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I cannot believe this expansion is even being considered! A feedlot of 18,855 cows is the population of a city. An 11,000-cow dairy is a city. How many small farmers will be put out of business because of this expansion? The lives of these cows don't mean a thing. The cows are not widgets, they are sentient creatures. A feedlot is not a farm, it is a concentration camp. Do these cows pasture, see the light of day? I don't think so. I know a little something about cows as I grew up on a dairy farm in Morrison County. Please do not allow this expansion. For the sake of small dairy farmers, the environment & the cows themselves, please do not allow this expansion. I recommend you watch *Cow*, a 2021 British documentary film by Andrea Arnold, revolving around the life of a dairy cow. It's not pleasant.