

Statement about industrial farming

Industrial Farming has made it possible for consumers to buy a large variety of crop plants and animal products at a very low price but it has also been criticised for its effects on the environment and the questionable treatment of animals that often takes place.

Because industrial farming uses greenhouses with pesticides and synthetic fertilizers it is able to provide a lot of diverse crops in large quantities which lowers their price. The downside to this is that those chemicals have a bad impact on the environment and the health of the population. This method of growing crops is also not very sustainable because it requires a constant input of chemicals that can't be assured in the long term. Ecological farmers suggest reusing manure as an organic fertilizer to get better soil that is sustainable.

Industrial farming also makes use of facilities in which large amounts of animals are confined to produce meat. These animals are often held in inhumane conditions and are fed mostly grains alongside antibiotics and hormones. A result of this is the high amount of animal waste that is damaging the soil and the water. Also those plants that are fed to the animals could feed at least 3 billion people.

Another problem with industrial farming is the production of greenhouse gasses. The livestock industry alone is responsible for 18% of the world's emissions.

I think industrial farming is not the direction we should be heading because the cons easily outweigh the pros. It is not sustainable in the long term opposed to ecological farming. Cheap prices just don't make up for the damage that is done to the environment and our health. But I believe the only way to stop it is to change people's views on the topic. Everybody needs to think about what they are buying and how it's produced. Industrial Farming is just a response to consumer behavior.