Improving Animal Welfare in the Supply Chain

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About Humane Society International

HSI, together with its partner organizations, constitutes one of the largest animal protection organizations in the world.

Lab animals, wildlife, companion animals, and farm animals.

Science-based organizations.
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Every Leading Canadian Supermarket Chain Takes Stand Against Controversial Pig Cages

HSI/Canada and The HSUS applaud Canadian supermarket industry for animal welfare progress

Humane Society International/Canada

MONTREAL—The Retail Council of Canada announced that all eight of the largest Canadian supermarket chains—Walmart Canada, Costco Canada, Metro, Loblaw, Safeway Canada, Federated Co-operatives, Sobeys and Co-op Atlantic—will move away from gestation crate confinement of pigs in their supply systems over the next nine years. Humane Society International/Canada and The Humane Society of the United States applauded the landmark
Burger King Announces Industry-Leading Animal Welfare Reforms

Fast-food giant wants better treatment of hens and pigs

April 25, 2012

Burger King Corp. announced that it will eliminate the practices of confining breeding pigs in gestation crates and egg-laying hens in battery cages from its U.S. supply chain, a move supported by The Humane Society of the United States.

According to its new policy, Burger King Corp. will transition to 100 percent cage-free eggs for all U.S. locations within five years, and only purchase pork from suppliers that have documented plans to end their use of gestation crates for breeding pigs.

"For more than a decade, Burger King Corp. has demonstrated a commitment to animal welfare and, through our BK Positive Steps® corporate responsibility program, we continue to leverage our purchasing power to ensure the appropriate and proper treatment of animals by our vendors and suppliers," said Jonathan Fitzpatrick, chief brand and operations officer of Burger King Corp. "We are proud to announce these new, industry-leading commitments that support meaningful standards of humane treatment in our U.S. supply chain."
May 2, 2013

Humane Society of the United States Recognizes BURGER KING® with National Animal Welfare Award

Restaurant chain recognized for its work to improve animal welfare in its supply chain

The Humane Society of the United States has given Burger King Worldwide, Inc. (NYSE: BKW) – the nation's second-largest fast food hamburger chain – its Henry Spira Humane Corporate Progress Award for the company's work to end the extreme confinement of farm animals in small crates and cages.

In 2012, Burger King Worldwide, Inc. announced that it would work to eliminate gestation crates from its pork supply chain. BKW also became the first major restaurant chain to stop purchasing veal from Canada.
McDonald’s Sets Timetable to Eliminate Gestation Crate Confinement of Pigs

The Humane Society of the United States Applauds Move

May 31, 2012

The Humane Society of the United States prefers a shorter time frame, but still welcomes news from McDonald’s that the company has created a definite timetable to eliminate gestation crate confinement of breeding pigs from its pork supply chain. The 10-year timeline announcement came as a follow up to McDonald’s announcement in February that it would phase out the use of the cruel crates and announce its next steps in May.

Paul Shapiro, vice president of farm animal protection for The HSUS, released the following statement:

"The Humane Society of the United States is pleased that McDonald’s has set a definite timeline to eliminate gestation crate confinement of pigs in its supply chain. These cages are so cramped, the animals are unable even to turn around, essentially immobilized and lined up like parked cars for virtually their entire lives. We wish the company planned to get rid of these crates tomorrow, but we understand the logistical challenges involved in making such significant improvements.

The move by McDonald's further shows that gestation crate confinement has no place in the pork industry’s future. Rather than defending the perpetual confinement of pigs in cages barely larger than their own bodies, pork industry leaders should listen to the public and their largest customers, like McDonald's, by actively converting to higher welfare group housing systems."

In the pork industry, most mother pigs are confined day and night during their four-month pregnancy in gestation crates, two feet by four feet cages roughly the same size as the crate used by McDonald's to stall female piglets. McDonald's announced the new move in response to animal welfare advocates and after extensive conversations with pork producers to develop a new system to house pregnant pigs.
What science tells us...
“Research has confirmed what common sense already knew - animals built to move must move.” – Dr. Bernard Rollin, Department of Animal Sciences
“The Commission recommends the phast-out ... of all intensive confinement systems that restrict natural movement and normal behaviors, including battery cages.”
Hellman's veut des pondeuses canadiennes...et libres!

Ce transformateur exige des œufs de poules élevées en liberté comme ingrédient intégré dans ses mayonnaises.

20 février 2012
par Jean-Charles Gagné - Alimentation
GOOD

27 May 2010

Unilever announces a new

Following our recent announcement across Western

THINKING OF OTHERS

Free-range egg production is growing more awareness across the country about what milk comes from.

As well as more consumers buying free-range and organic products, many also buy contain eggs.

ETHICAL EGGS

Around three million hens are kept in small battery cages in the UK, eating things that come from the birds.

However, barn egg hens are given more room and allowed to perch and nest.
What science tell us...
"Since overall welfare appears to be better when sows are not confined throughout gestation, sows should preferably be kept in groups" – European Commission Scientific Veterinary Committee
“I...feel very strongly that we’ve got to treat animals right, and the gestation stalls have got to go.”

Doctora Temple Grandin, renowned animal welfare scientist
“The most intensive and inhumane production practices,” including gestation crates, “should be eliminated as soon as possible.” –

The Pew Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production
What is the solution?
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June 1, 2013

Canada Set to Ban Lifelong Confinement of Pigs in Inhumane Cages as Retailers and Consumers Oppose Practice

HSI/Canada lauds historic development as beginning of end to practice

_Humane Society International/Canada_

MONTREAL — Humane Society International/Canada applauds the important progress made by the National Farm Animal Care Council as it releases the draft Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Pigs. Now released for public consultation, the draft Code would improve animal welfare in pork production nationwide by eliminating the use of pigs in inhumane cages and ensuring the pigs are kept in a more comfortable environment where they can move around freely and interact with their peers and the environment.