Environmental Impact by Animal Aggriculture and Livestock

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The world we live in has existed in over 4.5 billion years and has over time went through many changes. Humans, as we know them today, have only lived here for about 200,000 years, and during that fraction of time have managed to change a lot of the natural balance. Even though life on this planet has survived through many disasters and harsh times, the one we're now standing up against is the Global Warming threat, which we have contributed to by ourselves.

As we all know, after the industrial revolution the human beings have been too selfish and short minded with the use of fossil fuels and the atmosphere has now to many particles that keeps the heat trapped inside. The last decades we have improved on lowering these types of energy sources and at the same time being more conscious about our own energy use. But there is still a long way to go. This text will briefly enter the problems about animal agriculture and livestock. Or in other words, one of our biggest food sources.

The principle about animal agriculture today is to feed up the animals as fast as possible and as cheap as possible. This method uses large areas of land and a huge consumption of water because of all the food the animals will need. With millions of animals fed up for the sake of humans, their waste is contaminating the earth and water. Among scientists, there is a fear that the waste from animal agriculture and livestock influence the oceans and contributing to destroy coral reefs and fish species.

Some of the reasons why our way of making food will never going to be sustainable again is because we are too many people. The world need to take actions now, and stop the massive consumption of meat which causes larger greenhouse gas emissions, lack of drinking water, destroyed land areas and at last but not least, unethical treatment of animals.

The consequences is already upon us, and it is our responsibility to take action.