

## **Humane Education Lesson Plans**

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The Story Behind Factory Farming (Grades 6-8)

### **RESOURCES**

Note to Educators: Please be aware that there may be information and images contained in the following resources that might be disturbing to some students. Though we have chosen resources we believe to be the most comprehensive and educational, rather than simply shocking, we ask that you carefully review them and select those that are most appropriate for your students based on their age and maturity level.

#### **Professional Organizations**

Farm Aid: [www.farmaid.org](http://www.farmaid.org)

Farm Sanctuary: [www.farmsanctuary.org](http://www.farmsanctuary.org)

Humane Farm Animal Care: [www.certifiedhumane.com](http://www.certifiedhumane.com)

The Humane Farming Association: [www.hfa.org](http://www.hfa.org)

#### **Webpage Articles**

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: [www.asPCA.org/fight-animal-cruelty/farm-animal-cruelty](http://www.asPCA.org/fight-animal-cruelty/farm-animal-cruelty)

Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations: [www.fao.org/climatechange/49380/en/](http://www.fao.org/climatechange/49380/en/)

Green America: [www.coopamerica.org/pubs/realmoney/articles/lessmeat.cfm](http://www.coopamerica.org/pubs/realmoney/articles/lessmeat.cfm)

Humane Society of the United States: [www.hsus.org/farm](http://www.hsus.org/farm)

Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: [www.mspca.org/advo\\_faranimals](http://www.mspca.org/advo_faranimals)

Sierra Club: [www.sierraclub.org/factoryfarms](http://www.sierraclub.org/factoryfarms)

World Society for the Protection of Animals: [www.wspa-international.org/wspaswork/factoryfarming](http://www.wspa-international.org/wspaswork/factoryfarming)  
and [www.wspafarmwelfare.org](http://www.wspafarmwelfare.org)

#### **Articles in the Media** –listed chronologically

➤ *The New York Times* ([www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com))

“Humanity Even for Nonhumans” By Nicholas D. Christoff (April 9, 2009)

“As More Eat Meat, a Bid to Cut Emissions” by Elisabeth Rosenthal (December 4, 2008)

“The Barnyard Strategist” by Maggie Jones (October 26, 2008)

“Kosher Wars” by Samantha M. Shapiro (October 12, 2008)

“Rethinking the Meat-Guzzler” by Mark Bittman (January 27, 2008)

“Our Decrepit Food Factories” by Michael Pollan (December 16, 2007)

“Trying to Connect the Dinner Plate to Climate Change” by Claudia H. Deutsch (August 29, 2007)

“Being Nice to the Bacon, Before You Bring It Home” by Paul Vitello (April 1, 2007)

➤ *The Boston Globe* ([www.boston.com/bostonglobe](http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe))

“Going Native” by Erica Noonan (Feb 21, 2008)

“To Get to the Other Side” by Diana Burrell (Jul 25, 2007)

### **Research Papers** –listed chronologically

“Eating our Future: The Environmental Impact of Industrial Animal Agriculture” by the World Society for the Protection for Animals, 2008

[www.wspa-usa.org/download/140\\_eating\\_our\\_future\\_nov\\_08\\_.pdf](http://www.wspa-usa.org/download/140_eating_our_future_nov_08_.pdf)

“Putting Meat on the Table: Industrial Farm Animal Production in America” by The Pew Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production, 2008

[www.pewtrusts.org/uploadedFiles/wwwpewtrustsorg/Reports/Industrial\\_Agriculture/PCIFAP\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.pewtrusts.org/uploadedFiles/wwwpewtrustsorg/Reports/Industrial_Agriculture/PCIFAP_FINAL.pdf)

“Livestock’s Long Shadow” by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, 2006

[www.fao.org/docrep/010/a0701e/a0701e00.htm](http://www.fao.org/docrep/010/a0701e/a0701e00.htm)

“Diet, Energy, and Global Warming” by Eshel and Martin, University of Chicago, 2005

[hope.simons-rock.edu/~geshel/papers/nutri/nutri3.pdf](http://hope.simons-rock.edu/~geshel/papers/nutri/nutri3.pdf)

### **Books**

[Animal Liberation](#) by Peter Singer

[Animal, Vegetable, Miracle](#) by Barbara Kingsolver

[Dominion: The Power of Man, the Suffering of Animals, and the Call to Mercy](#) by Matthew Scully

[The Ethics of What We Eat: Why Our Food Choices Matter](#) by Peter Singer and Jim Mason

The Face on Your Place: The Truth About Food by Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson

Farm Sanctuary: Changing Hearts and Minds about Animals and Food by Gene Baur

Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal by Eric Schlosser

The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan

The Pig Who Sang to the Moon by Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson

Righteous Porkchop: Finding a Life and Good Food Beyond Factory Farms by Nicolette Hahn Niman

Slaughterhouse: The Shocking Story of Greed, Neglect, and Inhumane treatment Inside the US Meat Industry by Gail Eisnitz

So You Love Animals by Zoe Weil

## **Videos and Film**

“Babe” – 1995

“Charlotte’s Web” – 2006

“Death on a Factory Farm” – HBO Documentaries, 2009

“Fast Food Nation” – Fox Searchlight, 2006

“Food, Inc.: How Factory Farming Affects You” – 2009

“The Meatrix” series ([www.themeatrix.com](http://www.themeatrix.com)) – 2003

“Pig Business” – 2009