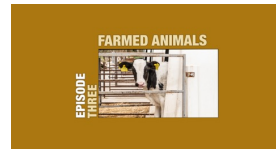


# ANIMAL LAW & YOUTH ACTIVISM EDUCATORS' GUIDE



## EPISODE 3 – FARMED ANIMALS

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### LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will be able to:

- Identify the harmful effects of factory farming on the animals, humans, and the environment.
- Understand what an ag-gag law is, and why animal advocates are in such strong opposition to this type of law.
- Analyse an animal protection ad campaign and its underlying message challenging speciesism.

### PRE-VIDEO QUESTIONS

1. What image pops into your head when you hear the word 'farm'?
2. What do you think a factory farm is? Does this differ from the image that popped into your head in Q.1?
3. This episode is titled 'Farmed Animals'. Why do you think this term was used instead of 'Farm Animals'?

### Farmed for Food

1. Why did Rajesh Reddy state that "if there's one kind of animal you don't want to be born as, it's one who's being raised for food"?
2. Camille Labchuk states that over [800 million land animals](#) (e.g. chickens, cows, pigs) are killed for food in Canada every year (Canada's human population is about 38 million). In the United States, this number is close to 10 billion (the U.S. human population is about 330 million). Globally the number is about 80 billion (the world human population is about 8 billion). What do you think about these numbers?

### Related Impacts

1. People working on factory farms and in slaughterhouses generally have very few rights compared to other workplaces. Why do you think this is?
2. What are some of the environmental impacts of factory farms? How might these affect people living close to factory farms?

### Factory Farm Investigations

1. What emotions and/or thoughts arose for you as you saw the W5 undercover footage of the pig and chicken farms?

### What About Eggs/Dairy?

1. What emotions and/or thoughts arose for you as you saw the undercover footage of the dairy farm and the calf being separated from her mother?
2. Do you agree that dairy farming is a "not a gender-neutral issue"? Explain.

### Ag-gag Laws

1. What is an "ag-gag" law?
2. Why are ag-gag laws put in place?

### Activism / Campaigns

1. Why do you think we treat some animals as 'family' and some animals as 'food'? What does the term 'speciesism' mean?

[Farmed Animals Kahoot](#) (8 questions)

### POST-VIDEO QUESTIONS

## Extension/Research Questions

1. Take this short online quiz [Diagnostic About the Meat Industry](#) (it is auto-marking). How did you do? What fact surprised you the most? Why?
2. Watch this 90-second clip from Carl Safina’s TEDx Talk: [What animals are thinking and feeling, and why it should matter](#) (8:35-10:09). How might this clip affect our understanding of what animals experience on factory farms?
3. Bruno Barba, a 16-year-old Orange County high school student, stood up to school administrators and classmates to save the life of the pig he was raising for his school’s Future Farmers of America (FFA) program. To see the full story watch [How I Was Rescued By Lola Pig](#) (3 min). Bruno’s mom states, “You don’t really think about the factory lives that they live...You don’t think about that when you’re eating a piece of meat or drinking a glass of milk.” Why do you think this is? Why do you think Bruno feels he was “rescued” by Lola Pig?
4. Research and summarise the main environmental impacts of animal agriculture. A place to start is the article [What is the true cost of eating meat?](#) from The Guardian (scroll down to the section titled ‘What is the environmental impact of our current farming model?’).
5. Approximately [124 billion fishes](#) were farmed globally for food in 2019, a practice known as [aquaculture](#). These fish are raised in enclosures, which differs from the hundreds of billions of fishes that are ‘wild caught’ annually. Research the effects of aquaculture on fishes and the environment.
6. What is one thing that you can do, no matter how small, to lessen your impact on factory farmed animals? What is a challenge that you might come up against while making that change? How might you overcome that challenge?

POST-VIDEO REVIEW

RESOURCES FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION

Field Trips (live)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit a local farmed animal sanctuary (e.g. Farm Sanctuary, <a href="#">New York State, California</a>)</li> <li>• Attend a virtual live tour of a farmed animal sanctuary (e.g. <a href="#">Luvin Arms Animal Sanctuary</a> or <a href="#">Pasado’s Safe Haven</a> live virtual field trip offerings)</li> <li>• Watch a live cam (e.g. <a href="#">Explore.org Live Cams</a>, search for ‘farm sanctuary’)</li> </ul>
Field Trips (recorded)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Pasado’s Safe Haven</a> (21 min)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Farm Sanctuary VR</a> (7 min)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Sentient Media</a></li> </ul>
Websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Factory Farming Awareness Coalition</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Animals on Farms in Canada</a> (Animal Justice)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Farmed Animal Fundamentals</a> (Faunalytics)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Factory Farming in the United States</a> (Farm Sanctuary)</li> </ul>
Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">BC Indigenous Leaders Want Factory Farming to End</a> (Animal Justice)</li> <li>• <a href="#">“When We’re Dead and Buried, Our Bones Will Keep Hurting”</a> (Human Rights Watch)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Farm animals and humans should be treated the same, children say</a> (<i>The Guardian</i>)</li> </ul>
Videos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Pandemic of Injustice</a> (Mercy for Animals - 11 min)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Elsie Herring: Environmental activist fighting against environmental racism and factory farms in her community</a> (We Animals Media - 5 min)</li> <li>• <a href="#">The Last Pig</a> (Argo Films - 52 min)</li> <li>• <a href="#">The next global agricultural revolution</a> (Bruce Friedrich, TED - 6 min)</li> </ul>
Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Barn 8</a> (Deb Olin Unferth - fiction)</li> <li>• <a href="#">The Story of a Goat</a> (Perumal Murugan - fiction)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Project Animal Farm: An Accidental Journey into the Secret World of Farming and the Truth About Our Food</a> (Sonia Faruqi - non-fiction)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Moo</a> (Sharon Creech - fiction)</li> </ul>