Industrial farming is a concept in which many have argued about animal cruelty versus the profit efficiency within the companies and the society. The reality in industrial farming contributes to the work and effort given by the workers and the positive outcomes it has towards the environment. This field of work, like any other, has its flaws but it also manages to portray a positive attribute to the way society lives. The reality of today’s society has not been through picking out flowers and having picnics as a job, but a real world where time, sweat and sacrifice are needed in order to survive.

Bill McKibben and Blake Hurst are two men who completely oppose each other in the matter of “industrial” farming. As McKibben tries to point out in, The Only Way to Have a Cow, that “industrial” farming is degrading because it contributes to the consumption of animals (200). And even besides the consumption of animals, “industrial” farming plays a part in all the pollution that affects the Earth’s atmosphere and the interference with the nitrogen cycle. As Hurst rebuttals in, “The Omnivore’s Delusion: Against the Agri-intellectuals,” there are many misconceptions on the topic and a majority of focus on how bad it is. He goes into depth of why the ‘animal cruelty,’ is a method used for the own protection to the animals, as well as mentioning all the new steps that farming has taken to reduce the pollution amount. Hurst continues to disclaim
all of McKibben’s statement and resolutions to “industrial” farming with his personal experience as a farmer.

Blake Hurst, a man who has farmed for more than 30 years in his family-owned farm, mentions, “Only “industrial” farming can possibly meet the demands of an increasing population” (206). Hurst reminds people that during the time when people were suffering from starvation due to the high cost of food, that it was because of “industrial” farming that food overflowed and became affordable. It was to Hurst defense as well because he knew that with the traditional farming ways it would have taken a longer period of time and much more labor work to reach such demand. People who are oppose to “industrial” farming, would think that with such equipment to make the job easier there has to be some type of downsized, but they forget that farmers still break sweat when working machinery.

With such machinery that has entered to the farming world and such great things that it accomplishes for farmers, environmentally friendly people have much to say about that type of equipment being used and the “industrial” farming effects. Hurst goes to mention in, “The Omnivore’s Delusion: Against the Agri-intellectuals” as the president of the Missouri Farm Bureau, “Biotech crops actually cut the use of chemicals, and increase food safety” (206). Despite the negative views on “industrial” farming, most farmers have put enough time in their career to know what works best with their land as well with their crops and livestock. Farmers have as well used experimental information to know what affects the environment more and which one work without prejudicing the future live of Americans and the Earth.
“Industrial” farming is one of those topics that is growing in controversy because of many rising issues that people want the community to be aware of, and somehow relate back to farming. Such things like pollution, obesity and animal cruelty. These people who are towards a movement that is ‘best’ to Americans and the environment are inclining to a side that has been horrifically described to them by people that don’t go through such experience everyday. They are quick to shut the idea that these farmers are humans and make a living out of “industrial” farming, while worrying as much about the environment as the others.

This may not be the only problem in America and there might be even worse ones depending on the persons whose opinion is being considered. According to their opinions they will most likely have one of their own solutions that would be ignorant to others lifestyle. Instead of all this negativity towards “industrial” farm workers, a good round of applause should be given to them for actually trying to better their own strategies for the better of the environment like people propose. Keeping in mind that farmers sacrifice as much as everyone else and put the same amount of work.