics-draw-greater-public-attention/)**

When meat is sourced from “independent family farms,” what does that really mean? | The Counter <https://thecounter.org/meat-cargill-independent-family-farms-meaning-ftc/>

Why Slaughterhouse “Line Speeds” Matter | FoodPrint <https://foodprint.org/blog/why-slaughterhouse-line-speeds-matter/>

Ag Insider Jan. 7 – Stabenow, incoming chair of Senate Agriculture, calls climate a ‘top priority’; farm state lawmakers condemn Capitol invasion | FERN <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/ag-insider-jan-7-stabenow-incoming-chair-of-senate-agriculture-calls-climate-a-top-priority-farm-state-lawmakers-condemn-capitol-invasion?e=7568fe7c73>

Ag Insider Jan. 8 – Perdue will not be part of any effort to remove Trump; tariff-rate quotas continue to hinder global ag trade, says report | FERN <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/ag-insider-jan-8-perdue-will-not-be-part-of-any-effort-to-remove-trump-tariff-rate-quotas-continue-to-hinder-global-ag-trade-says-report?e=7568fe7c73>

Liberalized, Privatized, Monopolized and heavily subsidized – Are the Farm Laws pushing Indian Agriculture this direction? | Suri's <https://sureshe.wordpress.com/2021/01/05/lib>

[eralized-privatized-monopolized-and-heavily-subsidized-are-the-farm-laws-pushing-indian-agriculture-this-direction/](#)

**Let Farm Creatures of LSP Accompany You Through 2021! | Land Stewardship Project** <https://landstewardshipproject.org/store/item/14>

**Wisconsin Farmers Union News - Jan/Feb 2-21 | WFU** [https://0f4bc074-748c-46a4-9f19-19e840d229f2.filesusr.com/ugd/629d75\\_1ce990554efc4f75ac2f830913328e84.pdf](https://0f4bc074-748c-46a4-9f19-19e840d229f2.filesusr.com/ugd/629d75_1ce990554efc4f75ac2f830913328e84.pdf)

**When a chef loses their sense of taste | The Counter** <https://mailchi.mp/newfoodeconomy/industry-secret-booze-can-cause-cancer-2058126?e=455b8afa79>

**Pilgrim's Proposes \$75 Million Chicken Price-Fixing Settlement | AgWeb** <https://www.agweb.com/article/pilgrims-proposes-75-million-chicken-price-fixing-settlement>

**Public Notices | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency** <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/public-notices>

**Homegrown News | City of Minneapolis** <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MPLS/bulletins/2b63c46>

**Feral Swine Eradication: USDA invests \$11.65 Million to Expand Program | Farm Journal's PORK** [https://www.porkbusiness.com/news/industry/feral-swine-eradication-usda-invests-1165-million-expand-program?mkt\\_tok=eyJpIjoiTldGbU9EWTVNek00WkRkaCIsInQiOiJhOFwvb0](https://www.porkbusiness.com/news/industry/feral-swine-eradication-usda-invests-1165-million-expand-program?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTldGbU9EWTVNek00WkRkaCIsInQiOiJhOFwvb0)

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More from Farm Journal's PORK:

[Western States Unite to Keep Feral Pigs from Crossing U.S.-Canada Border](#)

[Can You Really Trap Feral Pigs with Your Cell Phone?](#)

[Feral Swine: USDA Monitors World's Worst Invasive Alien Species](#)

[How Colorado Eliminated Feral Hogs](#)

[Feral Hog Stomachs Tell Story of Destruction](#)

[Montana Puts Plan in Place to Keep Canadian Feral Hogs Out](#)

**OCM NEWS ROUNDUP: Week in Review, January 15, 2021**

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**Organization for  
Competitive Markets**

**OCM NEWS ROUNDUP:**

*The week's news concerning corporate consolidation and monopoly power in food and agriculture.*

January 15, 2021

**America's Biggest Owner Of Farmland Is Now Bill Gates**

by Ariel Shapiro / Forbes Staff / 1-14-21

*"After years of reports that he was purchasing agricultural land in places like Florida and Washington, The Land Report revealed that Gates, who has a net worth of nearly \$121 billion according to Forbes, has built up a massive farmland portfolio spanning 18 states. His largest holdings are in Louisiana (69,071 acres), Arkansas (47,927 acres) and Nebraska (20,588 acres). Additionally, he has a stake in 25,750 acres of transitional land on the west side of Phoenix, Arizona, which is being developed as a new suburb."*

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/arielshapiro/2021/01/14/americas-biggest-owner-of-farmland-is-now-bill-gates-bezos-turner/>

### **Class Action Suit Alleges Companies Conspired Against Farmer interest**

by Margy Eckelkamp / Ag Web / 1-14-21

*"The complaint names as defendants:*

*Bayer Cropscience CortevaBASF CorporationSyngenta Corporation Cargill IncorporatedWinfield SolutionsUnivar SolutionsFederated Co-Operatives LimitedCHS Inc.Nutrien Ag Solutions Growmark Inc.Simplot Tenkoz"*

<https://www.agweb.com/news/business/taxes-and-finance/class-action-suit-alleges-companies-conspired-against-farmer>

### **Pilgrim's Proposes \$75 Million Chicken Price-Fixing Settlement**

by Greg Henderson / Ag Web / 1-11-21

*"While Pilgrim's does not admit any liability for the claims alleged in the 'Broiler Antitrust Civil Litigation,' it believes a settlement was in the best interests of the company and its shareholders," the company said in a news release."*

<https://www.agweb.com/news/livestock/poultry/pilgrims-proposes-75-million-chicken-price-fixing-settlement>

### **Product of USA Label is Misleading American Consumers**

by Audra Labert / MFU / 1-6-21

*"Myth 4. COOL will add cost to beef and pork making it less competitive against other meats. Other meats such as poultry, lamb and seafood already require COOL. The price of beef and pork did not change in the grocery store when COOL was repealed. However, the price received by Montana ranchers and feeders fell as packers recorded record profits."*

<https://montanafarmersunion.com/product-of-usa-label-is-misleading-american-consumers/>

## **Go big or go home mentality leaves out small butchers and farmers**

by Huanjia Zhang / Scienceline / 1-11-21

*Huanjia Zhang did a GREAT job telling the story of one of the biggest bottlenecks to more small, pasture-based farmers.*

<https://scienceline.org/2021/01/go-big-or-go-home-mentality-leaves-out-small-butchers-and-farmers/>

## **OCM's Top 2021 Priorities include Checkoff Reform, MCOOL, and Antitrust Enforcement**

Radio 570 WNAX / 1-6-21

*“The Organization for Competitive Markets has outlined three major focus areas for policy they want enacted at the national level. OCM Executive Director Mike Eby says they’re backing the Opportunities for Fairness in Farming Act, a bill that would increase transparency in checkoff programs.*

*He also is optimistic about working with the new Biden administration on strengthening antitrust enforcement at the Department of Justice to help improve competitiveness in markets.*

*Eby says their third priority is to attempt to get mandatory country of origin labeling reinstated to guard against the influx of beef coming in from outside the United States. Eby says the problem with a voluntary country of origin labeling program is that it allows too many loopholes that would harm the profitability opportunities for U.S. cattlemen.”*

<https://wnax.com/news/180081-ocms-top-2021-priorities-include-checkoff-reform-cool-and-antitrust-enforcement/>

## **Tyson, Pilgrim's Agree to Settle Some Chicken Price-Fixing Claims**

by Jacob Bunge / AP / 1-11-21

*“Pilgrim’s settlement was announced in a regulatory filing Monday and comes after the company last fall announced a plea deal in the Justice Department’s criminal price-fixing case. Under that deal, Pilgrim’s agreed to pay a \$110.5 million penalty.*

*The Justice Department alleged that senior chicken-industry players exchanged details of prices they planned to submit to major fast-food chains, sharing details on competitors’ activity through text messages and phone calls.”*

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/pilgrims-pride-agrees-to-settle-some-chicken-price-fixing-claims-11610375897>

## **Missouri Prime Beef Packers Set To Open**

by Greg Henderson / Drovers / 1-6-21

*“We are not a big plant that is solely focused on the number of head processed per hour,” Schmeling said. “We are flexible. We can respond to market changes, consumer demands, or other unexpected factors like COVID-19 as well as, if not better than, anyone in the industry.”*

<https://www.drovers.com/news/beef-production/missouri-prime-beef-packers-set-open>

### Gavels Silent as Carlisle Livestock Market Holds Final Auction

by Dick Wanner / Lancaster Farming / 1-8-21

*When he started in the business, DeGaetano said, 40 or 50 local butcher shops would show up to buy an animal or two for their small businesses. “Government has run those people out of business,” he said.*

[https://www.lancasterfarming.com/news/main\\_edition/gavels-silent-as-carlisle-livestock-market-holds-final-auction/article\\_2ac2c5e4-2552-534e-a239-9e0f3cbd7a98.html](https://www.lancasterfarming.com/news/main_edition/gavels-silent-as-carlisle-livestock-market-holds-final-auction/article_2ac2c5e4-2552-534e-a239-9e0f3cbd7a98.html)

### OCM 2020 FOURTH QUARTER NEWSLETTER

<https://competitivemarkets.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/webOCM-Sept-Dec2020.pdf>

### PLEASE CONSIDER OCM MEMBERSHIP

Organization for Competitive Markets (OCM) is a national leader working to bring about economic justice for family farmers, ranchers and rural communities by fighting to break the the abusive corporate power that extracts the wealth out of their pockets. OCM provides a platform for individuals and organizations to join their voices in demanding fairness and justice within the marketplace. Working together we can ensure everyone receives their fair share of America’s prosperity that they build. By becoming a member you will have access to the information and tools you need to join the fight.

Select a membership option: <https://competitivemarkets.com/membership/>

Donation: <https://competitivemarkets.com/donate/>

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**Your Weekly Acres U.S.A. Digest | Acres USA** <https://mailchi.mp/acresusa/your-weekly-acres-usa-digest-january-15-2021?e=e49f04f0fe>

**Food Integrity Campaign » Protecting Food. Empowering Whistleblowers.** | <https://foodwhistleblower.org/>

**America's Biggest Owner Of Farmland Is Now Bill Gates | Forbes** <https://www.forbes.com/sites/arielshapiro/2021/01/14/americas-biggest-owner-of-farmland-is-now-bill-gates-bezos-turner/?sh=474a6c666096>

**Ag Insider Jan. 19 — Biden chooses Virginia ag commissioner for USDA deputy secretary; USDA publishes national hemp rule | FERN** <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/ag-insider-jan-19-biden-chooses-virginia-ag-commissioner-for-usda-deputy-secretary-usda-publishes-national-hemp-rule?e=7568fe7c73>

**Tyson to pay \$221.5 million to settle price fixing claims | Successful Farming** <https://www.agriculture.com/news/livestock/tyson-to-pay-2215-million-to-settle-price-fixing-claims>

**Pork exec gives \$25K to Iowa governor; company got virus aid | AP** <https://apnews.com/article/business-iowa-iowa-city-coronavirus-pandemic-campaigns-e97f37fa3274b2afd5ff71c05a4a2a24>

MPLS garden lease applications + MPS job & MPRB gardens | City of Minneapolis <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MPLS/bulletins/2ba4e1e>

New Oregon legislation would put a moratorium on building mega-dairies. What happens next? | The Counter <https://thecounter.org/oregon-moratorium-mega-dairies-cafos-vilsack/>

Water Quality/Well Testing/Well Disinfection Well Management Program | Minnesota Department of Health <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/wells/waterquality/index.html>

John Ikerd - A Green New Deal for Family Farms and Rural Communities | Facebook [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=10158006570559492&id=572354491](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10158006570559492&id=572354491)



## Quadriga

Created in 1906 by Daniel Chester French (the same sculptor responsible for Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington) and Edward Potter, "Quadriga: Progress of the State" stands at the base of the Minnesota State Capitol's dome. The sculpture shows a man on a chariot driving four horses and flanked by two women. The man represents the state's drive for progress and prosperity. The four horses represent the forces of nature (earth, fire, water and air) and are controlled by the two women who represent industry and agriculture (or civilization collectively). Sculptors: Daniel Chester French and Edward Potter; dedicated in 1906.

### WELL DISINFECTION | Minnesota Department of Health

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=76e6a923b2&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1689551495542653171&th=17727e22318cc0f3&view=att&disp=safe&realattid=17727e0ff0eb8d659ac1>

### THE MEANING OF WATER TEST RESULTS

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=76e6a923b2&attid=0.3&permmsgid=msg-f:1689551495542653171&th=17727e22318cc0f3&view=att&disp=safe&realattid=17727e0ff0f67d4709b3>

## 'A Big Deal': Lawmakers Reintroduce Constitutional Amendment to Overturn Citizens United | Common Dreams

News <https://www.commondreams.org/news/2021/01/21/big-deal-lawmakers-reintroduce-constitutional-amendment-overturn-citizens-united>

## Onwards to New Delhi - A farmer's protest | DW

News <https://www.dw.com/en/onwards-to-new-delhi-a-farmers-protest/av-56321767>

## Stewardship News & Actions 1/25/2021 | Crawford Stewardship

Project <https://mailchi.mp/b549d5202928/stewardship-news-actions->

[1252021?e=a1fb55858c](https://www.fox.com/2021/1/26/22250391/joe-biden-animals-line-speeds-chicken-perfect)

Ag Insider Jan. 28 – Biden says his climate plan is a win-win for ag and the planet; advocates want quick EPA action on pesticides; SNAP rolls surge | FERN <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/ag-insider-jan-28-biden-says-his-climate-plan-is-a-win-win-for-ag-and-the-planet-advocates-want-quick-epa-action-on-pesticides-snap-rolls-surge?e=7568fe7c73>

**Episode 2: Justice for Black Farmers with Dr. Gail Myers  
by Agenda**

23 | SoundCloud [https://soundcloud.com/agenda\\_23/episode-2?fbclid=IwAR3qwy0jkVnUlskoKBGCoMCJtwpWtzBQ3me45Fxp-zRfe7hHdb-3G3aYzXU](https://soundcloud.com/agenda_23/episode-2?fbclid=IwAR3qwy0jkVnUlskoKBGCoMCJtwpWtzBQ3me45Fxp-zRfe7hHdb-3G3aYzXU)

**CAFOs &**

**Communities | Shoresides** <https://shoresides.org/podcast/the-communities/>

**Your Weekly Acres U.S.A. Digest | Acres**

**U.S.A.** <https://mailchi.mp/acresusa/your-weekly-acres-usa-digest-1-29-21?e=e49f04f0fe>

**Cory Booker Says Factory Farming Ban Should Be 'High  
On The**

**Agenda' | PlantBasedNews** <https://plantbasednews.org/culture/politics/cory-booker-says-factory-farming-ban-is-high-on-the-agenda/>

**Biden's latest executive action is a win for chickens and  
meatpacking workers - Vox** <https://www.vox.com/future-perfect/2021/1/26/22250391/joe-biden-animals-line-speeds-chicken>

**Paper Rustling: Major Washington Cattle Operator Allegedly 'Fed' 200K Cattle That Didn't Exist | NW News Network** <https://www.nwnewsnetwork.org/post/paper-rustling-major-washington-cattle-operator-allegedly-fed-200k-cattle-didnt-exist>

**Biden's Buddy Tom Vilsack Is No Friend to Farmers | The Nation** <https://www.thenation.com/article/politics/tom-vilsack-biden-usda/>

**Pork producer drops charges vs. activist | Star Tribune** <http://e.startribune.com/Olive/ODN/StarTribune/shared/ShowArticle.aspx?doc=MST%2F2021%2F01%2F31&entity=Ar04403&sk=F531BD70&mode=text>

**"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on." ~Franklin D. Roosevelt**

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# The Law, Ethics & Animals Program AT YALE LAW SCHOOL

## Mark your calendars

We're excited to announce our spring speaker series events, which we're hosting by webinar. They will continue the first semester's theme of "[One Health: The Inseparable Fates of Animals, Humans, and the Planet](#)." We've arranged four events spanning the areas of property law, pandemic prevention, racism in agriculture, and artificial intelligence. You can read more about them—and register for the event links—below.

In other LEAP news, on Saturday, January 16, we co-hosted the [Big Ag & Antitrust Conference](#) with the [Thurman Arnold Project](#) at the Yale School of Management. Nearly 1,000 people registered to attend the conference, which featured a keynote address from Christopher Leonard, author of *The Meat Racket*, as well as eighteen original papers by academics, lawyers, farmers, policy experts, students, and animal welfare and environmental advocates. Videos of the conference keynote and panels have been posted to YouTube, and you can access them [here](#) (the Q&A portions of the panels were not recorded). The conference guide will remain online [here](#).

The interest people showed in the conference was inspiring, and we're grateful to everyone who was able to attend. We hope to create more such experiences through our speaker series this semester.

Till soon,

Viveca Morris, *Executive Director*

Doug Kysar, *Faculty Co-Director*  
Jon Lovvorn, *Faculty Co-Director*  
Noah Macey, *Programs Fellow*

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## Wednesday, February 3

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**Karen Bradshaw**

Professor of Law,  
Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, ASU

law.yale.edu/animals

Book talk—  
*Wildlife as Property Owners: A New Conception of Animal Rights*

In this talk, moderated by LEAP Faculty Co-director Douglas Kysar, Karen Bradshaw will outline the argument of her new book: that revising anthropocentric ideas about who can own land would fuel a legal advance in protecting non-human species, their ecosystems, and the planet. Bradshaw is a law professor and a Mary Sigler fellow at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University.

Wednesday, February 3, 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm  
[tinyurl.com/leap2021-bradshaw](https://tinyurl.com/leap2021-bradshaw)

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Human activity imperils biodiversity all over the world, by slicing up forests, paving grassland, spraying pesticides, generating mounds of roadkill, and raising the planet's temperature. How can the law defend against this onslaught? In her new book, [Wildlife as Property Owners](#), law professor [Karen Bradshaw](#) examines a legal tenet that enables this resource exploitation: the doctrine of exclusively human land rights. In this talk, moderated by LEAP Faculty Co-director Douglas Kysar, Bradshaw will lay out how revising anthropocentric ideas about who can own land would fuel a legal advance in protecting non-human species, their ecosystems, and the planet.

Co-sponsored by the Yale Sustainable Food Program, the Environmental Protection Clinic at Yale Law School, the Yale Environmental Law Association, and the Yale Animal Law Society.

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**Wednesday, February 17**

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**Jonathan Epstein**

Vice President for Science and Outreach,  
EcoHealth Alliance

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**Preventing future pandemics**

Dr. Jonathan Epstein serves as vice president for science and outreach at EcoHealth Alliance, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting human and environmental health from emerging disease. He is an expert on the relationship between disease emergence and ecology. This talk, moderated by LEAP Student Fellow Zoe Novic (M.P.H. 2021), will feature Dr. Epstein discussing the multispecies future of pandemic prevention.

Wednesday, February 17, 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm  
[tinyurl.com/leap2021-epstein](https://tinyurl.com/leap2021-epstein)

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## Preventing future pandemics with Jonathan Epstein

Wednesday, February 17, 12:15 pm -- 1:15 pm

**Register here for the webinar link:** [tinyurl.com/leap2021-jonathan-epstein](https://tinyurl.com/leap2021-jonathan-epstein)

Each year, widespread prophylactic antibiotic use on farms breeds antibiotic resistant bacteria, around 200 million live wild animals are legally imported into the United States, and habitat change brings animals and their germs into closer contact with humans. All these activities increase the likelihood of new zoonoses, diseases transmitted from animals to people. The majority of emerging infectious diseases in people, including covid-19, originate in wild animals—yet with few exceptions, the question of how to restructure human-animal relationships remains outside the popular purview of public health. This talk, moderated by LEAP Student Fellow Zoe Novic (M.P.H. 2021), will feature Jonathan Epstein discussing the multispecies future of pandemic prevention.

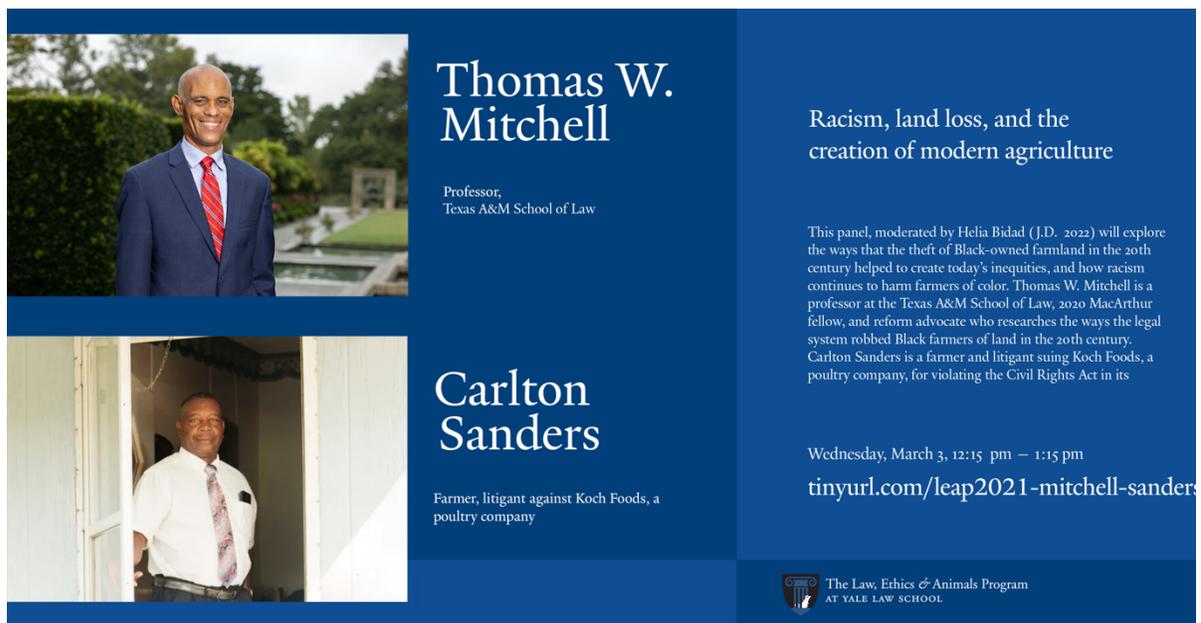
[Dr. Epstein](#) serves as vice president for science and outreach at [EcoHealth Alliance](#), a nonprofit dedicated to protecting human and environmental health from emerging disease. He is an expert on the relationship between disease emergence and ecology.

Co-sponsored by the Yale Center on Climate Change and Health, the Environmental Protection Clinic at Yale Law School, the Yale Environmental Law Association, the Yale Animal Law Society, the Yale Sustainable Food Program, and the Yale Institute for Biospheric Studies.

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## Wednesday, March 3

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**Thomas W. Mitchell**  
Professor,  
Texas A&M School of Law

**Carlton Sanders**  
Farmer, litigant against Koch Foods, a  
poultry company

**Racism, land loss, and the  
creation of modern agriculture**

This panel, moderated by Helia Bidad (J.D. 2022) will explore the ways that the theft of Black-owned farmland in the 20th century helped to create today's inequities, and how racism continues to harm farmers of color. Thomas W. Mitchell is a professor at the Texas A&M School of Law, 2020 MacArthur fellow, and reform advocate who researches the ways the legal system robbed Black farmers of land in the 20th century. Carlton Sanders is a farmer and litigant suing Koch Foods, a poultry company, for violating the Civil Rights Act in its

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[tinyurl.com/leap2021-mitchell-sanders](https://tinyurl.com/leap2021-mitchell-sanders)

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The modern food system, including the industrial factory farms and slaughterhouses that produce most of today's meat, is [the product of a long process of consolidation of power](#). Racism shaped this history: the number of Black farmers has [dropped by 98% from a peak of 200,000 in the early 20th century](#), and this racism persists. [Workers of color are at greater risk of covid-19](#), and [Black farmers continue to lose their land as the consequence of racial discrimination](#). This panel will explore how the theft of Black-

owned farmland in the 20th century perpetuated racial inequities, and how racism continues to harm farmers of color.

Featuring:

- [Thomas W. Mitchell](#) is a professor at the Texas A&M School of Law and a 2020 MacArthur Fellow who researches the ways the legal system robbed Black farmers of their land in the 20th century and who advocates for restorative legal reforms.
- [Carlton Sanders](#) is a farmer and litigant suing Koch Foods, a poultry company, for violating the Civil Rights Act in its dealings with him.
- Moderated by LEAP Student Fellow Helia Bidad (J.D. 2022).

Co-sponsored by the Yale Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration, the Yale Sustainable Food Program, the Yale Animal Law Society, the Yale Environmental Law Association, and the Environmental Protection Clinic at Yale Law School.

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**Wednesday, March 17**

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**Daniel E. Ho**

Professor of Law & Professor of Political Science,  
Stanford University

[law.yale.edu/animals](http://law.yale.edu/animals)

Using machine learning to find factory farms  
& the future of environmental governance

Join LEAP for an online lunch talk with Daniel Ho about his recent paper, "Deep learning to map concentrated animal feeding operations," and its implications for environmental law enforcement.

Daniel Ho is the William Benjamin Scott and Luna M. Scott Professor of Law and Professor of Political Science at Stanford, where he also holds senior positions at the Institute for Economic Policy Research and the Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence, and directs Stanford's Regulation, Evaluation, and Governance Lab

17 March, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
[tinyurl.com/leap2021-ho](https://tinyurl.com/leap2021-ho)

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## Using machine learning to find factory farms and the future of environmental governance with Daniel E. Ho

Wednesday, March 17, 12:00 pm -- 1:00 pm

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More than [nine in ten](#) American farm animals live in confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs). Also known as factory farms, these operations create dirty, disease-ridden, and cruel conditions for both animals and the people who work there. The huge volumes of waste generated by so many animals also contaminate the surrounding environment and [harm the residents who live nearby](#). Given the cruelties and environmental injustices associated with CAFOs, it is surprisingly difficult for regulators, like the EPA and state agencies, to collect data on where, how many, and how big they are. Last year, however, [Daniel Ho and a fellow researcher were able to use machine learning over satellite images to locate over 500 previously unmapped CAFOs in satellite images of North Carolina](#). In this talk, moderated by LEAP Student Fellow Jeamme Chia, he will discuss the potential for this technology to help regulatory agencies and advocates measure the scope and limit the harms of factory farming and the implications of such approaches for the future of environmental governance.

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