“Animal science” – training, propaganda, research, sales, and public relations for the meat, dairy, fish, and egg industries at our land-grant universities’ colleges of agriculture – is devastating to human health and wellbeing, nonhuman animals, and Earth’s ecosystems, and contrary to basic principles of education. Rooted in beliefs debunked by many fields of study, “animal science” is the most insidious instance of academic conflict of interest. The sources listed after the assertions in this document represent a vast body of work showing how anachronistic and destructive “animal science” is and why our universities must eliminate it.

Inclusion in this document does not mean a source or its author(s) promotes an end to “animal science” or endorses any assertion, claim, argument, activity, objective, or goal of Responsible Policies for Animals.

Format. Each section of The Case Against “Animal Science” Documented consists of a statement contributing to the argument that “animal science” should be eliminated, followed by sources, listed in alphabetical order by author, that provide knowledge, information, and analysis supporting the anti-“animal science” statement. Many of the listed sources support more than one of the anti-“animal science” statements.

▶ “Animal science” and other academic conflict of interest corrupt universities, deceive and mislead students, and put private profits and careerism above human and ecological health and wellbeing, human morality, and the pursuit of knowledge.


▶ Universities dominate the hierarchy of institutions – government, news, public relations, schools, families, profit industries, youth and civic groups, and others – that determine what human beings eat; agriculture-college deception regarding food is especially harmful.


▶ The laws establishing our colleges of agriculture at our land-grant universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture refer to crops, soil, water, and seeds, never meat, dairy, fish, eggs, veterinary medicine, or any other industry or endeavor involving nonhuman animals. (“Agriculture” means *cultivation of fields*; there is no such thing as “animal agriculture” or an “agricultural animal.”)

An Act *Donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts* (known as “the Morrill Act” for its primary author in Congress). Congress of the United States of America, Washington, D.C. Approved July 2, 1862.

An Act *to establish a Department of Agriculture.* Congress of the United States of America, Washington, D.C. Approved May 15, 1862.

▶ The National Research Council of the National Academies acknowledges change is needed at our colleges of agriculture, but fails to specify that the most-needed change is an end to “animal science,” due to bias, careerism, and conflict of interest on the research committees and exclusion of disinterested authorities and informed advocates.


▶ Our agriculture colleges’ big-agribusiness orientation – with the meat, dairy, fish, egg, feed, toxic-chemical, and veterinary industries and massive animal factories, feedlots, and slaughter facilities predominant – undermines most agriculture, impoverishing farmers and rural communities, wasting and contaminating soil and water.


Belying “animal science,” human beings are natural plant-foraging herbivores, with all of the physiological and anatomical traits that define animals as herbivores, none of those that define animals as omnivores or carnivores, and are natural prey to large cats, reptiles, dogs, and raptors; human beings are not natural predators or meat-eaters; “man the hunter” is debunked pseudo-science.
Humans acquire almost every infectious disease we can name from unnatural direct contact with nonhuman animals by forcing them to live among humans and by invading their ecosystems, capturing them, and killing them – from prehistoric times to the present.


The meat, dairy, fish, and egg industries are the main sources of food poisoning and antibiotic-resistant disease in human beings.


Institutionalized abuse of human beings – misogyny, racism, anti-Semitism, war, genocide, eliminationism, and more – is rooted in the unscientific belief, reinforced by “animal science,” that some beings can accurately be deemed less than human, and in the institutionalized animal abuse perpetuated by “animal science.”


▶ **The meat, dairy, fish, egg, feed, and allied industries heat Earth’s climate, contaminate its land and water, erode and desertify its topsoil, destroy natural predators and other free-living animals, and devastate aquatic ecosystems.**


▶ **Nonhuman animals, typically intelligent, sensitive, familial, social, and moral beings, are capable of leading fulfilling lives denied them by “animal science,” the meat, dairy, fish, and egg industries, and all other institutionalized animal abuse; their nature contraindicates treating them as “livestock” or other forms of property.**


* Responsible Policies for Animals sent this book to chief executives of the 50 states’ land-grant-universities as part of the organization’s 10,000 Years Is Enough campaign to eliminate “animal science.”
Fundamental change to human practice, policy, education, and understanding, obstructed by “animal science,” is necessary to end animal abuse as humans’ way of life.


Human beings are natural plant-foraging herbivorous apes originating on the African savanna with no biological need of direct contact of other animals; all that human beings do to or with other animals is animal abuse; animal abuse is a root cause of human misery.
