

Why Lab-Grown meat should be banned

My name is Harper Boettcher and I want to share my thoughts on Lab-Grown meat and why I believe we should consider banning it. Even though lab-grown meat is often presented as a solution of animal cruelty and environmental problems, we must look deeper at the hidden issues it brings

One of the main problems I see is the lab-grown meat can displace jobs in conventional farming. Nearly 90% of North Dakotas land area is in farms and ranches. If we started lab grown meet many people would lose their jobs. Another problem is the unknown health benefits. Cultured meet is still a new product and its health consequences are still unknown. A big thing to consider is that it can be cancer causing. The cells used to make lab grown meet multiply rapidly, which is similar to cancer cells. The last thing I have is the food safety. Cultured cells can be infected or mutated and the meet would have to be carefully watched to ensure food safety. There are also mutant proteins called prions that can cause diseases such as mad cow diseases, which is a rare fetal brain disease.

These are just some of the many downsides of why lab grown meet should be banned. The cost of jobs, unknown health benefits and its food safety.

Thank you,