

CAFOs:

The term "factory farms" is another name for CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations). CAFOs are industrial-sized livestock operations in which hundreds or even thousands of farm animals are typically confined in extremely cramped quarters 24/7; the animals never see the light of day or receive more than a minimal amount of care, and they are frequently subjected to abusive practices. The rationale for all of this mistreatment is maximization of profits.

FARM ANIMALS:

Missouri is one of the few Midwestern states that still permit County Commissioners and County Health Boards to regulate CAFOs. In fact, all 8 states contiguous to Missouri prohibit local control of factory farms. As a result, large corporate agricultural entities have poured more money into the coffers of Missouri state legislators than in any other state legislature in the country. Subsequently, legislation is introduced every year to deny counties the authority to regulate CAFOs. Missouri has become Ground Zero for Corporate Agriculture.