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Ample discussions have been generated regarding factory farms' pro and cons. Both sides present good reasons in their arguments.

The issue does not seem to be factory farms: "yes or no today" but "yes or no in the future".

Greenhouse gas emissions have negative effects on the atmosphere both nationally and locally. In order to offset these eroding consequences moratoriums and laws have been passed on both the national and state levels to seriously cut back on the dependency of fossil fuels to power so many necessities in our lives. Hence, when looking at the big picture for the future renewable energy, with no toxic greenhouse gas emissions, seems to have a very significant and definite place.

How are factory farms, which produce soaring amounts of manure that pollute air and water and that also release methane gas, a very threatening contributor of climate warming emission, planning to incorporate renewable energy into their businesses?

If plans are lagging, then factory farms seem to be in conflict with both national and state future goals to reduce methane emissions by certain target dates by still allowing their animals to live in toxic, harmful and disrespectful environments that add to the carbon footprint.

Speaking of the carbon footprint with the possible reduction of global pollutants becoming a reality, more changes may be needed in the realm of human lifestyles. Diets may be changing. The dependence on flesh foods may decrease. Hence, what effect might that change have on factory farms? A decline in the profits seen from the exploitation of animals may send a financially unpleasant message to factory farm owners and investors.

In conclusion it seems that factory farms may be quite out of synch with the tide that is gaining strength to combat global pollution and the climate crisis. How, then, can factory farms be altered to flow with the tide? Maybe the future's answer is to end factory farms and to promote family farms, free range farms, that offer animals a healthier environment in which to live and which offer a much more compatible alternative to future environmental goals which are set to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and which would rely on renewable resources to power this earth rather

than factory farms, which are not only dependent on fossil fuels for their industry to profit but which also contribute significant amount of methane and other toxic emissions into the atmosphere when in the process of conducting business.

When looking I, for one, see no place for factory farms in the future's big picture.