



WORLD FARM ANIMALS DAY 2008

Exposing Factory Farm and Slaughterhouse Atrocities Since 1983

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WORLD FARM ANIMALS DAY EXPOSES DAILY TERROR ON ANIMALS

On October 2nd, caring people in nearly 450 communities in all 50 states and two dozen other countries will host educational events including information tables, exhibits, video screenings, street theater, leafleting, vigils, marches, and memorial services. (See www.wfad.org.)

The occasion is the 26th annual observance of World Farm Animals Day dedicated to exposing, memorializing, and mitigating the daily terror inflicted on the more than 50 billion cows, pigs, and other land animals in the world's factory farms and slaughterhouses. The date (October 2nd) honors the birthday of ethical vegetarian Mahatma Gandhi.

Hundreds of bus display cards and billboards in a dozen major markets will carry the World Farm Animals Day message of compassion. A hundred letters to the editors of major dailies will reflect public concern with this issue. A dozen governors and mayors will issue proclamations calling for humane treatment of animals and farming practices that protect our environment and natural resources.

Each year, more than 50 billion sentient land animals are caged, crowded, deprived, drugged, mutilated, and manhandled in the world's factory farms and slaughterhouses, including 10 billion in the U.S. alone. No state or federal laws prevent these abuses. The animals literally never have a "nice day."

Dairy calves are torn from their mothers at birth, chained by the neck in tiny crates, and deprived of natural food, sunshine, and mother's love. Breeding sows are forced to give birth and nurse their piglets in tight metal stalls. Laying hens are crammed 5-7 birds into small wire-mesh cages that tear out their feathers, then starved for two weeks to boost production.

At the slaughterhouse, the helpless animals are frequently dragged with chains to the kill floor, then scalded, bled, dismembered, and skinned while still conscious, in flagrant violation of federal and state humane slaughter laws.

World Farm Animals Day is coordinated each year by FARM, a nonprofit public interest organization based in the nation's capital. Community events are arranged by local activists.

This year's observance is combined with that of World Animal Day launched in 1931 and based in the United Kingdom (www.worldanimalday.org.uk). Its mission is to celebrate animal life and humans' relationship with the animals.

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