

What about jobs?

Low-Wage Hazardous Work

By design, a CAFO uses as little labor as possible.

The Mt Judea industrial hog farm will create 10 jobs.

And threaten the loss of 528 jobs in the tourism industry.

Impact on small farms

- From 1980 to 2011, the number of hog operations in the U.S. dropped from 666,000 to roughly 69,000, yet the number of hogs sold remains almost the same.
- small farms can't compete and go out of business.

Family farms loose out!

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Only outside interests will get rich from this industrial farm.

The residents of Mt. Judea, will experience lost property values and degraded infrastructure.

Some will end up in debt.

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ECONOMICS

FACTORY HOG FARM

While large industrial hog farms may be new to Arkansas other states have experienced them and the results have been lost property values, reduced tax base, and degraded natural resources

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EXPERIENCE IN OTHER STATES

The cost of infrastructure upkeep for road maintenance and water treatment in the region begins to mount.

People who can move out thus reducing the tax base

The school population declines and with it the funding.

Some schools are forced to close

A 1999 study estimated the average decline in land values within a three-mile radius from each CAFO in Missouri at \$2.68 million.

WHY DID CARGILL COME TO NEWTON COUNTY?

- While only the outside behemoth can answer this question, there is a pattern. CAFOs tend to be built in communities desperate for economic opportunities.

Consider this quote from CAFO: The Tragedy of Industrial Farm Factories

“CAFO operators entice rural communities with promises of skilled jobs and economic development opportunities. Preferred targets are regions up against years of persistent poverty. But hopes of economic revival are often accompanied by harsher realities. Members of CAFO communities frequently complain about losing control of their lives because of stench and pollution. They often can’t sit outside and enjoy their backyards or decks, plan birthday parties, enjoy recreational areas, fish in their local streams, or even visit loved ones in cemeteries.”

