

DODGE COUNTY CONCERNED CITIZENS - NEWS & INFO UPDATE - JULY 2022 -  
SAVE THE EARTH...STOP FACTORY FARMS - TURNING OUR MISSION INTO A  
MOVEMENT

## **WATCH: Smithfield Rap Sheet Exposes Decades of Factory Farm Pollution**



### **THE RAP SHEET**

**ON SMITHFIELD'S INDUSTRIAL  
HOG FACILITIES IN MISSOURI**

[sraproject.org/SmithfieldMORapSheet](http://sraproject.org/SmithfieldMORapSheet)



Socially Responsible Agriculture Project (SRAP) reviewed three decades of public records and found Smithfield's factory farms caused 748 reported spills, spewing more than 7.3 million gallons of hog waste across land and waterways in Missouri.

The [report](#), *The Rap Sheet on Smithfield's Industrial Hog Facilities in Missouri*, exposes Smithfield's history as a chronic polluter, and the ongoing failure of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to enforce regulations designed to protect public health and the environment.

Watch as we unpack the [Rap Sheet](#), discussing how it began, why it matters, and the implications of allowing agribusiness giants to pollute with impunity.

The video features:

- Chris Hunt, deputy director, SRAP
- Scott Dye, research & reports specialist, SRAP
- Ashlen Busick, senior regional field representative, SRAP
- Joe Maxwell, co-founder of [Farm Action](#), former Missouri state legislator and Missouri Lieutenant Governor

The speakers discuss why industrial livestock operations make terrible neighbors, what happens when millions of gallons of animal waste pollutes the environment, and the process SRAP used to compile the report using publicly available data from the DNR.

To stay up to date on the fight against factory farms and [subscribe to our newsletter](#).

**THE RAP SHEET on Smithfield's Industrial Hog Facilities in Missouri** | Socially Responsible Agriculture Project [https://sraproject.org/wp-content/uploads/SRAP\\_Smithfield\\_MO\\_Rap\\_Sheet.pdf](https://sraproject.org/wp-content/uploads/SRAP_Smithfield_MO_Rap_Sheet.pdf)

*"Truth never damages a cause that is just." ~ Mahatma Gandhi*

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## When Thousands of Hogs Are Your Neighbors

In “Wastelands,” Corban Addison tells the extraordinary story of how some North Carolina residents stood up to a meatpacking company polluting their communities. | The New York

Times [https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/07/books/review/wastelands-corban-addison.html?action=click&algo=bandit-all-surfaces-time-cutoff-30\\_impression\\_cut\\_3\\_filter\\_new\\_arm\\_5\\_1&alpha=0.05&block=more\\_in\\_recirc&fell\\_back=false&imp\\_id=765733882&impression\\_id=e4dccb90-e6b8-11ec-a735-937c49d9dbb5&index=2&pgtype=Article&pool=more\\_in\\_pools%2Fbusiness&region=footer&req\\_id=472372040&surface=eos-more-in&variant=0\\_bandit-all-surfaces-time-cutoff-30\\_impression\\_cut\\_3\\_filter\\_new\\_arm\\_5\\_1](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/07/books/review/wastelands-corban-addison.html?action=click&algo=bandit-all-surfaces-time-cutoff-30_impression_cut_3_filter_new_arm_5_1&alpha=0.05&block=more_in_recirc&fell_back=false&imp_id=765733882&impression_id=e4dccb90-e6b8-11ec-a735-937c49d9dbb5&index=2&pgtype=Article&pool=more_in_pools%2Fbusiness&region=footer&req_id=472372040&surface=eos-more-in&variant=0_bandit-all-surfaces-time-cutoff-30_impression_cut_3_filter_new_arm_5_1)

*Excerpt from the above New York Times article:*

The cost of raising hogs in North Carolina was about half as expensive as raising them in China — and one of the reasons, Addison explains, is that “the Chinese government doesn’t allow its hog farmers to use lagoons and spray fields.” Instead, Chinese hog

operations must invest in “treatment facilities” and “biological odor control systems to protect neighbors.”

*"Any people anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up." ~ Abraham Lincoln*

**Corporate money keeps university ag schools ‘relevant,’ and makes them targets of donor criticism** | Investigate

Midwest <https://investigatamidwest.org/2021/11/15/corporate-money-keeps-university-ag-schools-relevant-and-makes-them-targets-of-donor-criticism/>



**Dodge Center Meeting** | **Land Stewardship Action Fund**

*Land Stewardship Action invites you to come together with others in your community from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 10th at North Park, 501 1st Ave NE, in Dodge Center MN to talk about the upcoming election and what’s at stake here, in Senate District 24. This fall we have the opportunity to move toward a just food and farm system and thriving rural communities, but to do so, we need you. We need your input, your involvement, and your commitment. You can register for this meeting here: [https://secure.everyaction.com/eHpUnIvgWUuy\\_RnBMox0RA2](https://secure.everyaction.com/eHpUnIvgWUuy_RnBMox0RA2)*

**The elephant in the room is destroying family farms, rural communities and our democracy | Opinion • Missouri Independent** <https://missouriindependent.com/2022/06/07/the-elephant-in-the-room-is-destroying-family-farms-rural-communities-and-our-democracy-opinion/>

**Largest Pork Company in the US Shuts Down California Plant Due to High Costs | The Western Journal** <https://www.westernjournal.com/largest-pork-company-us-shuts-california-plant-due-high-costs/>

**After 500 Days in Office, Biden Still Hasn't Filled This Federal Vacancy | Inside Climate News** <https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?u=7c733794100bcc7e083a163f0&id=6f457a623a&e=3377e9fa3d>



**USDA ANNOUNCES NEW FRAMEWORK TO TRANSFORM NATION'S FOOD SYSTEM**

In a May 31st speech, USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the [framework](#) for a broad effort to transform our nation's food system. NFU President Rob Larew attended the event, calling the announcement a great first step towards a strong and resilient food supply and a fair agricultural economy.

Through the [Fairness for Farmers](#) campaign, NFU has been working to bring many of the issues discussed into the national spotlight, including broadening market opportunities, expanding processing capabilities, and addressing supply chain vulnerabilities.

Read Larew's full statement: <https://nfu.org/2022/06/01/national-farmers-union-president-rob-larew-responds-to-usda-food-system-announcement/>

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**"If all the beasts were gone, men would die from a great loneliness of spirit. For whatever happens to the beasts, soon happens to man. All things are connected." ~ Chief Seattle, Suquamish and Duwamish chief**



## **My Favorite Dish to Take to A 4th of July Celebration**

"When I first started bringing a dish to our family cookout about 10 years ago, I was trying to come up with something that no one else brought. When you're attending a cookout with a couple hundred people attending, that can be a difficult task. I thought that I would try my hand at making the



most American dessert I could think of- apple pie."

**[Read More from Shelby Here](#)**

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**Organization for  
Competitive Markets**

**OCM Annual Convention and Member Meeting, Kansas City MO, July 29-30,  
2022**

*Theme: "FREEDOM TO MARKET". Building the Infrastructure for our Future.*

*Presenters confirmed: Scott Blubaugh (NFU), Gary Genske (NDPO), Peter Sykes  
(Australia), David Smith (Ind. Grocers), Gil Stockton (MT) Andy Green (USDA)*

**Make your reservations here!**

**<https://competitivemarkets.com/mark-your-calendar-for-the-24th-annualfood-agriculture-conference-membership-meeting/>**

**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 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/>

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**Coil's Flags and Flagpoles | <https://www.coilsflags.com/>**

**It's Here! Read the June Issue | The Editors at Acres U.S.A. <https://mailchi.mp/acresusa/june-2022-issue-is-now-available?e=e49f04f0fe>**

**Why Industrial Farms Are Good for the Environment - Opinion by Jayson Lusk, Op-Ed Contributor | The New York Times [https://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/25/opinion/sunday/why-industrial-farms-are-good-for-the-environment.html?smprod=nytcore-iphone&smid=nytcore-iphone-share&\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/25/opinion/sunday/why-industrial-farms-are-good-for-the-environment.html?smprod=nytcore-iphone&smid=nytcore-iphone-share&_r=0)**

**Minnesota Farmfest...August 2-4, 2022 - Redwood County, MN <https://www.ideagroup.com/farmfest>**

**Agriculture is the *most important industry in the world*, and we bring you the information you need to best manage your business. At Ag PhD, we have one mission, *to serve farmers*. | Ag PhD <https://agphd.com/>**

**JOIN US AT FIELD DAY THIS SUMMER! Thursday, July 28th, 2022 | Ag PhD <https://agphd.com/events/fieldday/>**

**Ag Insider: Food banks see demand rising again | Food & Environment Reporting Network <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/ag-insider-food-banks-see-demand-rising-again?e=7568fe7c73>**

One way to help counter a fertilizer shortage? [Peecycling](#). The New York Times

FERN's Friday Feed: Road to table | Food & Environment Reporting Network [https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/road\\_to\\_table\\_6\\_10\\_22?e=7568fe7c73](https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/road_to_table_6_10_22?e=7568fe7c73)

Membership Newsletter | Organization for Competitive Markets <https://competitivemarkets.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/webOCMJuly-Oct21.pdf>

Pollinators & Agriculture - A Partnership on the Land | [www.polinator.org](http://www.polinator.org)  
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgzGpGTBZMngGLTKJsngRhhBjsjNz?projector=1>

The Black Cowboy Museum - Founded by Larry Callies, *The Black Cowboy Museum* is preserving the legacy of America's Black Cowboy. Step into the boots of the likes of Bass Reeves, Nat Love, and Bill Pickett. Meet the important African American cowboys who shaped the history of the West as well as the one who will shape its future. | <https://www.blackcowboymuseum.com/>

Why You're Paying More at the Grocery Store | FoodPrint <https://mailchi.mp/foodprint/food-prices?e=00430612ff>

**"I was born on the prairies where the wind blew free and there was nothing to break the light of the sun. I was born where there were no enclosures." ~ Geronimo**

FERN's Friday Feed: The theft of Black-owned farmland | Food & Environment Reporting Network [https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/heat\\_kills\\_pollen\\_6\\_17\\_22?e=7568fe7c73](https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/heat_kills_pollen_6_17_22?e=7568fe7c73)

Brett Eldredge - Raymond (Official Music Video) | YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txCUwSKo1kg>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txCUwSKo1kg> 4:09

Theme Song for Donald J. Trump - **In The Jailhouse Now** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GL7ZjFp1Z5s>

The Power of Fraudsters Is Underestimated



*"The best revenge is not to be like your enemy." ~ Marcus Aurelius*

**Summer Road Trips, Emergency Relief Program Info, Biosecurity | Emily at A Greener**

**World [https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Summer-Road-Trips--Emergency-Relief-Program-Info--Biosecurity.html?soid=1102690018297&aid=h4UvIR5g\\_I4](https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Summer-Road-Trips--Emergency-Relief-Program-Info--Biosecurity.html?soid=1102690018297&aid=h4UvIR5g_I4)**

**Introducing... our 2021 Annual Report | Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy <https://mailchi.mp/iatp/iatp-annual-report-2021?e=7c2dfa7289>**

**Download Our New 4-week Guide to Composting | FoodPrint <https://mailchi.mp/foodprint/composting-guide?e=00430612ff>**

**Fruit and Vegetable News | UMN Fruit and Veg Team <https://view.ecomunications2.umn.edu/?qs=0239bd03ef3af7314e0c077412b0fbeab5db7b31d912abf0725742821c6b56f43d8b476b2a12754fbedca6338ec9ce441646aeb4c376dbf601fdda794c954ccc17091fbffc5b52640048b73be450ef94>**

**Add a Farm Tour to Your Healthy Soil Summit Experience! | Acres U.S.A.**

**Events <https://mailchi.mp/acresusa/2022-healthy-soil-summit-farm-tour-announcement?e=e49f04f0fe>**

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

**U.S.A. <https://mailchi.mp/acresusa/your-weekly-acres-usa-digest-6-24-22?e=e49f04f0fe>**

**MACY'S FAVORITE SCENTS**

**Discovery kit for him**

**22 SAMPLES OF OUR MOST-LOVED SCENTS  
CREATED for MACY'S**

<https://www.macys.com/shop/product/23-pc.-macys-favorite-scents-for-him-discovery-set-created-for-macys?ID=13936152&CategoryID=30088>

**This Mississippi Facility Releases More Climate-warming Emissions Than 80,000 Cars | Inside Climate News** <https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?u=7c733794100bcc7e083a163f0&id=6dc60de29a&e=3377e9fa3d>

**BEST EVER FEAST! Fall Fest coming Nov. 5, 2022 FEAST! Local Foods Network |** [https://www.local-feast.org/registration2022?utm\\_campaign=exhib22\\_fallinfo3&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=renewingthecountryside](https://www.local-feast.org/registration2022?utm_campaign=exhib22_fallinfo3&utm_medium=email&utm_source=renewingthecountryside)

**Ag Insider: Biden signs school meals extension | Food & Environment Reporting Network** <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/ag-insider-biden-signs-school-meals-extension?e=7568fe7c73>

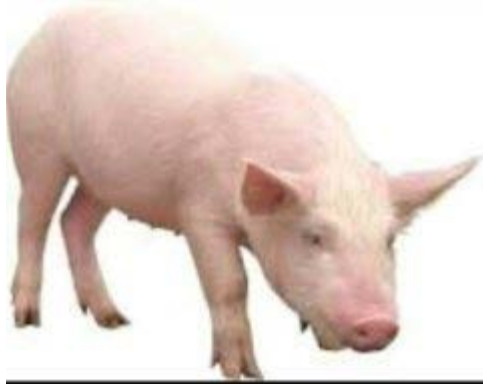
**Economic Research Service Hosts Data Training Webinar on Price Spreads from Farm to Consumer & Meat Price Spreads | USDA Agricultural Marketing Service** <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAAMS/bulletins/31e215b>

**Blooming Prairie Comprehensive Plan |** [https://www.bloomingprairie.com/vertical/sites/%7B544EA95D-EA95-4B17-8590-4217CC6E954B%7D/uploads/BP\\_Comp\\_Plan.pdf](https://www.bloomingprairie.com/vertical/sites/%7B544EA95D-EA95-4B17-8590-4217CC6E954B%7D/uploads/BP_Comp_Plan.pdf)

**Ag Insider: Aid pledged for global food crisis | Food & Environment Reporting Network** <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/ag-insider-aid-pledged-for-global-food-crisis?e=7568fe7c73>

**REMINDER: Drought Relief Application Window Open Through July 6 | Minnesota Department of Agriculture** <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNMDA/bulletins/31e37d6>

- It is physically impossible for pigs to look up at the sky.



AgWeek | [Stay hydrated in the heat of summer](#)

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## Land Stewardship Deep Canvass Trainings

Deep canvassing is candid and non-judgmental, two-way conversations where canvassers ask voters to share their relevant, emotionally significant experiences and reflect on them aloud. It is one of the most durable and proven forms of persuasion when talking to people who might hold differing beliefs than you and is going to be critical in creating the world we want and need. Join the Land Stewardship Action Fund to learn about deep canvassing, what it is and why it's important, and get trained on how to deep canvass so you're able to powerfully participate in LSAF's upcoming deep canvasses and put these important skills to use in your

community. | [https://secure.everyaction.com/p/M\\_mgUjZig0aqcJHVJTjs9w2](https://secure.everyaction.com/p/M_mgUjZig0aqcJHVJTjs9w2)

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#### UPPER MIDWEST

**[New tool shows Wisconsin farmers financial benefits of letting cows graze](#)** (5/30/22) Wisconsin Public Radio

**"Managed grazing is the practice of rotating livestock through a series of paddocks and allowing the animals to eat perennial grasses instead of keeping them confined to feedlots."**

**[Five years after massive manure spill, residents fighting for clean water](#)** (6/2/22) Wisconsin Examiner

**"In late 2016, a pipe burst at the Emerald Sky Dairy, a factory farm in the town of Emerald in St. Croix County. The resulting leak ended up spilling nearly 300,000 gallons of manure into the surrounding wetlands and water systems."**

**[Listen: Concerns of stagflation, Regulating CAFOs](#)**

**(6/8/22) Wisconsin Public Radio**

**The second half of this segment is an overview on how small Wisconsin town efforts to regulate CAFOs have met significant challenges.**