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Episode 1: Manufactured meat? Industrial farm production hurts people (24 min.)

The dramatic economic consolidation of the food industry affects the food we all eat -- locally and globally. Andrew tells Tom Fox: "Increasingly we have moved in the United States [away] from an independent, land-based farmer shaping his or her livelihood by their participation in an open, democratic marketplace. ... Because of the power of the agri-business corporations, what happens is that the independent family farmer becomes a contract employee of the big company and increasingly loses his or her independence." As the independence of the farmer shrinks, the economic power of the agribusiness institutions grows, he says.

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