

No updated animal transport regulations in sight

The Canadian Coalition for Farm Animals has been advocating for updated animal transport regulations because existing ones are extremely outdated. One advocacy tool is our **House petition**. Currently cattle may be legally transported 57 hours with no water, food or rest. Pigs, poultry and horses may be transported 36 hours (*in addition to a five-hour pre-boarding food withdrawal*) with no water, food or rest.



Updated transport regs have been promised for years. Recently, officials with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said revised regs would be published in the *Canada Gazette I* in the fall of 2008. But that didn't happen.

To access CCFA's animal transport petition to the House of Commons, go to <http://humanefood.ca/petition.html>.

Animal welfare never mentioned in federal agricultural policy

How much does the Canadian government care about farm animal welfare? Not much, it seems. The federal government's new \$1.3 billion five-year

agriculture policy, *Growing Forward Framework Agreement*, includes **no** reference to animal welfare anywhere in the document.

California's Proposition 2: landmark precedent for farm animals

On the day Barack Obama was elected president of the United States, Californians voted overwhelmingly in favour of *The Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act* ("Proposition 2") to ban confinement of veal calves, laying hens and pregnant sows by 2012. The ballot attracted support from a broad range of organizations, and opposition from industry, mainly funded by the egg industry. Passage of the California voter ballot is an important precedent for farm animals.

Horrific barn fires too prevalent in Canada

Animal Alliance of Canada and CCFA are asking for changes to the national fire code for barns to include sprinklers and fire alarms. Right now they are not required. Confined animals in large barns cannot be evacuated during fires, and they die horrific deaths in massive numbers. More than 30,000 pigs died in barn fires in Manitoba in 2008.

The fires are so awful with the sounds and smells of dying animals that firefighters require grief counselling following barn fires.

Canadian Coalition for Farm Animals is a *non-profit* coalition of 31 organizations dedicated to the welfare of animals raised for food in Canada.

Our work is only possible through donations from individuals such as yourself.

Contact us: info@humanefood.ca Our website: www.humanefood.ca.