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I live by Lake Reno in Pope County just a few miles from Alexandria. Alexandria already had a child die of toxic lake algae exposure.

It is actually hard for me to imagine a dairy herd of even a 100 cattle. I'm 80. I grew up milking a few cows. Of course, those days are gone!

However, contemplating over 18,000 dairy cattle raises my every instinct of danger and fear.

\*Danger to our Public Health and Natural Resources: where in this world/landscape does all that daily manure, poop and urine of 18,885 cattle go? Toxic poison in our lakes and streams? Poop stinks. 18,885 Cows everyday. Oh my gosh, I bet that's wonderful on a hot stifling day in July. Every day.

\*Danger to our Animal Welfare: Yes we need to feed the world. Yes, we need to maximize our dairy industry. It can never be "like it was". But factoring 18,885 dairy cows into one facility is cruel. Cleanliness alone is huge. Danger of Viral Disease is Huge.

But just a few miles from me on Lake Reno we already do have a huge cattle feedlot.