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Wisconsin

Submitted by Jen Phillips on Fri Apr. 30, 2010 11:39 AM PDT.

Yes, thanks, this has been fixed.



Ha! Sarah Palin's Alaska is

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Fri Apr. 30, 2010 11:05 AM PDT.

Ha! Sarah Palin's Alaska is smelling like roses, and uber-liberal California is stink bomb!

And you know why that is, right? It's because she hunts stink cows from helicopters, while you girls can only complain.



Isn't this something genetic

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Fri Apr. 30, 2010 11:10 AM PDT.

Isn't this something genetic engineering can fix? Why aren't genetic engineers at UC Davis, UC Merced, UC Berkeley working this?

I'm hoping for something like what this judge prototyped:

<http://images.google.com/images?q=judge+kozinski+women+cows>



The Canadians have beaten the

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Tue May. 4, 2010 10:41 AM PDT.

The Canadians have beaten the Californians to this one:

<http://blogs.creativeloafing.com/dailyloaf/2009/06/29/genetically-engine...>



Cows and climate change...

Submitted by PitchingDoc (not verified) on Fri Apr. 30, 2010 12:18 PM PDT.

Have they concluded whether or not cows actually affect climate change? What is that emission total across the country compared to industry CO2/Methane emissions?

This is my one big skeptic point regarding whether or not humans are affecting the climate. Yes, it's changing, but how much are we contributing? The right keeps saying that cows are one of the biggest emitters of methane into the atmosphere. Are they correct?



Livestock emissions

Submitted by SecularAnimist (not verified) on Fri Apr. 30, 2010 4:14 PM PDT.

A 2006 United Nations study estimated that livestock production accounted for 19 percent of global CO2 emissions, comparable to the transport sector.

A more recent study published by WorldWatch Institute estimates that livestock production accounts for a significantly higher percentage -- more than 50 percent.

By far the fastest, cheapest, and easiest thing that Americans can do to reduce their own CO2 "footprint" is to switch from the "standard" meat-based



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Yes. Bovine excrement is the

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Sun May. 2, 2010 6:44 PM PDT.

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Yes. Bovine excrement is the real problem.

Government statistics say the economy is doing great too. No inflation what so ever. Cow farts are as real a problem as the Easter bunny or Santa's elves.

See: "Falsification Of The Atmospheric CO2 Greenhouse Effects Within The Frame Of Physics." G. Gerlich, R. D. Tscheuschner. International Journal of Modern Physics B, Vol. 23, No. 3 (30 January 2009), 275-364

Going vegan won't do a darn thing (except give you anemia and placidity). Nothing. Animals have always farted. Get real.

Furthermore - the atmosphere does not have a "greenhouse" effect. There is no lensing or hot spot, it is a homogeneous thermal layer - impossible for a greenhouse effect to occur (like a "greenhouse" without a glass roof - it isn't a greenhouse). Sorry - wake up from this distraction - too many of us have been had.

Getting back to reality: Ration oil to support the war effort -that's what its all about buddy.

Bovine excrement for sure.

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"No lensing or hotspot" ??

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Mon May. 3, 2010 8:50 AM PDT.

"No lensing or hotspot" ?? That is your bovine excrement, right there. What orifice was that statement puled from?

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A vegan diet is not

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Tue May. 4, 2010 10:43 AM PDT.

A vegan diet is not necessary. Going away from industrial meat and eating properly raised, properly grazed local meat will do as much for the environment as a vegetarian diet. Perhaps more: properly grazed grasslands actually sequester carbon, which is something that vegetable farms, local, organic, sustainable, do not generally do.

And if you keep to less than about 4 oz of meat per day, you will get nearly the statistical health benefits of a vegetarian diet.

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Relax..... Ahhhh.... Now

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Sun May. 2, 2010 6:23 PM PDT.

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Relax..... Ahhhh.... Now that's better... :-)

Animals fart. Animals have always farted. Dinosaurs probably had really big farts.

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Earth is still rotating. Relax, inhale, enjoy.

Methane is not a realistic concern as a "greenhouse gas". Any significant pockets of methane will be removed by lightening - or slow oxidization with contact to oxygen. Farts eventually stop stinking.

No need to panic. Best solution, is NO solution. Relax... Ahhhhh.... Now isn't that better?

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COWS ---- ADD THE PIGS

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Mon May. 3, 2010 4:22 AM PDT.

if you did a similar fart chart which included pigs along with cows, no doubt that NC would lead the list ---- by far !!!

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very funny but where is the REAL information?

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Mon May. 3, 2010 7:35 AM PDT.

This is amusing, sure... but why don't you crunch the numbers and tell us the quantity of greenhouse gasses being emitted and compare it with other sources (transportation, housing, etc.) and tell us the impact of those amounts. Then people will really see how beef consumption = global warming. Now that would be REAL reporting.

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Some genius comments here...

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Mon May. 3, 2010 7:42 AM PDT.

Yes, animals have always farted. Thank you, professor. The only teeny tiny detail is that we now consume 9 billion animals a year in the US alone. Most of these animals live in highly concentrated living spaces (CAFOs) and there is no easy way to deal with all their waste. A "natural" pasture raised animal poops in the field and it becomes fertilizer for the food he will eat in the future. It's a cycle that makes sense. But at a CAFO you have 2,000 - 120,000 animals living in a single structure and all of their waste is flushed out into massive lagoons. These lagoons put off incredible amounts of gases and they also leak into the ground water and often overflow into nearby creeks and streams. Imagine all the residents of NYC taking a crap and it all going in a big lagoon, untreated. For some reason as a society we were smart enough to recognize that human waste needs special treatment in order to protect our health and environment, and yet today we still think that we can ignore animal waste.

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PIGS

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Mon May. 3, 2010 7:43 AM PDT.

Yes, add pigs!

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Apples to Methane

Submitted by Christopher Galen (not verified) on Mon May. 3, 2010 8:51 AM PDT.

The problem with this specious comparison is that according to Chart III (<http://milk.procon.org/view.resource.php?resourceID=001154#chart>) the analysis looks at Methane emissions only.

So since livestock emit that, and cars and other fossil fuel combustors don't (they emit plenty of CO2, not methane), it looks like the carbon footprint of cows is worse

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