

Free Range Animals:

- mean grassland, hedges and rotational farming.
- eat mostly rough fodders unsuited for human consumption.
- can utilise land which is difficult to cultivate.
- re-cycle their wastes into renewed soil-fertility.
- maintain their health with the minimum use of drugs.
- through their active self-expression, they make a valuable contribution to the countryside scene.

Factory Farm Animals:

- compete directly with man for food, consuming oilseed proteins needed in the countries where they are grown, in the fight against malnutrition.
- create the need for continuous corn-growing, which in turn calls for more chemical fertilisers, weed-killers and pesticides, to the detriment of the wildlife of the countryside.
- waste primary food (only 10% efficiency).
- cause air- and water-pollution.
- degrade the sensibilities of all who work with them, and
- threaten your health because of the drug-residues and pathogens which they pass on in their products and meat.

FACTORY FARM FIRES

On these factory units, thousands of pigs or tens of thousands of hens are left in the charge of just one man. Sometimes even he may live in a nearby village.

A Fire research Memorandum estimated that in a single year 200,000 head of livestock were burnt to death while trapped in their cages or stalls, yet no mandatory fire regulations exist to safeguard farm animals.

"Nothing seems more callous" says the Architects Journal, "than the attitude of the agricultural community to farm fires."