

Is 'factory farming' an accurate description of modern agriculture?

I've lived in four states on the East Coast and Gulf, and I've never found myself wanting come harvest time I'm consistently awed at what this season has to offer.

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Untold hours of expertise (and trial and error experimentation) have allowed farmer Joe/Jane to hone their craft. Hardship and conflict — but also success and boastful pride — is embedded in every grain of corn or head of lettuce And then someone has to ruin the (still budding) nostalgia and say X is just a "factory farm."

What does that imply? Based on campaigns I've seen, it suggests ecological permissiveness and profiteering. All orchestrated by scheming corporations that oversee "mega-farms" Tank the environment long-term for short-term profits. We report to the shareholders. Take the money and run!

Thinking about all of the steps leading to harvest, here are some common factors to consider — and why "factory farm" is one of the most disingenuous phrases in the playbook Most farms use technology to streamline their operations, from preparation to seeding to harvest.

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Pests and diseases are always eyeballing their next meal ticket pesticides are still a necessity GMOs Definitely corporate supplied, but is it much different from procuring supplies from a local cooperative? And organic fertilizer and pesticides are just as corporate as any other

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