



MEDIA ALERT

PUBLIC FORUM: We Can Protect Iowa from Industrial CAFOs

June 14th open event to address the future of N. Iowa agriculture, family farming & healthy living -- and how industrial animal facilities can change everything

WHAT: A public forum to support community awareness and continued local coordination in Mason City and surrounding communities of Northern Iowa against the harsh health, environmental and economic threats of industrial slaughterhouses and concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs). Featuring national industrial agriculture experts & authors Dr. John Ikerd and Dr. Donald Stull, and hosted by Bennett Smith.

Public Q&A follows. Light refreshments will be served.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 | 6:00pm - 9:00pm CT

WHERE: Music Man Square, 308 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Mason City, IA 50401

WHO: **Dr. John Ikerd** | National CAFO expert & author
*Professor Emeritus, Agricultural Economics | University of Missouri
Board of Directors | Socially Responsible Agricultural Project (SRAP)
Books: "A Return to Common Sense" and "The Essentials of Economic Sustainability"*

Donald Stull | Professor of Anthropology, University of Kansas
*Focus: Rural industrialization & industrial agriculture's impact on farmers and rural communities
Book: "Slaughterhouse Blues: The Meat and Poultry Industry of North America"*

The Prestage hog plant fight was a wake-up call. Last month's narrow defeat of the planned massive Prestage packing plant in Mason City with the on-the-ground help of [Socially Responsible Agricultural Project](#) is not the last time Northern Iowans will hear from an out-of-state factory farm giant -- or the Iowa government offices that support their operations in rural communities across the state. It's a fact: small-town Iowa has been targeted as open territory for new CAFO development. The key to preserving this state's health, environment, standard of living and quality of life is public education, knowing your rights and staying connected to each other across city and county lines.

Joining together is the first-step to protecting Iowa's future.

Sponsored by concerned citizens of Northern Iowa and supported by [Socially Responsible Agricultural Project](#), a group working in farming communities across the nation impacted by factory farms.

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