



WORLD FARM ANIMALS DAY 2008

Exposing Factory Farm and Slaughterhouse Atrocities Since 1983

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DRAMATIC PROTESTS AT CHICKEN SUMMIT AND SLAUGHTERHOUSE

Chicken Summit

WHAT: Picketing of the National Chicken Council's conference

WHEN: Thursday, October 2nd, 11:30am - 1:30pm

WHERE: Fairmont Hotel, 2401 M St, Washington, DC (Foggy Bottom Metro)

The conference is featuring the heads of the three largest chicken killing operations: Clint Rivers of Pilgrim's Pride, Dick Bond of Tyson's Foods, and Jim Perdue of Perdue Farms.

Chicken Slaughterhouse

WHAT: Candlelight vigil at Perdue's slaughterhouse that pioneered assembly-line killings

WHEN: 4-7pm, Thursday, October 4th

WHERE: W. Salisbury Pkwy (Rt 50) at Cypress St, Salisbury, MD

The occasion is the 26th annual observance of World Farm Animals Day dedicated to exposing and memorializing the annual suffering and death of 55 billion innocent, feeling animals in the world's factory farms and slaughterhouses. The date of October 2nd marks the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, the world's most prominent advocate of humane farming.

These are but two of nearly 400 events in all 50 states and two dozen other countries designed to raise public awareness of the multi-faceted tragedy of animal agriculture (www.WFAD.org/events).

From birth, animals raised for food are caged and crowded, deprived and drugged, manhandled and mutilated. At the slaughterhouse, they may be scalded, bled, skinned, and dismembered, while still conscious. No state or federal law prevents these atrocities.

Animal agriculture accounts for 18 percent of greenhouse gas emissions – more than automobiles! Animal wastes and runoff from feed croplands contribute more pollutants to our waterways than all other human activities combined. Consumption of animal products has been linked conclusively to an elevated risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer, and other chronic killer diseases.

The events include information tables, video screenings, exhibits, leafleting, vegan food sampling, street theater, vigils, marches, and fairs. Hundreds of bus cards and billboards in a dozen major markets and letters to the editors carry the message of compassion to millions. A dozen governors and mayors are issuing special proclamations calling for humane farming.

World Farm Animals Day is coordinated each year by FARM, a nonprofit public-interest organization. This year's observance is co-sponsored by In Defense of Animals, a national animal rights organization based outside San Francisco.

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