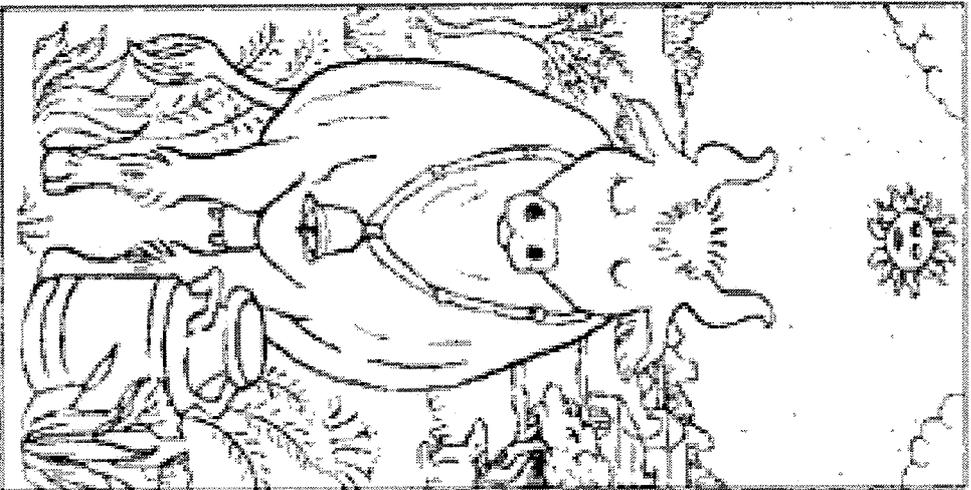


Part 4: Is Raw Milk Better for Farmers?



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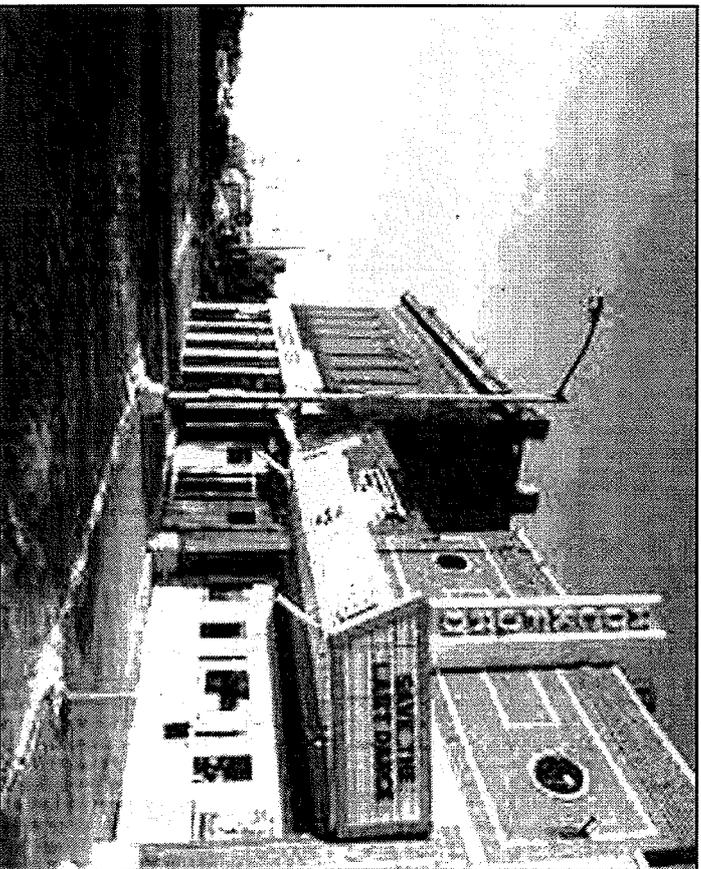
—*John Mahe*

Teagasc dairy specialist

Irish Independent, 19 AUG 2003

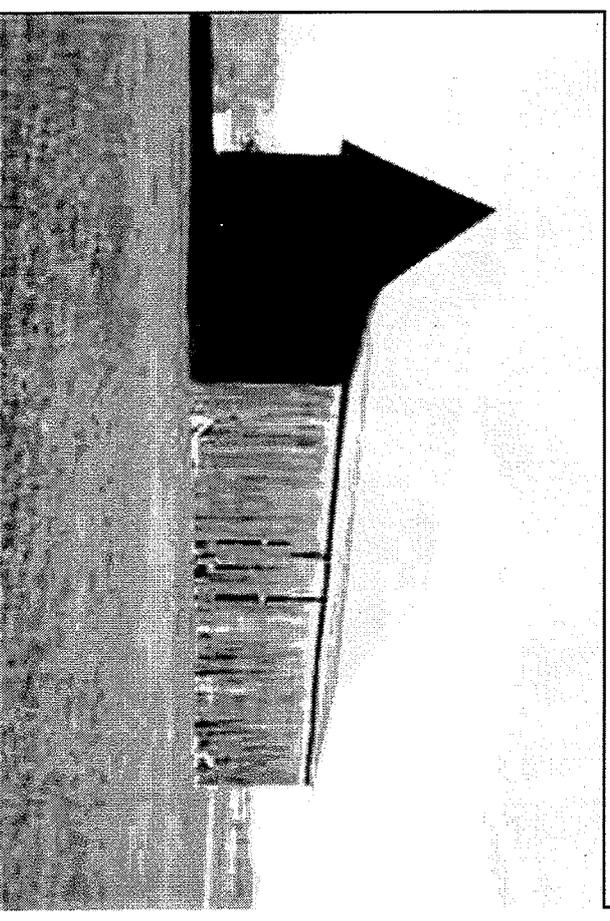
Pasteurization Laws have destroyed rural life

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Compulsory pasteurization laws, are largely responsible for the decline of American small towns and rural life.

Pasteurization laws transform what should be a local value-added product that keeps wealth in the local economy and into a commodity product that transfers wealth to large international corporations.



Conventional Dairy Farm Economics

- 30 cows producing 190 hundredweight of milk per year
- Farmers receives about \$10-\$12 per hundredweight
 - lowest price in 25 years
- **GROSS INCOME \$57,000** per year
- Costs include feed (to get high milk yield), vet bills and replacement cows (average life of cow is 42 months)
- **In 2002, dairy farms went out of business at a rate of 16 farms per day**

Economics of Pasture-Based Mixed Farm with Direct Sales

- **30 Cows on 100 Acres**
 - Cows produce 100 hundredweight of milk each per year
 - Farmer sells milk at \$4 per gallon and equivalent price for cream, butter and cheese
 - Gross income from milk and milk products = **\$150,000**
- Minimal input for feed, vet bills; no replacement cow costs
- **PLUS** – whey and skim milk used to feed pigs and chickens. Income from eggs, broilers, turkeys, pork, beef, veal and broth = **\$50,000** with minimal input for feed, etc.
- **GROSS INCOME \$200,000** per year, with much lower costs.

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CONVENTIONAL MODEL

\$16-17 per hundredweight

ORGANIC MODEL

\$20-25 per hundredweight

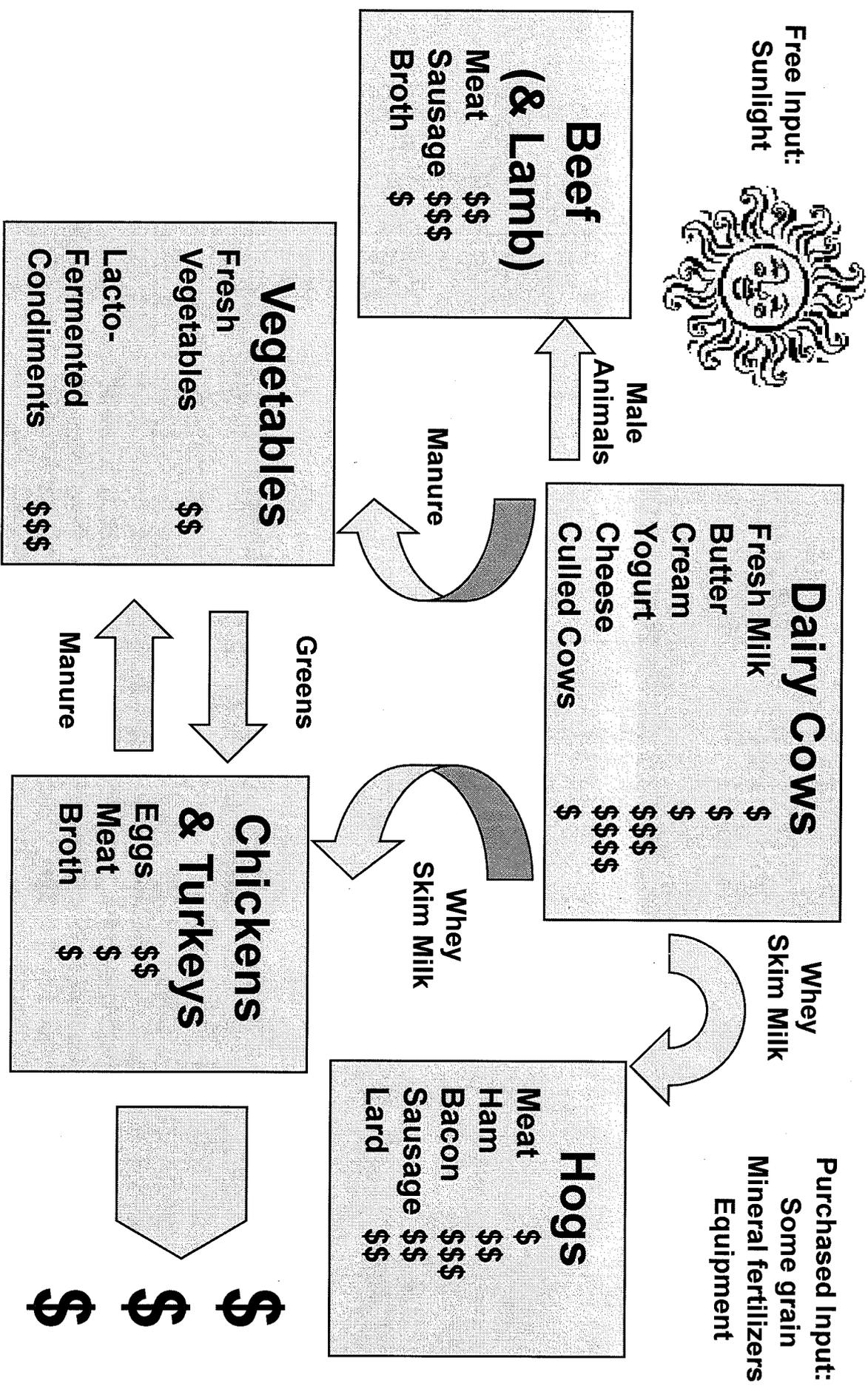
RAW MILK DIRECT SALES

\$50-\$250 per hundredweight

The Multiplier Effect

- **Every \$1 earned on the farm = \$5-7 for the local community.**
- **If 10% of the population would buy raw milk and other products directly from the farm, we would need 75,000 farms, all making at least \$200,000 per year.**
- **Raw milk sales hold the potential for a huge rural revival.**

Pasture-Based Mixed Farm

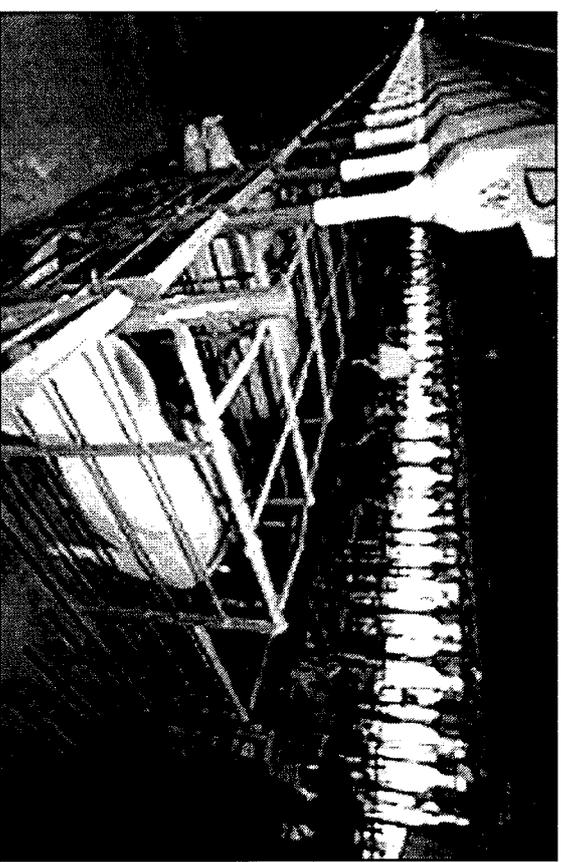
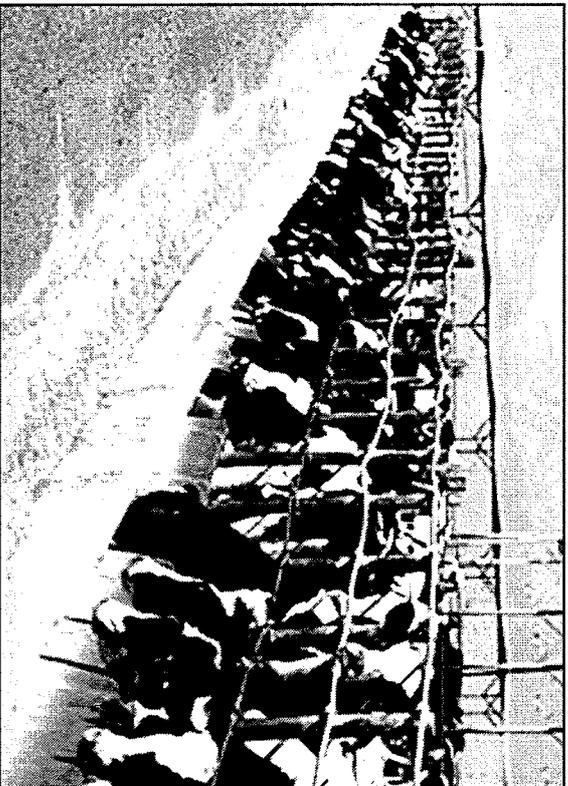


Impediments to Ideal Model

- **Health Laws**
- **Biased, capricious permitting process**
- **Zoning Laws**
- **National Animal Identification System (NAIS) — The Fulfillment of the Marxist Dream**

Animals as Units of Production

Key provision of Marx's *Communist Manifesto*



Industrial Crimes, Especially For Agriculture

Another key provision of Marx's *Communist Manifesto*



Photos from raid of Michael Schmidt's farm
in Ontario, Canada, November 21, 2006

NAIS — The Agenda

- **NAIS is designed to eliminate grass-based livestock through the enforcement of industrial crimes for agriculture.**
- **It is the industry's attempt to eliminate the emerging competition from pasture-based farms.**

The Milk Industry

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- **Concentrated in 4 companies: Land O'Lakes, Foremost, Dean Foods, Dairy Farmers of America.**
- **CEOs typically make over \$1 million per year**
- **Powerful behind-the-scenes lobbying group**
- **Opposes competition of raw milk, especially as it allows farmers to get a higher price for their milk.**

Example of Dairy Industry Clout

- In January, 2008, Martha Stewart aired a segment about raw milk at Smith Family Farm in Maine.
- The milk industry then conducted “outreach” with Stewart to “educate” her on the dangers of raw milk consumption.
- “We discussed our concerns with Stewart’s producers at length, and were provided assurances that she will not talk about raw milk throughout her partnership with MilkPEP [Milk Processors Education Program] and additionally, that she will consider changing her overall position and commentary on raw milk in the future.

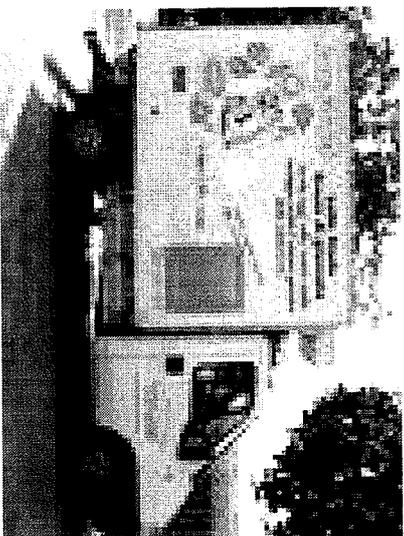
(Midwest Dairy Association Update, March 2008)

The Good News!

- Retail Sales of Raw Milk: Allowed in 8 states (CA, WA, AZ, NM, SC, ME, PA, CT)
- On-Farm Sales of Raw Milk: About 28 states.
- Raw Milk as Pet Food: Available in 4 states (GA, NC, FL, ND)
- Raw Milk widely available through cow-boarding or farm-share agreements in WI, MI, TN, VA, CO, OH, IN.
- Raw milk easily available in about 35 states.
- Worst States for raw milk: MD, RI, NJ, NV, ID, WV, IA, MT, WY.

Raw Milk in Europe

- Legal in England and Wales – the royal family drinks raw milk!
- Widely available in continental Europe through vending machines. . . even in schools!

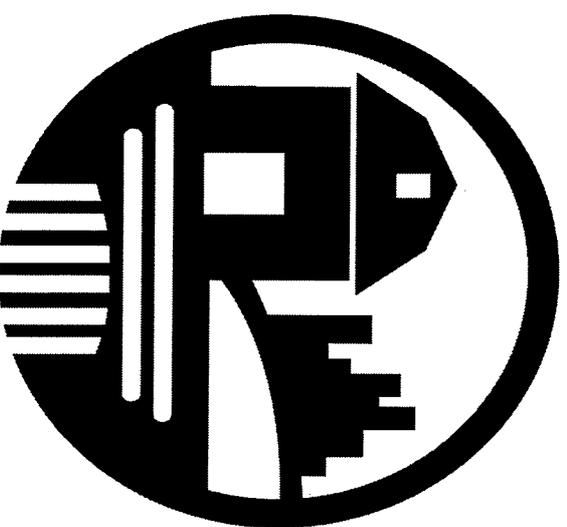


- Hard to get in Scandinavia, Ireland.

Farm-To-Consumer Legal Defense Fund (FTCLDF)

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- **Legal Defense for Small Farmers**
 - Raw Milk Protection**
 - Right to On-Farm Processing and Direct Sales**
 - Legal Opposition to NAIS**
- **Recent legal successes in Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, California**
- **Website: farmtoconsumer.org**
- **Phone: (703) 208-FARM**



All truth passes through three stages.

First, it is ridiculed.

Second, it is violently opposed.

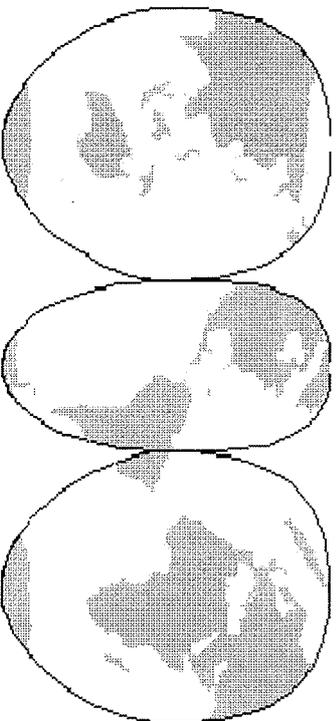
Third, it is accepted as self-evident.

—Arthur Schopenhauer

Resources

The Weston A. Price Foundation

westonaprice.org



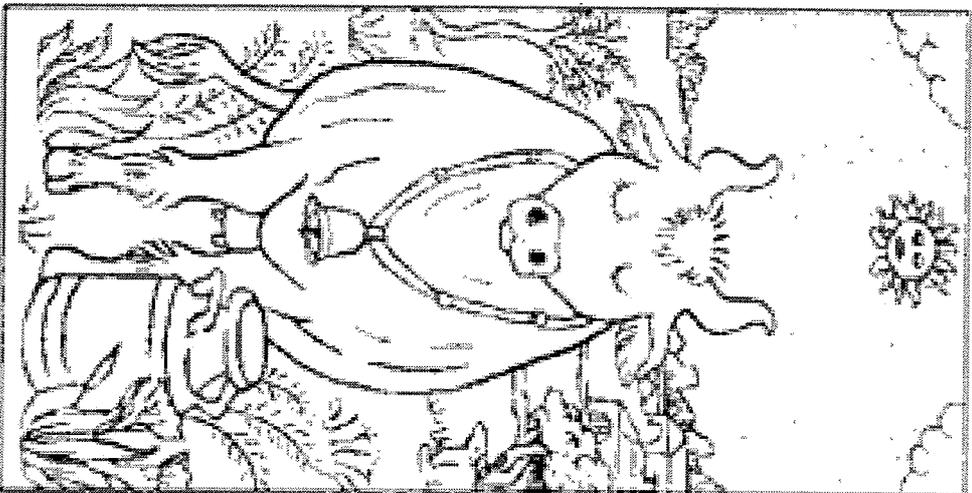
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Yearly Shopping Guide

Annual Conference

Local Chapters



A Campaign for Real Milk

realmilk.com

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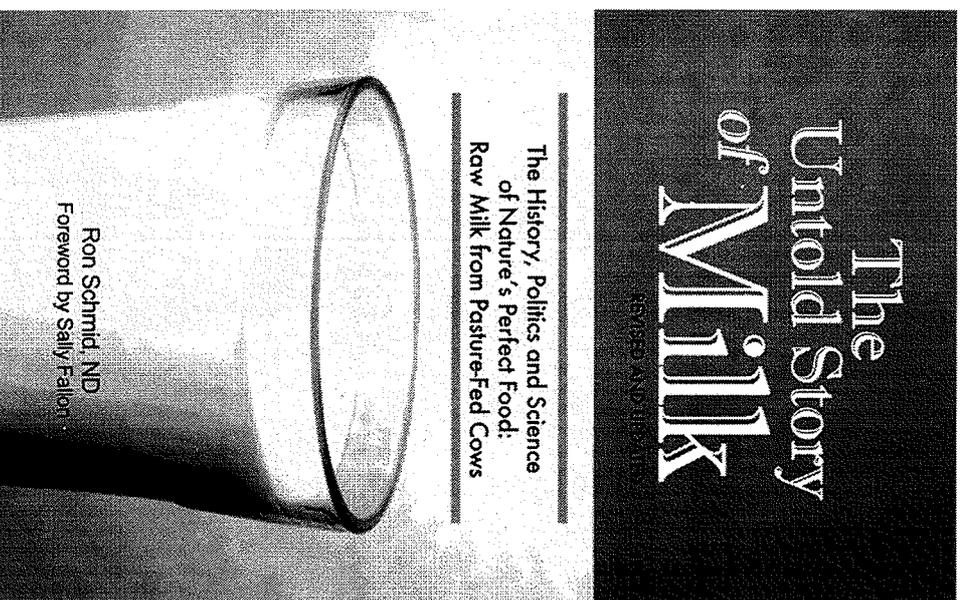
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Many articles on

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Sources for raw milk.

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The Untold Story of Milk

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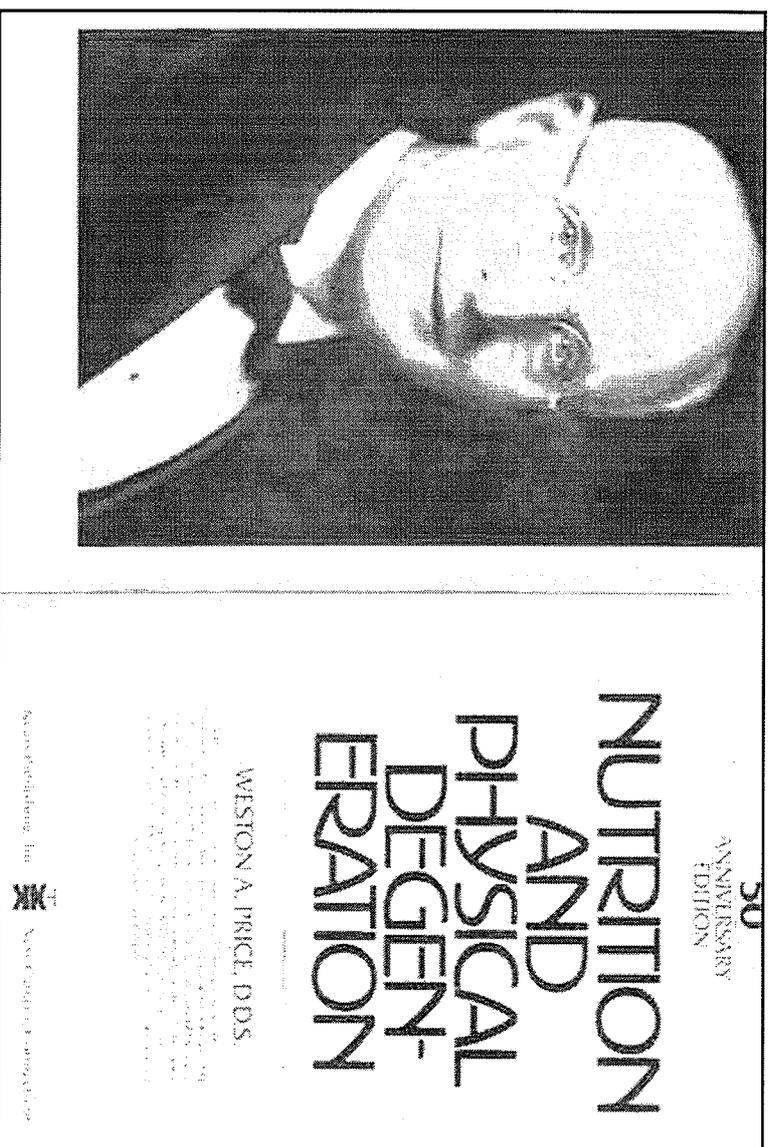
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Summary

Traditional diets *maximized* nutrients
while modern diets *minimize* nutrients

TRADITIONAL DIETS

Foods from fertile soil
Choice of organ meats over muscle meats
Animal fats
Animals on pasture
Dairy products raw and/or fermented
Grains and legumes soaked/fermented
Bone broths
Unrefined sweeteners (honey, maple syrup)
Lacto-fermented vegetables
Lacto-fermented beverages
Unrefined salt
Natural vitamins in foods
Traditional cooking
Traditional seeds/open pollination

MODERN DIETS

Foods from depleted soil
Muscle meats, few organ meats
Vegetable oils
Animals in confinement
Dairy products pasteurized
Grains refined and/or extruded
MSG, artificial flavorings
Refined sweeteners
Canned vegetables
Modern soft drinks
Refined salt
Synthetic vitamins added to foods
Microwave, irradiation
Hybrid seeds, GMO seeds