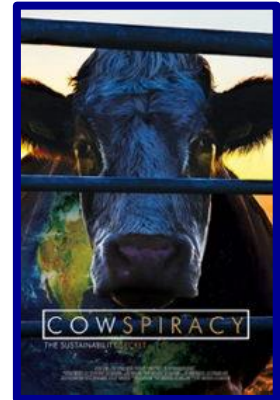


# Cowspiracy

*Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret* is a 2014 documentary film produced and directed by Kip Andersen and Keegan Kuhn. The film explores the devastating impact of [animal agriculture](#) on the environment, and investigates the policies of [environmental organizations](#) on this issue. Environmental organizations investigated in the film include [Greenpeace](#), [Sierra Club](#), [Surfrider Foundation](#), [Rainforest Action Network](#), and many more.<sup>[1][2][3][4]</sup>

The film was [crowdfunded](#) on [IndieGoGo](#).<sup>[5]</sup> Screenings are licensed through the distributor as well as on Tugg.<sup>[6]</sup>



"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies,  
but the silence of our friends."

-Martin Luther King Jr.



- Many climatologists believe that the maximum 'safe' level' of CO<sub>2</sub> is 350ppm, but we are already at 400 ppm. Further, a temperature increase of 2°C would cause many climatic changes: famine, water, massive extinctions. We are rapidly approaching and will easily exceed that value.
- On our watch will see the greatest mass extinctions since the time when the dinosaurs disappeared.
- When whole countries disappear under sea water, and when they can not feed their populations.
- Can expect [future climate wars](#).



**Question:** And what about livestock and animal agriculture?  
Answer: "Ahhhhh, well what about it???"



**Kip Anderson** (maker of this documentary), after seeing the Al Gores movie 'An Inconvenient Truth' was determined you live his life in balance with nature so that this bad stuff would not happen.

- Became an 'OCE' = 'obsessive-compulsive environmentalist':

- Separated all recyclable objects
- composted food waste
- changed all light bulbs to compact fluorescent
- short showers
- water turned off when brushing teeth
- lights off when leaving the room
- bicycled for transportation



- But as years passed, environmental things seemed to be getting worse.
- "Even if everyone did what I did, would this be sufficient to avoid global disaster??"
- Seemed like something more to this story. Then noticed this on the Internet:



And that COWS produce more greenhouses gases than the TRANSPORTATION sector.

Most importantly, methane from the digestive process.

- Methane 25 – 100-time more destructive than CO<sub>2</sub>. Why was I riding bicycle everywhere?



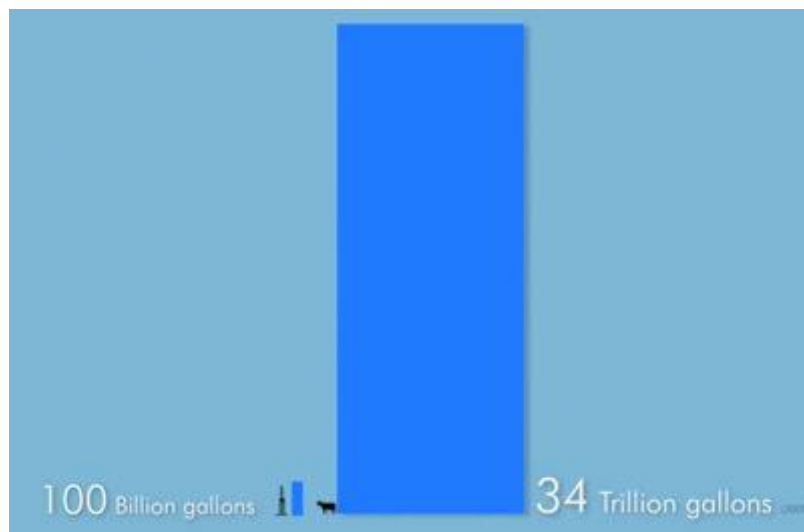
• More research:



**QUESTION:** Why people generally not aware about so many problems concerning **meat agriculture** and the environment. Should be everywhere on Internet. So searched.

- Went to MANY of the environmental organization web sites, *but shocked to find virtually nothing.*
- Much information about **natural gas** and **fracturing**, but very little on **meat agriculture**.

Comparing **water used in fracturing and meat agriculture** was a major shock:



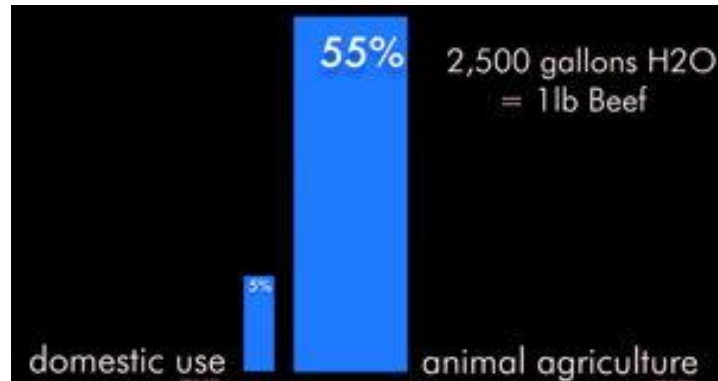
Fracking ↑ Meat agriculture ↑

- Turns out that the methane emissions from both industries are nearly equal.

- Water experts in California point out that meat agriculture is hugely **water intensive: both the grain eaten by cow as well as the water drunk.**



- One quarter pounder hamburger requires over 660 gallons of water. Eating **ONE** hamburger is equivalent to showering for two months!!

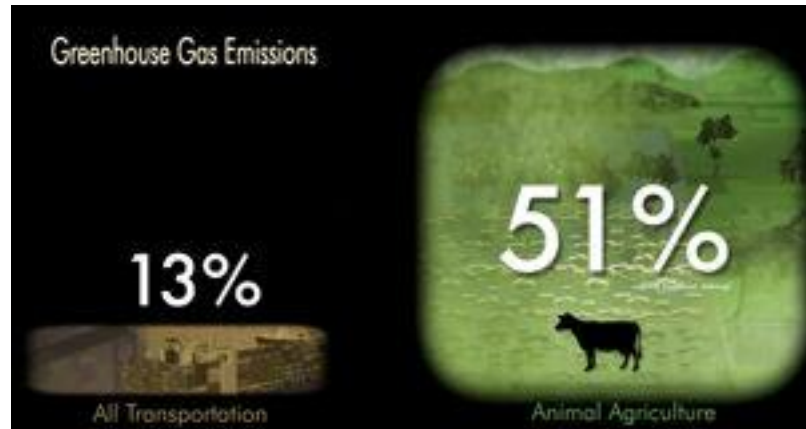


- Went to many Internet sites with suggestions how to save water.
- But nothing about animal agriculture.



- Everything that an individual can do to save water in life SMALL compared to that related to one hamburger.

- Decided to talk to people at government agencies;



- Going back 10,000 years, free-living animals made up 99% of the biomass; human beings only 1%.
- Today, we human beings and the animals we raise (own as property) is 98% of the biomass. And wild free-living animals only 2%.
- Basically we have stolen the EARTH from free-living animals. Used for ourselves in the cow, pig and chicken animal factories.
- The oceans have been even more devastated.
- Major species extinction is overgrazing of livestock on land and 'over fishing' in 'our oceans'.
- Rainforests cut at a rate of an acre per second. Major villain is animal agriculture. Graze animals and grow soybeans. 91% of rainforest loss is to raise livestock.
- No groups fighting this is because subject is a political loser:

• Most environmental organizations get funded by donations. IF they challenge people eating meat or pursuing their daily habits they will lose these people.

- All of these groups are **BUSINESSES**, that need adequate funding.
- They do NOT want to get off message which will make their lives difficult.



• Do not want to face the idea that raising and killing animals for food is killing the planet.

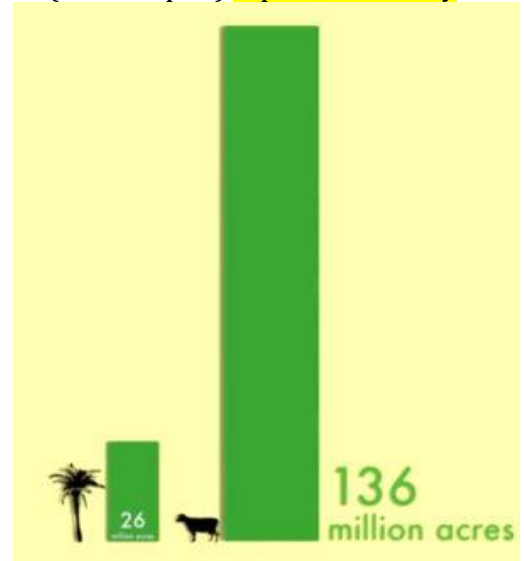


- A statistic: one hundred and sixteen tones of farm animal excrement (shit and piss) is produced every second in USA alone.

• Enough waste in one year to cover each square foot of a huge number of major cities. Have caused more than 500 nitrogen flooded dead zones in the oceans. Equal to more than 95,000 square miles.

• Long section about the depletion of global fish stocks. Way past sustainability while at same time wreaking the habitat. Huge drift net fishing is destroying a huge amount of bystanders, which are also wasted.

• Amazing loss of rain forests for logging and the agribusiness, including meat agriculture. Even though loss of natural forests to plant palm oil trees is huge, it is tiny compared to loss for the agro-meat industry.

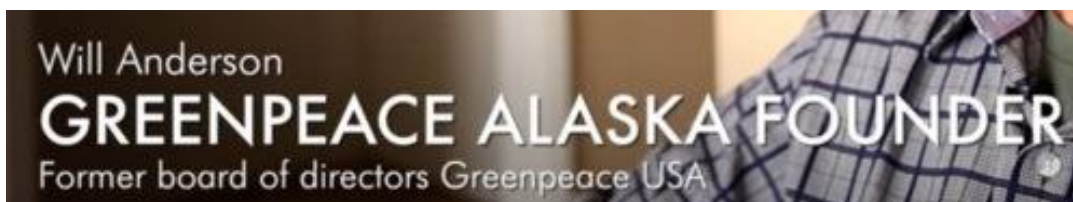


- Amazon Watch points multiple causes of forest destruction, but admits that agriculture would be the greatest cause. Cattle grazing and soy production in particular.

• In BRAZIL people who spoke up against the impact of agro business got **KILLED!!!** Many people keep mouth shut because do not want to be the next person with a bullet to the head.



Over 1,100 activists have been killed in the last 20 years in Brazil



- ALL environmental organizations see very clearly what is happening. Right in front of their eyes. BUT **REFUSING to act**. Nowhere in Greenpeace literature can you find a statement that agriculture is the problem. They (all) are failing us an t ecological systems. It is so frustrating to see them do this.

150 Billion gallons of Methane  
per day



- Farting and burping-----



FactoryFarmDrones.com

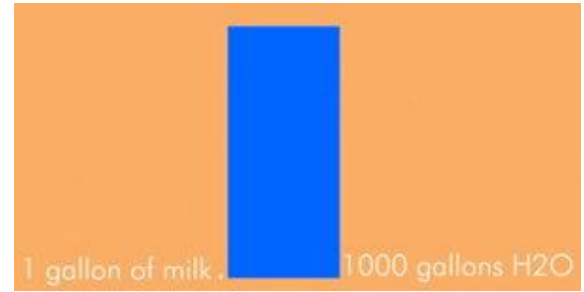
- And with almost NO waste treatment ([see hogs in north Carolina video clip](#))
- The majority of antibiotics in USA is going to healthy livestock (factory farms disease and to FATTEN more quickly), and NOT to humans.
- It takes a huge amount of land to grass feed beef. To feed people in USA would have to plant grass everywhere plus outside of USA.

4,500 acres	314 mil. in USA
80,000 lbs	209 lbs/yr
	382 people
	11.7 acres
<b>3.7 billion acres</b>	



- Just to feed USA demand on meat.
- Takes more than 2 years to raise cattle for meat. Land and water use and feed huge. Factory fed animals cut this figure to half. So land fed beef is even more unsustainable than factory farming.

- Perhaps same story for dairy.
- Typically a cow will eat between 140 and 150 pounds of feed a day. And drink between 30 and 40 gallons of water. That is 20 tons of grain per week.
- Takes 1,000 gallons of H<sub>2</sub>O to make one gallon of milk!! →
- Mother has to have a baby to have milk. Mother will stay with baby for about 2 days (only).
- All dairy cows eventually go o the beef industry.



• One huge cause of desertification is grazing animals.

- One person suggested hat MORE grazing would fix the problem. Based on this advice Zimbabwe culled 40,000 elephants, but the situation became WORSE. Culling stopped.
  - We do not understand the system
  - IN USA government round up wild horses. Many thousands in holding facilities.
  - As government divides up the (PUBLIC) resources a huge portion going to the livestock industry.
  - Wolves are now being targeted by ranchers.
  - Government has aerial gunning of all 'predators' dictated by ranchers.
  - CONGREESS is willing to ALLOW this form of land and resource mismanagement. Lobbying power of the agro industry.
  - Government admits that livestock raising is main cause of land degradation. But allow it to continue
  - EXTERNALIZED costs to produce this stuff about 14 billion \$\$\$. Public money that could be used for positive things.
  - A \$5 carton of eggs would go to \$13 without this subsidy externalized cost. A #4 Big Mac would cost \$11.
- Everybody is paying for this even vegetarians!!
- The very large producing companies are able to dictate the laws involving food.
  - Perhaps why Al Gore never talked about this subject or mentioned it in his film!??? Was this truth just TOO INCONVIENIENT even for him?



- Animal agriculture alliance agreed to an interview.

- Claims animals can get better attention and care in factories.



- Declined to answer question whether meat & dairy industry ever donated to environment nonprofit.



- Also declined to answer question whether they donate to Greenpeace

- Pulled out support for this film!

- Grew up on the largest dairy farm in state of Montana.



- After college degree in agriculture started a MEGA agriculture business with much land, animals and people.
- Appeared on Oprah Show and spoke about agriculture business. At that time an “food disparagement law”
- He believes it to be unconstitutional.

- Law states that “it is against the law to say something that you knew to be false about a perishable commodity”.

- He says that he did not say anything on the show that he knew to be false. ‘I went there and told the truth. Now it took 5 years and hundreds of thousand dollars to defend myself from suits by the cattle industry. But if I would go back on the show and say exactly what I said before, I would be guilty.

- Today anyone who does likewise and tells the truth will be found to be GUILTY!! Because if you cause a disruption in the profits of the animal industry you are GUILTY under the Patriot Act!!

- Tells filmmaker that he will be in deep shit and guilty. Should throw his camera away now.

- The animal agriculture industry is one of the most powerful industries on the planet.

- Everyone would be surprised to know that the animal rights and environmental activists are on the list of terrorists. The number one domestic terrorist threat according to the FBI.

- This shows amazing industrial and political power !!



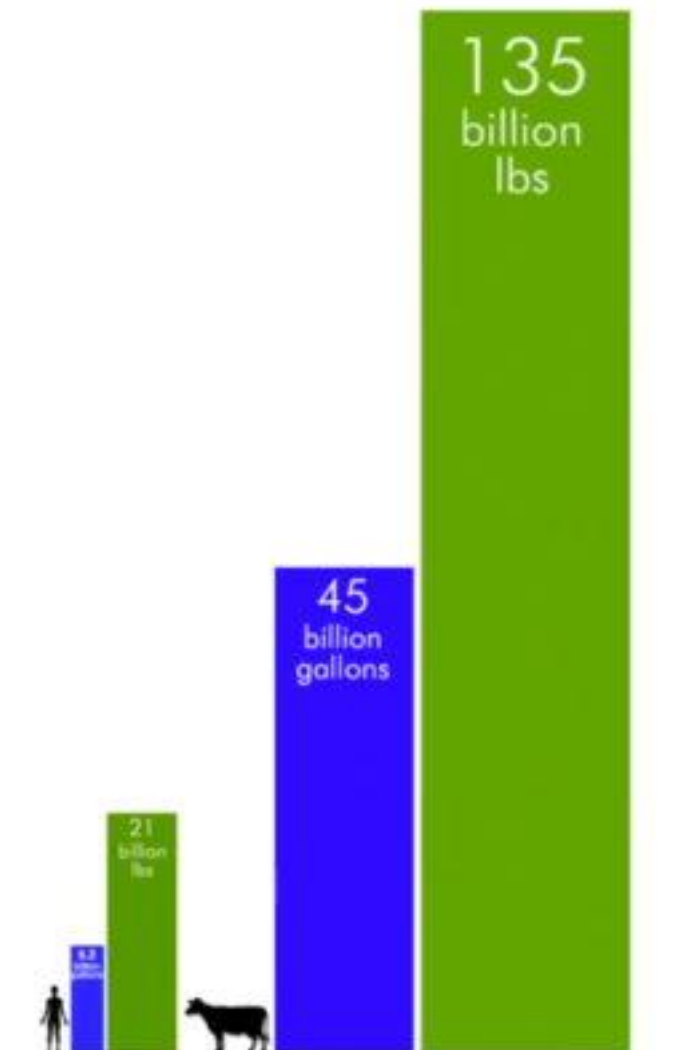
- Being on top of the FBI list is probably they are the biggest threats to corporate profits. TOP of FBI priorities.
- When anyone tries to expose animal cruelty and safety, they are attacked as harming public safety. National Security. Trademark issues. Business secrets. Giant attempt to keep the public in the dark. FBI following me and keeping records on all activities.
- Says present film in danger. Going up against people with massive legal resources. Huge amount of money at their disposal. And you have nothing.



- 70 billion farm animals!!

• Food & water for humans and farm animals per day = →

- In developing country where millions of children are starving, grains are being fed to animals that will be sold for food in wealthier countries.



## [Kip Anderson \(Cowspiracy\) Interview](#)



[This Scientist Might End Animal Cruelty—  
Unless GMO Hardliners Stop Him](#)