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A Student's Reaction On- The U.S. Food Industry & Animal Feed

This CNN episode was based on how Americans eat a lot of meat. On average, up to 126 pounds of poultry, beef and pork every year. For some, it's more than their own body weight. Depending on the animal, producing one pound of meat can take two, three, or even six pounds of feed. What some of our livestock is eating are things people would never put in their mouths.

The episode and further research showed that main meals for common animals we eat are the same species of meat, diseased animals, skin, roadkill, blood, animal waste, plastics, drugs and chemicals. Some of the



drugs used can be extremely harmful to our livestock and can even put harm to the consumer of the meat. These drugs are most likely to cause birth defects and diseases in animals and even in humans.

The awful part of everything is that the way animals are being fed are not for its well being, but of course are for economic reasons.

My opinion on the whole subject is that cruelty is brought upon us and the animals. Animal factories and farms should not think about money and prices when it comes down to health. In the end, diseases have a chance of spreading and killing many animals in factories that could lead to a whole series of problems with economy. A resolution to everything could be for a law to be made that animals in factories or farms need to be fed properly to promote growth and health in a healthy manner. This will most definitely impact our diets as well as our livestock.