Impacts of international free trade agreements

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What's at steak?  
the real cost of meat

Impacts of the industrial livestock and feedstock industry on forests, climate change, farmers and communities

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WTO & Livestock: Starving small farmers, feeding large agribusinesses

Taking a closer look at the WTO and its free trade model, and how it negatively impacts on the livestock and feedstock industries production model.
The whole of Mercosur in exchange for a plate of beef

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Proportion of deforestation attributed to various drivers in seven South American countries, 1990-2005

Estimate of (A) proportion of total area of land-use change associated with various proximate drivers of deforestation, and (B) absolute net forest area with change associated with proximate drivers of deforestation by region, 2000-2010
European Union trade with Mercosur: EU trade flows and balance

- **Imports**
- **Exports**
- **Balance**

The chart shows the trade flows and balance between the European Union (EU) and Mercosur over the years from 2006 to 2016. The y-axis represents the value in millions of Euros, and the x-axis represents the years.
The Top Ten of the international meat industry
Companies by total food sales (2011-13), billion dollars

1. JBS
- Founded in 1953; 2012 revenues 38.7 billion dollars.
- World's largest food processing company, leader in slaughter capacity.
- Recently acquired Smithfield Foods' beef business and Malfri's poultry and pork units.

2. Tyson Foods
- Founded in 1935; 2012 revenues 33.3 billion dollars.
- World's largest meat producer and second-largest processor of chicken, beef and pork.

3. Cargill
- Founded 1865, family-owned business.
- 2013 revenues: 32.5 billion dollars.
- 22% share in the US meat market.
- Biggest single exporter in Argentina, worldwide operations.

4. BRF
- Founded in 2009 as Brasil Foods after a merger of Sadia and Perdigão.
- 2012 revenues: 14.9 billion dollars.
- 60 plants in Brazil, present in 110 countries.

5. Vion
- Founded in 2003 after several mergers.
- 2011 revenues: 13.2 billion dollars.

6. Nippon Meat Packers
- Founded in 1949; 2013 revenues: 12.8 billion dollars.
- Commonly known as Nippon Ham. Operations in 59 locations in 12 countries, mostly in Asia and Australia.

7. Smithfield Foods
- Founded in 1936; 2012 revenues: 13.1 billion dollars.
- Largest pork producer and processor in the USA.
- Sold to Chinese Shuanghui International Holdings Ltd, with revenue of 6.2 billion dollars in 2013.

8. Marfrig
- Founded in 2000 after several mergers.
- 2012 revenues: 12.8 billion dollars.
- Company units in 22 countries.
- World's fourth largest beef producer. In 2013, sold poultry and pork units to JBS.

9. Danish Crown AmbA.
- Founded in 1998 after several mergers.
- 2012 revenues: 10.3 billion dollars.
- Major subsidiaries in USA, Poland and Sweden.
- Europe's largest meat producer, world's biggest pork exporter.

10. Hormel Foods
- Founded in 1891; 2012 revenues: 8.2 billion dollars.
- 40 manufacturing and distribution facilities.
- Owner of "Spam", a precooked meat product; focusing on ethnic food.
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let us not only reclaim our right to food but change the system