

FACT 2023 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



DEAR FRIENDS,

FACT is working to change the narrative about family farming and what the future of farming should look like. For too long industrial farming businesses have controlled this narrative. We believe the future of farming needs to change from a focus on commodities such as corn and soybeans to one focused on raising animals humanely and growing food that people can eat.

We work with a network of nearly 12,000 farmers, many of them young and beginning farmers, who share our vision for the future of farming.

They believe in producing food for their local communities and finding ways to make a living from farming. We at FACT believe the future of farming is in helping these farmers achieve their dreams.

During this past year, FACT continued to positively impact farmers and farming across the country through our farmer programming. Our Fund-a-Farmer grants and scholarships support farmers financially. Our free webinars and Humane Farming Online School educate thousands yearly. Our Mentorship program offers new and beginning farmers the chance to learn directly from more experienced farmers. We are making a difference.

We have worked to guarantee that food raised from animals is safe and healthy. FACT is the lead organization nationally that has been calling on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to ban the carcinogenic drug carbadox, which is still given to most pigs raised in confinement in the United States.

In December we finally made progress when the FDA announced their plan to ban this drug.

We continue to lead the Keep Antibiotics Working Coalition in an effort to reduce the amount of antibiotics given to food animals by 50%.



We hold the FDA and factory farms accountable and demand action.

Our partners and supporters participate in our action alerts by signing petitions and reaching out to their legislators and to the FDA and USDA. These actions bring about positive results.

There are many challenges ahead. We believe that together we can work to transform our food system. It should be a system that:

- Feeds communities healthy and humanely raised food that is accessible to all.
- Is regenerative, that is good for the soil and for the planet.
- Prioritizes small, young, and beginning farmers over large, multinational, industrial factory farms.
- Prioritizes treating animals raised for food humanely and with respect.
- All food from animals must be safe and healthy for people to eat.

With your help, we can change the narrative and bring about this transformation.

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HARRY RHODES
Executive Director, FACT

YEAR IN REVIEW

HUMANE FARMING

FACT's Humane Farming program partners with and invests in individual farmers who are seeking to raise their animals humanely by providing them with grants, scholarships, webinars, training, and other learning opportunities.

FUND-A-FARMER GRANTS

In April 2023 FACT awarded

87 grants

totalling more than

\$253,000

to farmers and ranchers located across

33 states

and the District of Colombia, benefitting an estimated

92,000

food animals

This year saw the highest number of grants we have awarded since the program started in 2012. The grants were awarded for projects that improve farm animal welfare and increase the capacity of humane farmers.

75%	Said that they are beginning farmers or ranchers
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In April of 2024, we will award at least \$250,000 in grants benefiting more than 80 farms. Since 2012, FACT has cumulatively awarded 608 grants totaling over \$1,110,000 to farmers across 44 states, directly benefiting an estimated 978,000+ animals.

Grand View Beef

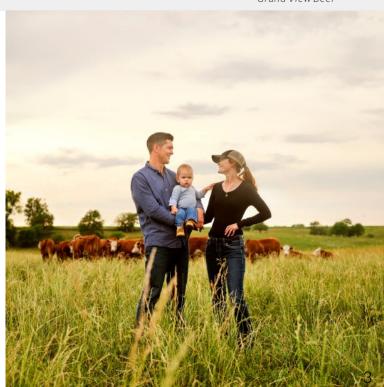
GRAND VIEW BEEF IN IOWA

A 2023 FACT Fund-a-Farmer Grant Recipient

"Having this additional 80 acres in pasture ground will greatly reduce the need for purchased hay forage and will also increase our revenue from being able to raise more animals for harvest."

~ Amanda, Owner of Grand View Beef

Grand View Beef in Iowa received a Fund-a-Farmer grant in 2023 to plant 80 acres to perennial pasture that was previously row cropped in order to rotationally graze their herd of 180, 100% grass fed cattle.



HUMANE FARMING

HUMANE FARMING WEBINAR SERIES

FACT's webinars increase knowledge of humane farming practices and help humane farmers improve the financial success of their businesses.

Recent webinars have included:

- Building Soil Health with Animal Agriculture
- Restoring and Maintaining Riparian (Water)
 Areas in a Grazing System
- Antibiotics, Antibiotic Resistance and Stewardship on the Farm
- Brain Injury: Disabilities and Ag

140,467	YouTube Views
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2,781 Audience members attended live sessions

2,490 YouTube Subscribers

Total number of webinars available on FACT's YouTube Channel

Free webinars and online trainings offered in 2023

Visit our YouTube channel at youtube.com/user/FoodAnimalConcerns

CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

81 scholarships
awarded in 2023



FACT offers scholarships for farmers to attend workshops, field days, conferences, and other training events to learn humane animal production methods.

75% of scholarship
recipients said they
would not have been
able to attend the
conference of workshop
without a scholarship
from FACT

39 different conferences and events





Last winter, Matt Barattino with Wild Texan
Farm received a Humane Farming Conference
Scholarship to attend the APPPA (American
Pastured Poultry Producers Association)
Annual conference in Allen, Texas.

"This conference was immensely helpful to us and our future operations. We are going to implement a regenerative pastured layer operation based on what we learned. Thank you so much for making it possible for us to attend this conference!" ~Matt

YEAR IN REVIEW

HUMANE FARMING

HUMANE FARMING MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Our mentorship program provides beginning farmers who wish to raise their animals humanely with critical knowledge and fosters a

sense of community.

33 pairs of mentors matched in 2023

In 2023 FACT staff paired up new and beginning farmer Dr. Ivette Ruiz with experienced farmer Carrie Starr. Last autumn, once their respective farms had slowed down, they had the chance to meet. Here's what they had to say about their experience with FACT's Mentorship program:

"FACT does such a great job of matching mentors and mentees. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know my mentee, helping her grow her business. We took advantage of the farm visit opportunity and had the best time getting to know each other even more." ~ Carrie



HUMANE FARMING ONLINE SCHOOL

In July of 2022 FACT launched a free, online Humane Farming School that offers Short Courses for farmers to take on-demand.

725 Students

Enrolled in FACT's Humane Farming School

2 Short Courses Available

Two additional courses soon to launch

ADVOCACY

We signed onto dozens of organizational letters in support of increased funding for conservation programs and sustainable agriculture research, climate change mitigation, and protections for food and farm workers.

We brought 13 farmers to D.C. for the Farmers Climate Action: Rally for Resilience

And participated in 18 meetings with Congressional offices and the USDA.

We urged policy makers to support grazing, local meat processing, and climate solutions in the Farm Bill.

Samantha Gasson, (Humane Farming Manager) was on a panel at the Food Not Feed Summit in February 2023, and presented at the CFSA Sustainable Agriculture Conference in November 2023.

Current and Upcoming Short Courses

- Funding Your Farm
- Beginning Pastured Poultry
- Raising Your Ruminants Right (launching May 2024)
- Getting Started at the Farmers' Market (launching March 2024)



SAFE AND HEALTHY FOOD

PROGRESS IN OUR FIGHT TO BAN THE DEADLY FEED ADDITIVE, CARBADOX

In November, just weeks after FACT delivered 2,359 petitions from our supporters to the FDA Commissioner calling for FDA to ban the cancer-causing pig drug carbadox, the agency announced it intended to ban the drug. Over half of the pigs raised in the U.S. are fed carbadox, a drug banned in countries around the globe because feeding it to pigs leads to carcinogenic residues in pork. FACT has been the primary organization pushing to get the FDA to ban carbadox.

FACT HAS BEEN PUSHING FOR THIS POLICY CHANGE ALL YEAR

August 23

FACT released our "Poisonous Pork" report that showed that carbadox is the most common residue detected in random sampling of pork by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - exposing thousands of people to dangerous amounts of cancer-causing residues every year. Some of the residues detected were over 10,000 times higher than the level determined by the FDA to be safe.

October 4

FACT met with USDA officials to discuss how much carbadox was being used on the giant facilities where most pigs are raised.

October 24

FACT delivered 2359 petitions to the FDA Commissioner calling for a ban on the drug.

October 27

FACT and pasture-based pig farmer Greg Gunthorp met with USDA officials to discuss testing of pork for carbadox.

December 7

FACT drafted comments signed by 14 organizations calling on the FDA to move forward with a carbadox ban and not grant a hearing to the drug maker.

Animals and Insects

FDA could ban drug used to treat pigs over cancer risks for humans

In the event of the drug's removal, farmers would need to resort to antibiotics intended for human use.



Scripps News/Photo by John Locher/AP

Read the full article at

scrippsnews.com/stories/fda-could-ban-drug-used-to-treat-pigs-overcancer-risks-for-humans



The most common residue violation found by USDA in pork is the carcinogen carbadox.



FDA is working to withdraw the method used by USDA to detect carbadox residues in pork because it is not sensitive enough.

Even with the weak method, USDA residue testing data suggest that an estimated 390,000 servings of pork with cancer causing carbadox residues are served each year.



Because the method is too weak, many more servings of cancer causing pork are likely being served.

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SAFE AND HEALTHY FOOD

Earlier in the year, FACT focused on getting food companies to do more to require their pork suppliers to stop using the cancer-causing drug, carbadox. While an FDA ban will stop everyone from using the drug, company action can happen more quickly than the FDA's cumbersome requirements to ban a drug.

June

FACT met with staff from Starbucks to discuss carbadox. This followed outreach by letter and an email campaign targeting Starbucks in March which culminated in a social media push in June.

October FACT met with representatives from food service company, Aramark to discuss carbadox.

OUR FIGHT AGAINST FACTORY-FARM-RAISED SUPERBUGS



antibiotic-resistant infections. They are on track to become more deadly than cancer by 2050.

- The giant U.S. meat industry runs on antibiotics, which allows unhealthy and inhumane treatment of animals in facilities and feedlots where tens of thousands of animals are housed.
- The overuse of antibiotics on factory farms causes the creation of antibiotic-resistant superbugs that lead to difficult-to-treat illness for both people and animals. In addition to producing huge amounts of inhumanely raised meats, these giant livestock facilities are factories for deadly difficult-to-treat illnesses. That is why FACT has been working toward a reduction in the use of antibiotics in agriculture.
- · Unfortunately, the latest data show that the US is moving in the wrong direction. Factory farms keep getting bigger and their use of antibiotics keeps going up.
- Comparing 2022 to 2018, the use of antibiotics in meat production adjusted by the weight of animals sold increased by 22% in turkeys, 10% in pigs, and 2% in cattle. Only in chickens, which already use drastically less antibiotics, was there a 36% drop.
- The FDA is required by law to make sure that animal drugs do not harm human health, but they move too slowly when it comes to protecting people from antibiotic-resistant superbugs.
- More and more the FDA is placing the interests of the meat industry over the protection of public health. We spend a lot of time trying to get them to make protecting people their primary job.

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SAFE AND HEALTHY FOOD

FDA ACTIONS IN 2023 AIMED AT STOPPING THE SPREAD OF SUPERBUGS

June

The FDA set new rules that require that all antibiotics related to drugs used in human medicine require a veterinarian's order before use in food animals.

August

The FDA asked for feedback on a plan to collect data from livestock-raising facilities, but like the effort to stop the continuous use of antibiotics, this plan places the meat industry in charge.

September

The FDA issued a draft plan to require animal drug makers to prohibit the continuous feeding of antibiotics to food animals. We have been asking for the FDA to do this, but the FDA's current draft allows the continued use of antibiotics for very long periods with no concern for human health impacts of long uses.

FACT worked with our allies in Keep Antibiotics Working (KAW) to put pressure on the FDA and other branches of the government to do a better job protecting people from resistant superbugs. FACT leads KAW, a coalition of 19 advocacy organizations working together to stop the spread of superbugs.



FACT met with federal officials (the FDA, USDA, and White House) eight times during the last year to push for greater action on antibiotics.

We sent written comments and letters to federal policymakers ten times during the last year asking for more action on antibiotics.



We ran five action alerts with FACT supporters asking for greater action on antibiotics. Thanks to all of you who participated. Our action alert system allows our constituents to personalize their comments.

In January, FACT joined a lawsuit challenging the FDA's failure to protect the public from the overuse of antibiotics by the meat industry.

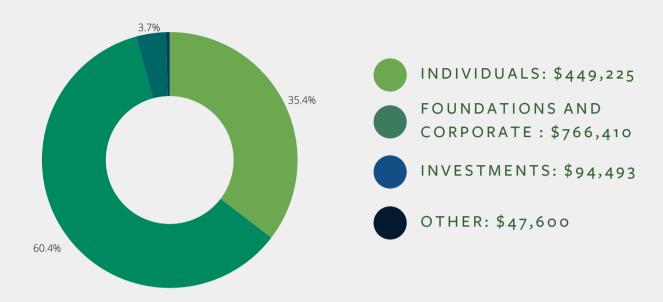




FACT staff went on a podcast tour in June where we spent two days getting our message about antibiotics out on 10 different podcasts. We also published 16 blogs on the superbug problem.

FACT continues to use whatever means we can to push for needed reductions in antibiotic overuse.

TOTAL REVENUES: \$1,357,728



TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,156,396

PROGRAM SERVICES \$944,958

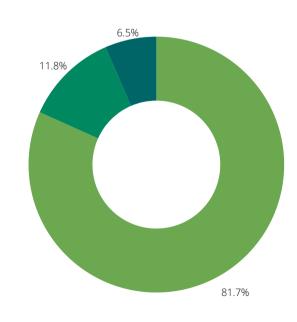
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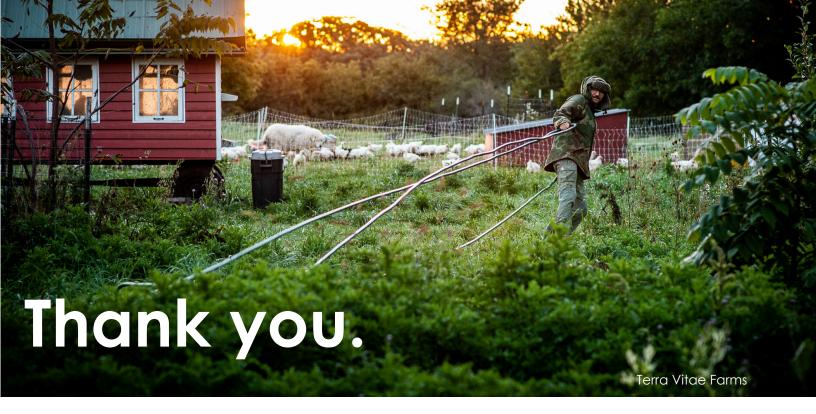
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