

The *Ban Sow Stalls* campaign has expanded

The campaign to *Ban Sow Stalls* in Canada has been expanded to include Ontario and Quebec, in addition to Manitoba. These three provinces are the focus because they represent the largest pig production in Canada.

The campaign website, www.helpthepigs.ca, has new content and French translations (with more to come) so Quebecers can contact their provincial pork industry and Members of the National Assembly and Ontarians can contact Ontario Pork and their Member of the Provincial Parliament with e-messages.



The TV campaign ad is airing nationally on CBC Newsworld, and CBC Manitoba. To view the ad, visit <http://tinyurl.com/99cv93x>. To date, hundreds of viewers have responded to the ad by emailing provincial pork producers, grocery CEOs and provincial ag ministers.

Previously, TV viewers who responded to the Manitoba ad included Manitobans and residents from across Canada, an indicator the ad received wide coverage as a result of satellite TV – an unexpected bonus. With CBC News-world, coverage is now Canada-wide.

Groups unite to ask Minister Ritz about cutbacks

Six Canadian animal groups sent a joint letter to Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz about the impact on farmed animals resulting from sharp Harper-government cutbacks to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency – the body responsible for animal transport and conditions in federally-inspected

slaughter plants. The letter asks questions about specific CFIA programs and the expected impact of the cuts.

Though the letter was sent June 27, there has been no reply to date from Minister Ritz.

Canadian Coalition for Farm Animals is a *non-profit* coalition of 28 organizations dedicated to the welfare of animals raised for food in Canada.

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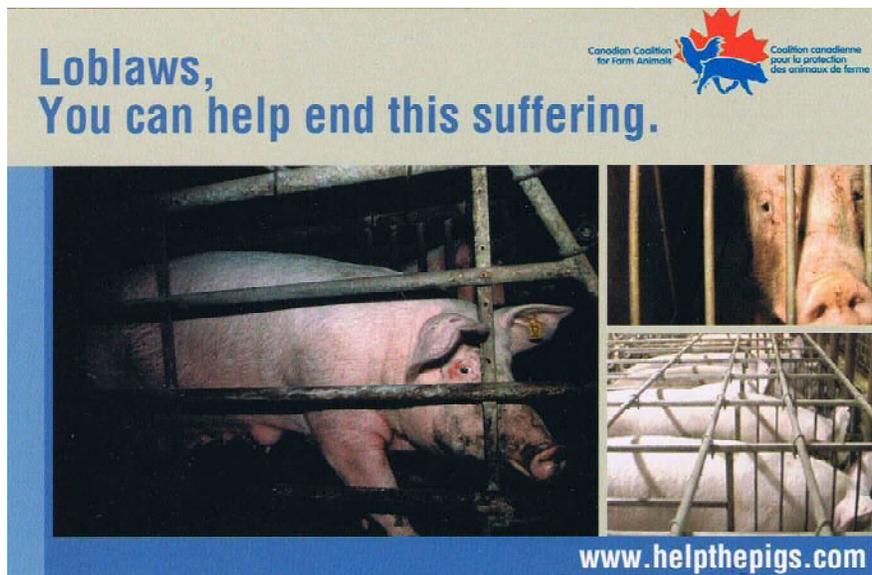
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Encourage Loblaws to take a stand against sow stalls

Loblaws is Canada's largest and most influential grocer. CCFA applauds their initiative to have their *President's Choice* eggs cage-free. So far, though, they have made no commitment to end sow stalls. They *could* say no to purchasing pig meat from mother sows kept locked in metal barred crates, unable to walk.

Postcards addressed to Loblaws are available free by contacting info@humanefood.ca. Tell us how many you can use (*please share cards with friends and family*) and your mailing address. We'll get them off to you right away, so you can remind Loblaws of their key role in making positive change for mother pigs.



Draft pig code to be released this fall

This fall the draft code of practice for pigs will be released for public comment. The code was developed by a committee organized by the National Farm Animal Care Council with funding from the federal government.

The revised code will address the housing of pregnant sows. The big question is what the code will say on the issue. The current code condones sow stalls, or gestation crates, for a sow's entire four month pregnancy, where

she is unable to turn around. A sow in a stall suffers wounds from rubbing the metal bars and arthritis from standing on wet concrete – unable to walk. A sow stall is a hell-hole for an intelligent social animal who deserves loose housing with straw and other sows for company.

Canadians will be invited to comment on the draft pig code when it is released. CCFA will provide information on how to do so.