

What: "Industrialized Farming and Its Relationship to Community Well-Being: An Update of a 2000 Report by Linda Lobao" and "The community effects of industrialized farming: Social science research and challenges to corporate farming laws"

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Linda Lobao (Professor, Rural Sociology, at Ohio State) & Stofferahn for academics (social scientists)

Who: Either could be useful for activists & policy makers as well, to have a conversation about effects of industrialized farming on communities & more empirically justify concerns

To address the gap in lit that reviews social science research on the effects of industrialized farming on communities (summarizing results from studies that found *negative, mixed, or positive* results)

Why: Evaluate ~50 studies from the 1930s to time of publication: research designs, whether pos/neg consequences found, what aspects of community well-being were seen affected

How: Stofferahn: "This update to her [Lobao's] 2000 review of the literature since the publication of her book focuses on the consequences of industrialized farming on community well-being irrespective of whether these effects were detrimental, positive or mixed. Thus, a comprehensive review of the literature included all studies in this area, regardless of their conclusions."