

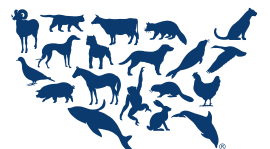


EATING MERCIFULLY

Questions for Reflection:

1. Where do you get your information about food, where it comes from, and how it is produced? Is this information reliable?
2. A typical American food consumer spends less money on food than ever before in history. What are the "hidden costs" associated with our desire for cheap meat and cheap food?
3. How should Christians respond to the claim that it is only industrial methods of meat production that will feed the world's growing demand for protein?
4. What options are available to you to eat more responsibly and more mercifully? What can you do to advocate for a more merciful food system where you are?
5. What resources exist within your faith tradition to help you eat more mercifully? How can you best spread the word about this to neighbors and friends?
6. How does advocacy for merciful eating fit within your larger concerns as a Christian, consumer and citizen?
7. Why does scripture say that God cares about animals? Why have Christians not always acknowledged this?

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