



Right to Harm

Directed by Matt Wechsler, Annie Speicher
USA 2019
82 minutes



Thursday, April 4

4:50 PM | Code RIGH04
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Directed by the team that brought us "Sustainable," an essential rumination on the future of agriculture, Matt Wechsler and Annie Speicher follow in that film's footsteps with **RIGHT TO HARM**. This time around, they are pointing the camera at factory farming and the toll it's had on our country's most vulnerable citizens. They take on Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (a.k.a. CAFOs), which are notorious for producing large amounts of untreated waste. Neighbors of these facilities have been subjected to a myriad of health issues, stemming from the harmful conditions there. This documentary chronicles the plight of five communities dealing with these extremely unfortunate circumstances. Their needs aren't much; they're basic necessities many of us take for granted, such as clean air and water. The lack of regulation and oversight into the offending companies is certainly discouraging. But instead of being apathetic, these brave citizens have decided to rise up and rally against the corporate behemoths who ignore their calls for change. It's challenging to see the harm that's been inflicted on them, but their inspiring resilience is beautifully captured in this exceptionally compelling film. —E.F.

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