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NEWS & INFO UPDATE - MARCH 2021

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

Dodge County Concerned Citizens E/I/E Newsletter
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BEST OF THE MONTH

**Betrayal at the USDA - How the Trump Administration is
Sidelining Science and Favoring Industry over Farmers and the
Public | Union of Concerned Scientists** <https://doc-14-0k->

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Citizen Action of Wisconsin | <https://www.citizenactionwi.org/>

Ag Insider Feb. 3 — Vilsack sees ag moving on climate; climate action could mean more ag trade | FERN <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/ag-insider-feb-3-vilsack-sees-ag-moving-on-climate-climate-action-could-mean-more-ag-trade?e=7568fe7c73>

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Your wings are still here. They just cost more. | The Counter <https://mailchi.mp/newfoodeconomy/industry-secret-booze-can-cause-cancer-2058157?e=455b8afa79>

Opinion | The Ugly Secrets Behind the Costco Chicken -
The New York
Times <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/06/opinion/sunday/costco-chicken-animal-welfare.html>

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I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge, myth is more potent than history, dreams are more powerful than facts, hope always triumphs death. ~Robert Fulghum

Did You Know? Lake Superior contains enough water to submerge all of North and South America in one foot of water. The lake is fed by some 200 rivers, including the St. Louis, and contains 10% of the freshwater on Earth.

"Whatever you are, be a good one." ~Abraham Lincoln

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[equity-tyson-faces-dissident-shareholders?e=7568fe7c73](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MPLS/bulletins/2be6332)

Homegrown News | City of Minneapolis <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MPLS/bulletins/2be6332>

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Farms Not Factories | <https://mailchi.mp/tracyworchester/newsletter-2347259?e=11368b82a8>

Smithfield's Deceptive Sustainability Claims Slammed in FTC Complaint | Family Farm Action

Alliance <https://farmactionalliance.org/2021/02/04/smithfields-deceptive-sustainability-claims-slammed-in-ftc-complaint/>

Embrace Winter challenge: Make an ice lantern to light up the night | Star

Tribune <https://www.startribune.com/embrace-winter-challenge-part-two-how-to-make-an-ice-lantern/600018132/>

Ag Insider Feb. 16 — Strongest farm outlook in years, say ag bankers; Sen. Baldwin to oversee USDA, FDA budgets <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/ag-insider-feb-16-strongest-farm-outlook-in-years-say-ag-bankers->

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Lakes and rivers are people too | The Counter <https://mailchi.mp/newfoodeconomy/industry-secret-booze-can-cause-cancer-2058169?e=455b8afa79>

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While industrial farms have been thrown into chaos, local agriculture has proved to be a more resilient

model. <https://inthesetimes.com/article/local-agriculture-covid-pandemic-industrial-food-system>

India's farming protest resonate with U.S. agriculture communities | PBS <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/economy/indias-farming-protests-resonate-with-u-s-agriculture-workers#:~:text=India's%20farming%20protests%20resonate%20with%20U.S.%20agriculture%20communities,-Economy%20Feb%201&text=Indian%20farmers%20have%20left%20the%20ir,rather%20than%20government%20Drugs%20markets.>

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PPE waste is turned into bricks in India | The Washington Post https://www.washingtonpost.com/road-to-recovery/covid-ppe-waste-recycling-india/2020/11/24/298a5c12-285f-11eb-9c21-3cc501d0981f_story.html

FERN's Friday Feed: The price of convenience | Food & Environment Reporting Network <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/price-of-convenience-021921?e=7568fe7c73>

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Environmentalists Make Long-Shot Attempt to Ban New Factory Farms | The Pew Charitable Trusts <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2021/02/19/environmentalists-make-long-shot-attempt-to-ban-new-factory-farms?fbclid=IwAR103x9Ym07MRjUz71hejVUo0Ftgai7grhl3e80XOWT4Hp4yRe05xaf1x8>

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Abraham, Martin & John | Dion <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5hFMy4pTrs>

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Trump administration did not disclose that a test inspection program in pork plants found higher contamination rates | The Washington Post https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/pork-plants-contamination/2021/02/18/8d90c986-7133-11eb-93be-c10813e358a2_story.html?outputType=amp

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Iowa family left long-lasting impact on ag | Iowa Farmer Today https://www.agupdate.com/iowafarmertoday/news/state-and-regional/iowa-family-left-long-lasting-impact-on-ag/article_c95fd2b4-716e-11eb-8cb4-9f20dc879874.html

Wallaces Farmer | Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wallaces_Farmer

Free Webinar Next Week! | Acres U.S.A. <https://mailchi.mp/acresusa/free-webinar-next-week-how-plants-protect-microbes?e=e49f04f0fe>

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CSA | FoodPrint https://mailchi.mp/foodprint/winter_csa?e=00430612ff**

**Andra Day - Rise Up [Official Music Video] [Inspiration
Version] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwgr_IMEgA&list=TLPQMjMwMjIwMjGK8mSjtcms4w&index=1**

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overboard? | The
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agribusiness | AgWeek <https://www.agweek.com/business/agriculture/6890673-Keith-Ellison-talks-strategy-to-halt-concentration-in-agribusiness>**

**Tyson Foods investors reject call for human rights
report | Des Moines
Register <https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/money/business/2021/02/23/tyson-foods-investors-reject-human-rights-report-stock-changes-meatpacking-plants/4516385001/>**


**As U.S. pork plant speeds up slaughtering, workers
report more
injuries | Reuters <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-pork-insight-idUSKBN2AJ179>**

**Episode 12: How To Be A Whistleblower - Amanda Hitt
— REDUCETARIAN FOUNDATION
<https://www.reducetarian.org/podcast-episode/12>**

**Are you a contract grower? Do you have concerns regarding retaliation if
you speak out? If so, contact the Food Integrity Campaign for help.**

Why Do Meatpacking Workers Face Such Gruesome Conditions? | Mother Jones <https://www.motherjones.com/food/2021/02/meatpack-food-lobby-coronavirus/>

U.S. Senator Tina Smith Helps Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Open New Markets, Strengthen Operations for Small Meat Processing Plants | Senator Tina Smith <https://www.smith.senate.gov/us-senator-tina-smith-helps-introduce-bipartisan-bill-open-new-markets-strengthen-operations-small>

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Farmers in India Lead the Fight Against Corporate Agriculture | Food & Power <https://www.foodandpower.net/latest/india-farmer-protests>

Why Bill Gates is now the US' biggest farmland owner | New York Post <https://nypost.com/2021/02/27/why-bill-gates-is-now-the-us-biggest-farmland-owner/>

New Livestock Processing Plant Wants To Make Fremont County More Self-Sustainable | Wyoming Public Media <https://www.wyomingpublicmedia.org/post/new-livestock-processing-plant-wants-make-fremont-county-more-self-sustainable#stream/0>

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COLUMN: Rural America shouldn't be a dump site for corporate America | The Courier https://wcfcourier.com/opinion/columnists/column-rural-america-shouldn-t-be-a-dump-site-for-corporate-america/article_92749c3e-bc55-573f-9813-e4539de3b9be.html

Highly contagious virus popping up in show pigs across state | KSWO <https://www.kswow.com/2021/02/13/highly-contagious-virus-popping-up-show-pigs-across-state/>

FARM ACTION FOCUS: A GUIDE TO THE FARMER FAIR PRACTICES RULES

The fight to protect livestock and poultry producers from Big Ag monopolies is as important as it is complicated. There's a lot of history and we want to be sure that everyone who's interested can get involved. Our latest blog post looks at the fight to protect producers from corporate abuses. This fight goes by many names, but these days is often centered around the Farmer Fair Practices Rules.

From late night TV show specials, to articles, blogs, and even legal text, our blog aims to be a one-stop shop for background and resources on this topic. Sort of like a choose your own adventure where you can decide how deeply you want to engage. Are you up for the challenge?

READ THE BLOG

IN PARTNERSHIP: WE STAND WITH INDIA'S FARMERS

Family Farm Action Alliance and 86 other farm, food, and racial justice groups released a [statement](#) to let India's farmers know that we stand with them in their fight against the pro-corporate laws that would increase agribusiness' stranglehold over their food system. If you're interested in learning more background on what's happening in India, [this Food and Power article](#) provides a clear picture.

Family Farm Action Alliance's mission is to create a food system and economy that respects our land, natural resources, and neighbors here and around the world. The fight for laws that respect and protect farmers is international. U.S. food and agricultural trade policy has had profound impacts on India's food system. When we fight for policy change here, we know that the implications are global.

OUR STATEMENT



MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT: GUEST SPEAKER TOM PHILPOTT

It was impressive to hear about the diverse areas of work and interests from members across the country at our first membership meeting. Members: if you were not able to join the February meeting, we hope you can join us next month!

Members on the video call expressed interest in learning more about the issues in our food and agricultural system from leading voices, including author Tom Philpott. **We are excited to share that Tom has agreed to join our next membership meeting** on March 16 from 6:00-7:00 PM CT for a discussion with us about his work!

Tom Philpott is the food and agriculture correspondent for Mother Jones magazine. His book, [Perilous Bounty: The Looming Collapse of American Farming and How We Can Prevent It](#), was published in August 2020. Tom has written about some of our work in his recent Mother Jones articles, including: [Biden Would Be a Fool Not to Break Up Huge Food](#)

[Conglomerates](#) and [What Biden's Pick for USDA Chief Will Reveal About How He Intends to Govern.](#)

If you're interested in being a part of the conversation, it's not too late to join us!

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EDUCATION AND AWARENESS: A HISTORY OF CONSOLIDATION

A new comprehensive [blog post](#) from the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition uses findings from our recent report, [The Food System: Concentration and Its Impacts](#), to make the case that “the time is right for competition and antitrust reform in agriculture.”

If you are looking for a digestible history of how the hyper-consolidated food system of today came to be, this blog is worth the read.

[READ IT HERE](#)

OPPORTUNITY FOR ENGAGEMENT: NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD MEETING

The USDA is holding National Organic Standards Board meetings in April. These meetings give the public a chance to listen in and provide input towards the USDA's standards for organic farming practices.

The board will hear oral public comments virtually on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, and Thursday, April 22, 2021, from 12:00-5:00 PM ET. The deadline to submit written comments and/or sign up for oral comment is April 5th at 11:59 PM ET. Following this, meetings will be held virtually April 28 through April 30, from 12:00-5:00 PM ET to solidify any updates on organic standards.

[LEARN MORE](#)



FARM ACTION MOVEMENT NEWS: HOW BIDEN CAN REIGN IN THE BIG MEAT MONOPOLY

In this recently published [Vox article](#), author Claire Kelloway tackles the big questions: what is “Big Meat”? How does “Big Meat” get away with exploiting workers and farmers? And most importantly, how can we get “Big Meat” to play fair?

This article provides a comprehensive overview of the issues, using images and data from Family Farm Action Alliance’s report, [The Food System: Concentration and Its Impacts](#), to make the case for solutions to the “Big Meat” problem.

[READ IT HERE](#)

ABOUT US

[Family Farm Action Alliance](#) is a thought leader, policy developer, and network builder for farmers and ranchers, food chain workers, consumers, organizations, and policymakers up and down the food supply chain. Our political partner organization, [Family Farm Action](#), collaborates to build the capacity to take action in our state and federal capitols and at the ballot box.



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Together, we represent a seamless chain of action from research and policy development to the adoption of the policy through legislative action by elected officials who support our vision to bring economic vitality and prosperity to rural America.

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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.

February 19, 2021

OCM Supports Antitrust Bill

RADIO 570 WNAX / 2-18-21

Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar has introduced the Competition and Antitrust Law Enforcement Reform Act. The measure calls for increasing the budgets for antitrust enforcement departments allowing them to handle more cases and more in depth. Organization for Competitive Markets Executive Director Mike Eby says it's positive this has been introduced and is hopeful a starting point for handling a massive problem.

He says getting more boots on the ground enforcing antitrust laws has been something that's been needed for a long time and even came up at a recent Senate hearing.

Eby is hoping there will be enough legislative support for Klobuchar's bill despite her party affiliation.

Eby says Klobuchar's measure is at least a good starting point in addressing antitrust and concentration issues that have hit agriculture the most but also other industries as well.

<https://wnax.com/news/180081-ocm-says-antitrust-bill-introduction-a-positive-move/>

Bill Gates thinks wealthy nations should stop eating beef and switch to plant-based alternatives

Washington Examiner / Michael Lee / 2-16-21

"Eventually, that green premium is modest enough that you can sort of change the [behavior of] people or use regulation to totally shift the demand."

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/bill-gates-beef-plant-based-alternatives>

Organization for Competitive Markets v. Office of Inspector General (Checkoff Transparency Lawsuit)

OCM Staff

Nearly 6 years and still NCBA and USDA refuse to release how federally mandated beef checkoff assessments paid by U.S. cattle producers is being spent.

See for yourself, court documents linked.

<https://competitivemarkets.com/ocm-foia-claim-regarding-beef-checkoff-program/>

Senate to Vote on Vilsack's Secretary of Agriculture Confirmation Next Week

AgWeb / Tyne Morgan / 2-16-21

MCOOL came up in the Senate confirmation hearing. One would have thought it to be newsworthy.
Mike Eby

<https://www.agweb.com/news/policy/politics/senate-vote-vilsacks-secretary-agriculture-confirmation-next-week>

Nestle's newest KitKat is missing a key ingredient

CNN / Jordan Valinsky / 2-16-21

"There is a quiet food revolution underway that is changing how people eat. We want to be at the forefront of that, championing the discovery of plant-based food and beverages," he said in the statement.

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/02/16/business/vegan-kitkat-launch-trnd/index.html>

The Time is Ripe For Competition and Antitrust Reform in Agriculture

NSAC / 2-12-21

These corporations are very, very good at messing with your head," said Dave Bishop, 70, a small farmer in rural Illinois. Today, the popular narrative in agriculture is that the rapid concentration of the industry is a natural consequence of advancing technology, not the result of conscious decisions made by agribusiness and government leaders. The food system is hailed as better for consumers, demonstrated by a lower cost for food, while ignoring the rising health issues, environmental degradation, and rural depopulation that it creates. These hidden costs challenge the mainstream rhetoric about the food system's superior efficiency. "This is a design issue. This is a choice," Bishop explained.

So, is the status quo worth defending? It is for the multinational food corporations who amass power from excessive, subsidized commodity production, are free to consolidate operations and concentrate market share, and bear no responsibility for hidden costs.

<https://sustainableagriculture.net/blog/the-time-is-ripe-for-competition-and-antitrust-reform-in-agriculture/>

Cory Booker, New to Senate Ag Committee, Wants Change for Family Farmers

Lancaster Farming / Dick Wanner / 2-15-21

Booker said independent family farmers and ranchers, both organic and traditional growers, have been under attack for the last 60 years.

"We have lost more than a million independent family farmers," he said. "Farm debt is at an all-time high, the farmer's share of the consumer dollar continues to dramatically decline, and I have heard heartbreaking stories of farmer suicides."

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/news/main_edition/cory-booker-new-to-senate-ag-committee-wants-change-for-family-farmers/article_0f4623d1-1395-540f-ab71-4df7c3f015f6.html

Senate Democrats Take Aim at Antitrust and Lack of Competition in Ag Markets

Daily Yonder / Bryce Oates / 2-11-21

It's past time to put an end to the theft we experience from our monopolized agriculture and food system," Schwalbe said. "Congress needs to act to stop price-fixing and restore competition and Senator Klobuchar's bill is a step in the right direction. Antitrust enforcement and strengthening independent family farms and ranches is a unifying call to action."

<https://dailyyonder.com/senate-democrats-take-aim-at-antitrust-and-lack-of-competition-in-ag-markets/2021/02/11/>

Imports of cattle and beef hit historical high in 2020

The Fence Post / RCALF / 2-11-21

"Imagine how much stronger our domestic food supply chain would be, and how many more opportunities U.S. cattle farmers and ranchers would have if America stopped displacing the production of our American family farmers and ranchers with billions of pounds of foreign beef and cattle," Bullard concluded.

<https://www.thefencepost.com/news/imports-of-cattle-and-beef-hit-historical-high-in-2020/>

OCM'S MOST RECENT 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 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.

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The Law, Ethics & Animals Program

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Coming next week: preventing future pandemics

Hi everyone,

We were delighted kick off our spring speaker series last Wednesday with [Karen Bradshaw](#) of Arizona State University. She and LEAP Faculty Co-Director Doug Kysar discussed her new book, [Wildlife as Property Owners: A New Conception of Animal Rights](#). The talk was recorded and you can access it [here](#).

Next week's event explores the animal origins of human disease. Jonathan Epstein's talk, "Preventing Future Pandemics," will outline how changing ecosystems and human-animal relationships leave us vulnerable to new pathogens and what can be done about it. To sign up and read more about this and our other events, please consult the description below.

Till soon,


Viveca Morris, *Executive Director*

Doug Kysar, *Faculty Co-Director*

Jon Lovvorn, *Faculty Co-Director*

Noah Macey, *Programs Fellow*

Wednesday, February 17



Jonathan Epstein


Vice President for Science and Outreach,
EcoHealth Alliance

law.yale.edu/animals

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-jonathan-epstein

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Presented as part of LEAP's One Health Speaker Series

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



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.

Wednesday, March 3

	<h3>Thomas W. Mitchell</h3> <p>Professor, Texas A&M School of Law</p>	<h3>Racism, land loss, and the creation of modern agriculture</h3> <p>This panel, moderated by Helia Bidad (J.D. 2022) will explore the ways that the dispossession of Black-owned farmland in the 20th century perpetuated racial inequities, and how racism continues to harm farmers of color. 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 has dispossessed Black farmers and landowners (and others) of their land and who has developed and advocated 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.</p> <p>Wednesday, March 3, 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm</p> <p>tinyurl.com/leap2021-mitchell-sanders</p>
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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:

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Wednesday, March 17

	<p>Daniel E. Ho</p> <p>Professor of Law & Professor of Political Science, Stanford University</p> <p>law.yale.edu/animals</p>	<p>Using machine learning to find factory farms & the future of environmental governance</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>17 March, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm tinyurl.com/leap2021-ho</p>
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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. [Daniel E. 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.

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