

## *Robert's Original Unit*

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**Grade:** High School  
**Subject:** Social Studies - Economics and Sustainable Agriculture

<b>Topic</b>	Understand the complex interrelationships among the competing goals of creating a healthy environment, maximizing economic profit, and providing fair prices for farmers.
<b>Unit question</b>	What are the advantages and disadvantages of factory farming and sustainable agriculture?
<b>Goals</b>	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• List the issues related to factory farming and sustainable agriculture.</li><li>• Explain the benefits of eating locally produced foods.</li></ul>
<b>Standards</b>	The globalization of the economy, the explosion of population growth, technological changes, and international competition compel students to understand, both personally and globally, production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services.
<b>Activities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Students will listen to a Powerpoint lecture, illustrated by photos and graphs, which will provide detailed information on the concept of factory farms for meat, dairy, and produce. Students will then view an animated video that outlines the issues.</li><li>2. Students will use their economics textbooks and laptops to identify and research the risks and benefits of factory farming to their community, the economy, and the environment.</li></ol>
<b>Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Economics textbook.</li><li>• Teacher provided list of websites on factory farming and sustainable agriculture.</li><li>• Students' laptops.</li></ul>
<b>Accommodations</b>	Students who have difficulty researching the topic will be given materials at a reading level matched to their ability.
<b>Assessment</b>	Students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create a persuasive essay on the benefits of eating locally and include pictures, graphics, and data to illustrate their topic.</li><li>• Be tested on the topics covered. The test will include short-answer and open-ended questions.</li></ul> Students' test grades will be combined with their essay grades for a unit grade.