Pollution From Livestock Farming Affects Infant Health

ScienceDaily (Oct. 12, 2008) — A new study in the American Journal of Agricultural Economics explores the effects of pollution from livestock facilities on infant health and finds that production is associated with an increase in infant mortality.

Sneeringer found a statistically strong positive relationship between livestock farming and infant mortality by 100 percent increase in livestock production in a county being associated with a 7.4 percent increase in infant mortality. Most of this effect occurs within the first twenty-eight days of life. Sneeringer interprets her results as reflecting damage to the fetus, as occurs within the first twenty-eight days of life. Sneeringer found a statistically strong positive relationship between livestock farming and infant mortality.

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