

## Re: A cure for diabetes from 1806?

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On Mon, 05 Feb 2007 00:41:09 GMT, Jim Chinnis <[jchinnis@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:jchinnis@xxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

"TC" <[tunderbar@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:tunderbar@xxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in part:

Barley, oats, wheat, triticale, lupins, peas, etc. These are more commonly used for cattle feed than corn.

Here (the US) they are used extensively during the final week or two before slaughter, and in a phasing-out system during the calf's first week at the feedlot. Partly, this is to kill off pathogens in the ruminant that cannot survive when the corn-induced hyperacidity is normalized by the relatively more normal diet.

Most countries other than the US have strict regulations on the use of hormones and anti-biotics for cattle used in the food chain. And those cost money, so any feedlot or producer worth his salt will avoid those as much as possible. There are other ways to manage cattle's health without using meds.

Of course. Grass prairies and pastures are wonderful and almost eliminate the need for antibiotics (and do eliminate the abnormal corn diet). But feedlot animals being stuffed with number 2 field corn (manufactured into feed by adding a bit of fiber from grains, plus hormones to shorten the time-to-market from 4 or 5 years down to 14 months) suffer from diseases due to the abnormal acid of the ruminant, inactivity, and standing shoulder-to-shoulder with their pen-mates in one-another's wastes. The usual rule that antibiotics only be used in case of illness means that nearly all of the feedlot animals get antibiotics almost all the time.

I am not employed in the meat industry, I just know several producers. All of them family operations.

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In my book, feedlots ought to be criminal. They cause enormous suffering to millions of animals and then inflict suffering on the consumers of the meat from those stressed, sick, poisoned creatures.

I agree about the cruelty to the animals, but farming has been ever thus. Think of the Europeans stuffing geese to get the fatty livers for their foie gras. And then the crutching (stripping the skin around the backside of sheep to reduce fly blow) without any anaesthetic. The old religious bullshit about only humans having souls and you can do what you like to animals is only one step above the biblical edicts about what you should do to infidels. Lots to answer for!!!

I watched a harrowing doco last night about a Jewish woman whose son was rendered brain dead by a Palestinian suicide bomber, and his organs were donated — his kidneys to a young Palestinian girl.

The dead man's mother went to visit the young (now healthy) girl and her family, and they looked at the devastation along the way and the cruelty by the Israeli soldiers at the checkpoints to the Palestinians wanting (needing) to get to hospital care.

There were mumblings of why can't we co-operate, have peace and live together freely.

But my take on all of this is one deluded population of folk from all corners of the world (this woman happened to be Scottish) who believed that some mythical old man in the sky had given them the land on which another group of deluded individuals had lived for generations, and this second group believed that an imaginary old man in the sky told them the only way to fight this iniquity was to blow themselves up along with any number of the invading group, and they would instantly go to some "old man described" wonderful paradise.

The irony of all this mahem and suffering is that the two imaginary old men in the sky are supposedly one and the same. Sheesh, ain't the human species a bright bulb???

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I disagree about the quality of the meat. Any meat is nutritious, if you can stomach it knowing how it was obtained. Then there is eating too much of it....

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