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ABOUT

Ohioans for Humane Farms is a coalition of animal welfare, family farming, food safety, and environmental advocates advocating for more humane standards to prevent cruel factory farming practices in Ohio.

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Ohioans for Humane Farms is a coalition of animal welfare, family farming, food safety, and environmental advocates. We're spearheading a grassroots campaign to prevent cruel factory farming practices in Ohio, including:

Extreme confinement in tiny cages for months on end: Tens of thousands of veal calves, 170,000 breeding pigs, and approximately 27 million egg-laying hens in Ohio are confined in cages and crates so restrictive the animals can barely move an inch for virtually their whole lives. Many don't even have enough room to stretch their limbs or turn around.

Allowing "downer cows" to enter the human food chain: Allowing sick and injured animals into the food supply threatens public health and food safety. Cows too sick or injured to stand or walk on their own to slaughter should be humanely euthanized, not inhumanely dragged or pushed while being shocked and beaten onto the kill floor to be used for human consumption.

Inhumane methods of euthanasia for sick and injured animals: In Ohio, a factory farmer was videotaped killing sick pigs by hanging them execution-style from a tractor, leaving them to writhe in the air for minutes on end. He was acquitted of cruelty for the hangings, a verdict Ohio's agribusiness community hailed as a "huge victory," because Ohio has no law specifically requiring humane farm animal euthanasia method.

The ballot measure is backed by The Humane Society of the United States, Farm Sanctuary, the Consumer Federation of America, the Center for Science in the Public Interest, the Ohio SPCA, the Toledo Area Humane Society, the Geauga Humane Society, Humane Society of Greater Dayton, Medina County SPCA, and a growing list of organizations. Please sign up here to stay informed on The Humane Society of the United States' End Factory Farming campaign.

You can read our full petition here (pdf).

All Endorsements

Animal Welfare Charities:

Ohio SPCA

Toledo Area Humane Society

Geauga Humane Society

Humane Society of Greater Dayton

Medina County SPCA

Wood County Humane Society Humane Society of Richland County

Mid-Ohio Animal Welfare League

Ohio League of Humane Voters United Coalition for Animals (Cincinnati, OH)

Happy Trails Animal Sanctuary (Ravenna, OH)

Sunrise Animal Sanctuary (Marysville, OH) Caroline's Kids Pet Rescues (Mayfield Heights, OH)

Outreach for Animals (Dayton, OH) Mercy For Animals (Columbus, OH)

Neighborhood Cat Helpers Animal Rescue (Cincinnati, OH)

Soul Harbor (Burton, OH)

Kelley's Kritters (Oakwood Village, OH)

The Humane Society of the United States

Farm Sanctuary

The ASPCA World Society for the Protection of Farm Animals

United Poultry Concerns

Food Animal Concerns Trust

Animal Place

Animal Law Coalition Animal Acres

Animals' Angels

Compassion Over Killing

Compassion in World Farming

Albert Schweitzer Foundation

World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)

Other Organizations:

Ohio Sierra Club

Ohio Environmental Stewardship Alliance

Farm Forward ProgressOhio

National Black Farmers Association Wood County Citizens Opposed to Factory Farms

United Farm Workers

Center for Food Safety

Consumer Federation of America Center for Science in the Public Interest

Union of Concerned Scientists

Lymphoma Foundation of America Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine

Friends of the Earth

Organic Consumers Association

Greenpeace

Earth Day Network

Food Studies Institute Earth Save International

Women's Health & Environmental Network

Global Animal Partnership

Compassionate Carnivores

Family Farms and Farming Organizations:

Joe Logan, cattle rancher (Kinsman, OH) Great American Lamb Company (Newbury, OH)

Grassland Graze (West Union, OH)

New Hope Organics (Xenia, OH)

Fox Hollow Farm (Fredericktown, OH)

Wayward Wind Acres (Bryan, OH)

Jandy's Farm, (Bellefontaine, OH) Tom Harrison, retired sheep farmer (Bowling Green, OH)

Caney Crossing Farm (Cincinnati, OH)

Turner Farm, Inc (Cincinnati, OH) Organic Valley and Organic Prairie, a farmer-owned cooperative

with members in Ohio National Black Farmers Association

Farm Forward United Farm Workers

Ohio Veterinarians:

Brian Forsgren, DVM. President, Gateway Animal Clinic (Cleveland, OH) Stephanie Studebaker, DVM. Owner, Peace of Mind Veterinary Relief (Centerville, OH)

Mobile Veterinary Care (Chagrin Falls, OH) Lee Schrader, DVM (Dayton, OH)