

## New Manitoba egg board policy on “enriched” cages

Manitoba Egg Farmers announced a new policy in March which will require producers who build new facilities after 2018 to provide either enriched cages or an alternative housing system that supports The Five Freedoms.

CCFA advocates **cage free** (either free range or free run) housing systems for laying hens, **not enriched cages** as a substitute for battery cages. The new Manitoba policy does not require cage free. Enriched cages, while a tad larger than battery cages, have proved inadequate to meet hens’ behavioral needs.



## Have you emailed your MP about animal transport yet?



Please try our new *contact-your-MP* function on our website. It’s easy and takes only seconds to support change to Canada’s outdated transport standards. Locate your MP’s contact info on the automatic system, and send a message.

Canada’s animal transport regulations allow unreasonable travel times. Cattle, sheep and goats may be transported **52 hours with no access to water, food or rest**. Poultry, pigs and horses may be transported **36 hours with no access to water, food or rest**. Change is desperately needed, and your MP can make a difference by letting the Conservatives know your view. A copy will go the Prime Minister, too.

To email your MP about transport, click: <http://humanefood.ca/mpcontact.html>

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## Dr. Kees Scheepens' visit to U of Manitoba enviro fair

Thanks to volunteers from Winnipeg, the CCFA was represented at the University of Manitoba's enviro fair in March. Volunteers helped out on behalf of CCFA, reaching out to visitors at the annual fair. Special thanks to Catherine King of Winnipeg for organizing CCFA's presence at the fair.

Dr. Kees Scheepens, a Dutch veterinarian known as "the pig whisperer" for his understanding of pigs' needs, was a

guest speaker along with representatives from the pig industry during a debate about sow housing during the fair.

Dr. Scheepens, who is also a pig producer, advocates **open housing on straw for pregnant sows**, not restrictive gestation crates where sows are unable to turn around for four months – which is the norm in Canada. CCFA helped with Dr. Scheepens' travel costs from the Netherlands.



## Become a CCFA *Facebook* friend

Get up-to-the-minute info about CCFA by joining our *Facebook* group. Action alerts and other announcements are sent via *Facebook*. In addition, you'll be among comrades in the movement to help farm animals. Anne Griffin, CCFA volunteer, hosts the CCFA *Facebook* page.

<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=4694282555>

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