



DAIRY FACTS

Friends of Toppenish Creek

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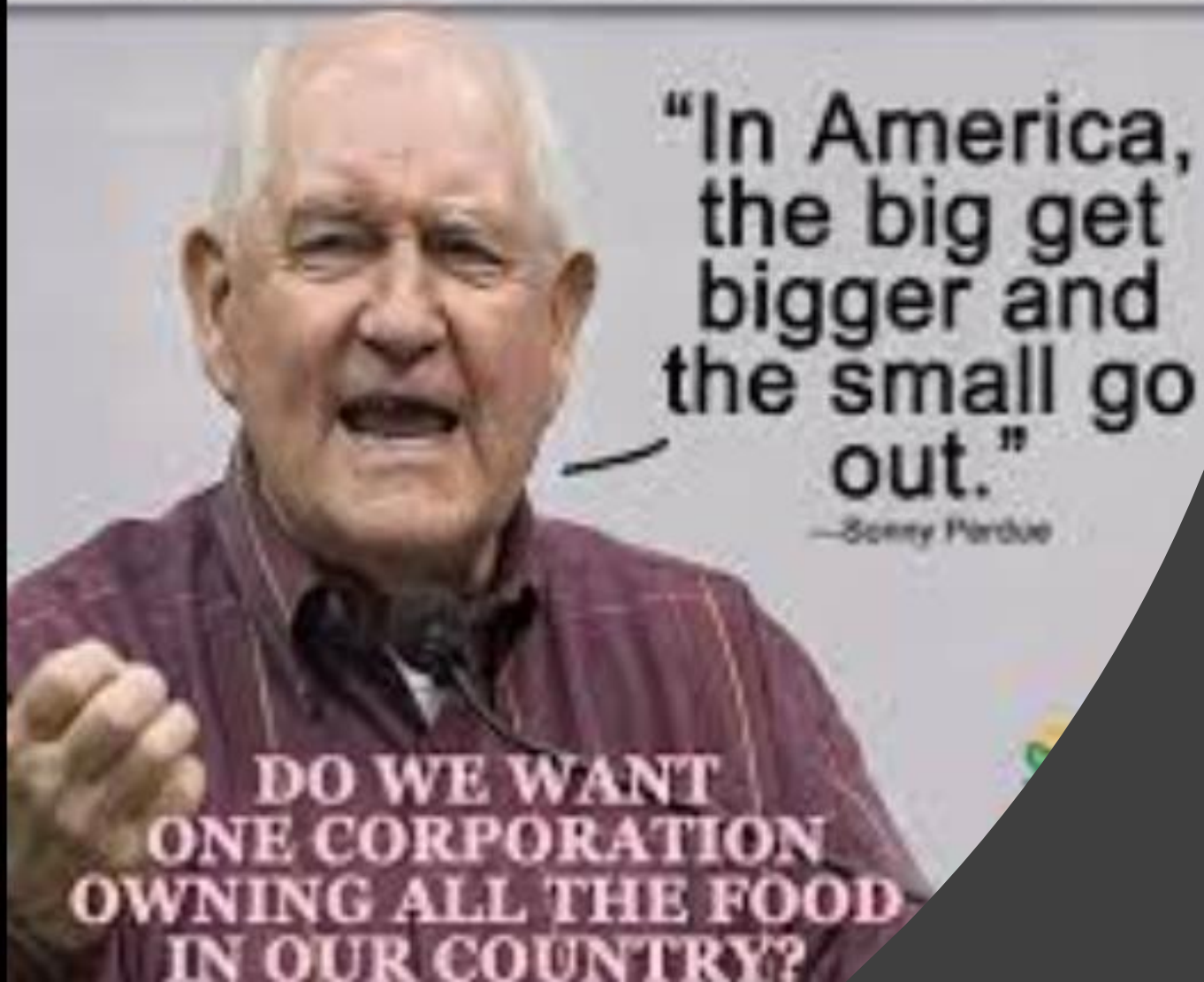
A photograph of a large red barn with a white fence in the foreground and a silo in the background. The barn has a dark roof and a large white door on the left. The silo is tall and cylindrical, with a white top. The sky is blue and clear. The text is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**THE NUMBER OF DAIRIES IN WASHINGTON
STATE DECREASED FROM 1,208 IN 2002 TO 377
IN 2018.**

DAIRIES ARE GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

SHADES OF LATE DAZE

SONNY PERDUE TELLS SMALL DAIRY FARMS TO
GET BIG OR GET OUT



"In America,
the big get
bigger and
the small go
out."

—Sonny Perdue

DO WE WANT
ONE CORPORATION
OWNING ALL THE FOOD
IN OUR COUNTRY?

**IS THIS THE
RESULT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION?**

NO, IT IS NOT.

**ONLY 23 OUT OF
230 CAFO
DAIRIES IN
WASHINGTON
STATE HAVE
NPDES PERMITS.**



SINCE THE 1980S DAIRIES IN WHATCOM COUNTY HAVE:

- Polluted the rivers and streams
- Caused the closure of shellfish beds at great cost to people who rely on harvesting shellfish for their livelihoods
- Polluted 29% of domestic wells so neighbors are forced to buy bottled water
- Contributed to nutrients in Puget Sound and the near extinction of salmon runs and orca whales




SINCE THE 1980S DAIRIES IN YAKIMA COUNTY HAVE:

- Constructed leaky manure lagoons that are merely holes in the ground
- Applied manure to cropland at up to 7 times agronomic rates
- Caused some of the highest groundwater nitrate levels in the nation
- Caused residents to spend over \$1 million per year on bottled water
- Demanded the “right” to spray manure into the air when the air is hazardous to breathe

Dairies in Washington State receive millions in taxpayer subsidies:

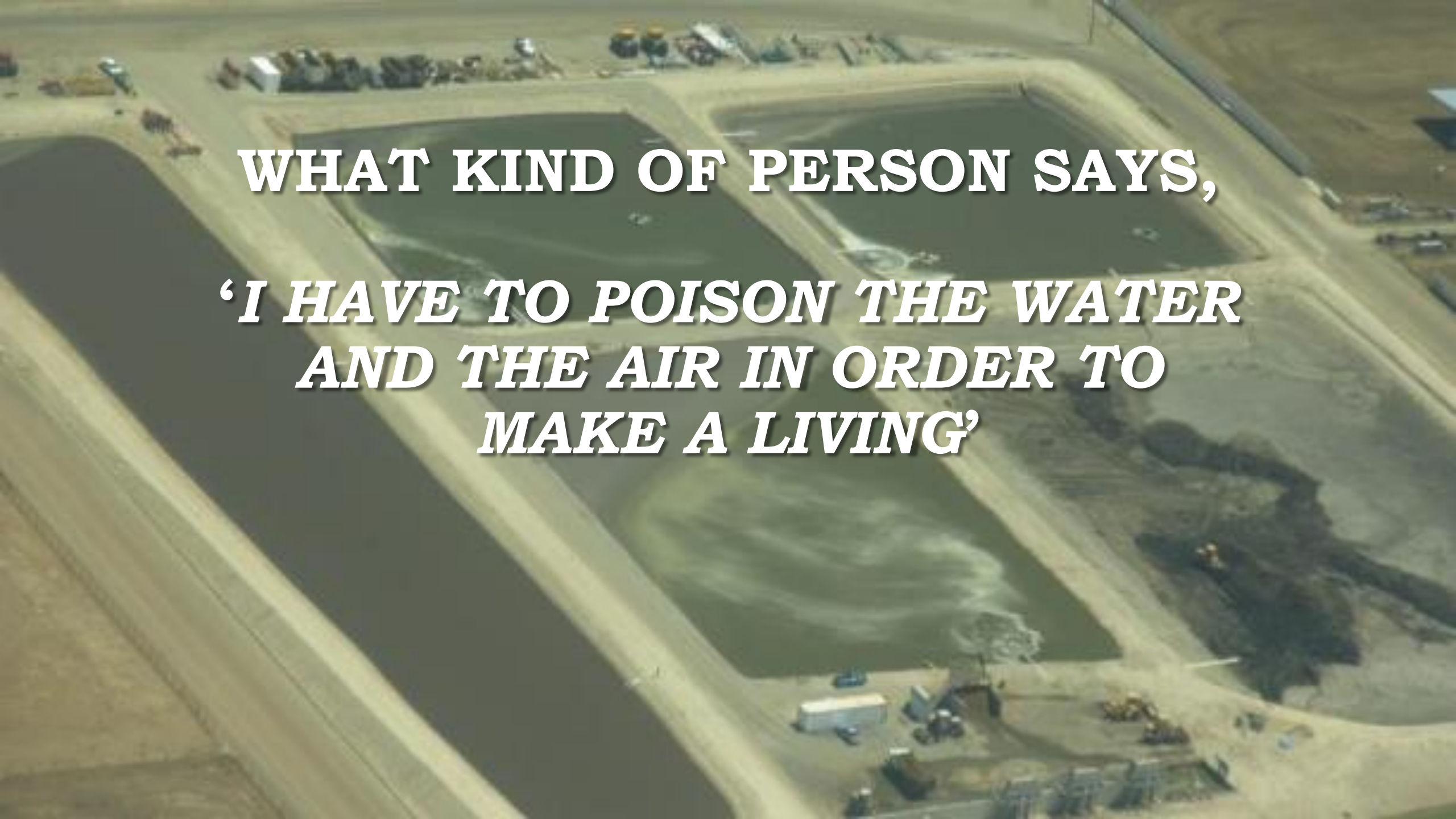
- **Fines for water pollution do not go to the people whose wells are contaminated or the people who cannot harvest shellfish. Money from fines goes back to the dairies.**
- **In our state, only dairy has their own separate rules and regulation under the Clean Water Act. No other industry receives this special treatment.**
- **40% of dairy income now comes from taxpayer subsidies.**

A photograph of several black and white cows standing in a milking parlor. They are restrained by ropes attached to a metal structure. The floor is wet and reflective. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**ANYONE ELSE WHO FORCED
ANIMALS TO LIVE IN THEIR
OWN FECES WOULD BE
PUNISHED**

Easterday guilty plea is latest in ghost cattle fraud

**DAIRIES WITHDRAW UNLIMITED
AMOUNTS OF FREE GROUNDWATER IN
WASHINGTON. THE REST OF US HAVE
TO PAY.**



**WHAT KIND OF PERSON SAYS,
*‘I HAVE TO POISON THE WATER
AND THE AIR IN ORDER TO
MAKE A LIVING’***

**THANKS FOR THINKING
ABOUT POLLUTION**

