

- In the past 20 years approximately 1 million species have disappeared from the world's rainforests.
- from 1960-1985 over %40 of the central american rainforests were destroyed to create grazing land for cattle.
 - the U.S. imports over 100,000 tons of beef from central america each year.
- it takes 23 gallons of water to produce a pound of tomatoes. it takes 5,214 gallons to produce a pound of beef.
 - one acre of land can produce 20,000 pounds of potatoes.
 - one acre of land can produce 165 pounds of beef.
 - the U.S. cattle industry produces 158 million tons of waste per year.
 - livestock production is the #1 cause of water pollution in the U.S.
 - 22 million acres of land have become unusable due to desertification.
 - 85% of the topsoil loss in the u.s. is the result of livestock production.
- in the u.s.33% of ALL raw material consumption is used solely in the production of meat, egg, and dairy products.
 - it takes 1 pound of grain to make 1 pound of bread.
 - it takes 20 pounds of grain to make 1 pound of beef.
- 75% of the grain sent to 3rd world nations goes to livestock production.
- if the average commuter passenger load in the u.s. were increased by just 1 person per day we would save 33 million miles of gas each day.
 - americans spend over 1 billion hours stuck in traffic each year.
 - 30% of u.s. greenhouse gas emissions come from cars.
 - air is sold in mexico city for \$1.15 a minute by sidewalk vendors.
 - what greenpeace spends in a year, general motors spends in 4 hours
 - 3.5 million children under the age of 6 suffer from lead poisoning.
 - in europe %50 of the cars still use leaded gas.
- 2 million gallons of motor oil are dumped in american waterways each year.
 - over 8 million tons of oil are spilled into the world's oceans every year.
 - 5 billion gallons of water are flushed everyday in the u.s.
- sewage treatment facilities in the u.s. discharge 5.9 trillion gallons of wastewater into the coastal waters every year.
 - u.s. tuna fishermen are permitted to kill over 20,000 dolphins every year.
 - 2 million sharks die in driftnets in the north pacific every year.
- only 1 in 10 baby chimpanzees survive the trip from the jungle to the zoo.
 - 1 billion animals are killed each year in experiments.
 - 17 million animals are trapped in the u.s. each year for fur.
- many traps are so painful that animals chew through their own limbs to escape.
- for every fur animal trapped two other animals (dogs,cats,deer,etc.)are trapped and killed.
- in 1987 450,000 minks died on fur farms from heat exhaustion.
- 1 ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, & enough energy to heat the average home for 6 months.
 - enough wood and paper are thrown away in america to heat 1 billion houses for a year.
 - six times more jobs are created recycling as opposed to landfill operations.
- the amount of money spent on trash disposal in american schools is equal to that spent on new textbooks.
 - out of every \$10 that americans spend on food, \$1 pays for packaging.
 - %65 of all garbage in the u.s. is packaging.
 - %50 of all trash thrown away could be recycled into new products.
 - 500 new dumps are built each year in the u.s.
 - over 1 billion trees are used to make disposable diapers each year.
- americans dump the equivalent of 21 million shopping bags full of food into landfills each year.
 - 2.5 billion batteries are thrown away each year.
 - over 700,000 tons of hazardous waste is produced in the u.s. every day.
 - americans throw away 10 million cigarette lighters every week.
 - 500,000 people die of cigarette related diseases each year.
- pesticides that are banned in the u.s. (such as ddt) are regularly sold to third world countries.
 - %90 of all food born pesticides are found in meat and dairy products.
 - %10 of nursing mothers who were vegetarians had ddt in their breast milk.
 - %90 of nursing mothers who were meat eaters had ddt in their breast milk.
- in 1945, before widespread pesticide use, u.s. corn growers lost %3 of their crops to insects, last year they lost over %12.
 - 74 different kinds of pesticides have been found in drinking water.
 - over 100 chemical contaminants have been found in the breast milk of nursing mothers.
- of the 34 chemicals most widely used on lawns, 525 are widely believed to cause birth defects, genetic mutations, and cancer.
 - americans spend 6 billion dollars on their lawns each year.
 - %25 of nuclear reactors would not be able to contain a core breach meltdown.
 - a 1985 study predicted a %45 chance of core breach meltdown in the u.s. before 2005.
 - in 1992, 430,000 people died from cancers resulting from nuclear testing radiation.
- more money is spent in the u.s. on nuclear weaponry in one year than was spent in housing form 1980-1992.
- to date, cleaning up storage facilities for nuclear debris has cost taxpayers 200 billion dollars.
- in 1989 the u.s. military used 200 billion barrels of oil, enough to keep all american public transit systems running for 22 years.
 - 1 ton of toxic waste is produced by the u.s. military every minute.