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Part I – Fast Food to All Food

1. What are the main companies controlling the beef supply?
2. What are the main companies controlling the pork supply?
3. How are chickens raised differently now than they used to be?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
4. Describe the conditions inside the chicken coop shown.
5. Why are antibiotics administered to the chickens?

Part II – A Cornucopia of Choices

6. How much of the U.S. land base is used to grown corn?
7. Give three examples of products that are partially made from corn?
8. What problem evolved as a result of feeding corn to cattle?

Part III - Unintended Consequences

9. Why is the E. Coli bacteria spreading to other foods?

10. What technological solution has been created to solve the E. Coli problem?

Part IV - The Dollar Menu

11. Why are the less healthy food choices typically cheaper?

12. What are the odds of an American getting early onset Diabetes?

Why are the numbers so high?

Part V – Hidden Costs

13. Why does Smithfield and other slaughterhouses only hire the poor, minorities, and immigrants?

Part VI – From Seed to the Supermarket

14. Monsanto developed a specific type of corn called "Roundup Ready" corn. What genetically modified trait does this corn have?

15. Why aren't farmers who use Roundup Ready corn allowed to save their seed for use during the next year?

16. What happens if a farmer who is not growing a GMO crop has his fields contaminated by pollen and seeds from his neighbors?

17. Why is the food and agriculture industry largely opposed to labeling GMOs and cloned foods?

18. What is a "Veggie-Libel" law?

Part V – Shocks to the System

19. The food system is based on a very small number of crops, run by a very small number of companies. Why is this dangerous?

20. How can you influence the food system?

Discussion question:

Do you believe the idea of a company like Walmart selling organic food is a good thing, or hypocritical?

