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**Omnivore's Dilemma:**

Please answer the following questions in COMPLETE SENTENCES. Provide evidence from the text to support your answers. Also, please leave several blank lines between the questions.

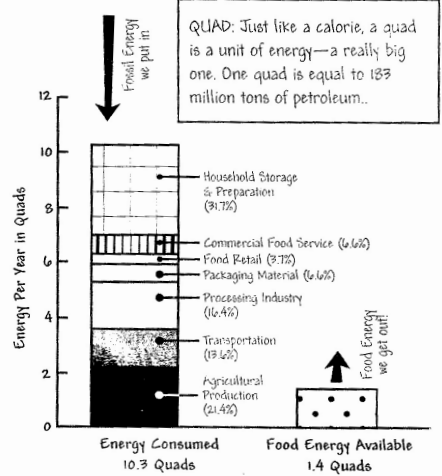
1. What is "agribusiness" according to the text?
2. How did the U.S. government help launch the chemical fertilizer industry?
3. Why are chemical fertilizers so important and necessary to agribusinesses?
4. What fossil fuels are needed to power the industrial farm?
5. Describe in writing one cause and effect relationship that you have read about thus far.
6. What is the natural way to fertilize crops?
7. Cite textual evidence for the claim, "Farming was no longer an ecological loop—it was more like a factory."
8. What does Pollan mean when he writes, "...the modern farm is a losing proposition"?

Please write a three-paragraph essay answering ONE of the following prompts.

- Write an essay comparing and contrasting traditional farming methods with those of an industrial/factory farm.
- Write an argument against the industrial/factory farm. Support your argument with textual evidence.
- Reread the last three paragraphs of the text and examine the bar graph. In your own words, describe the author's opinion of the industrial farm. Support your ideas with particular words or phrases that highlight the author's opinion.



**TOO MUCH FUEL FOR TOO LITTLE FOOD**



In the U.S., we put more than seven times the amount of energy into growing, transporting, and storing food than we get out of the food itself.