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To explore the unique relationship between nonprofit brand image and financial performance, Cone, in collaboration with Intangible Business, is pleased to share The Cone Nonprofit Power Brand 100, the first public ranking in the United States to value nonprofit organizations by more than financial standing alone.

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Tenth strongest brand image of any U.S. non-profit
what about farm animals?
Consumer Preferences for Farm Animal Welfare: Results of a Nationwide Telephone Survey

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89%: Food companies that require good treatment are doing the right thing
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Improving Animal Welfare
A Practical Approach

Edited by Temple Grandin
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Ohio: Illegal by 2025

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Florida: Currently illegal
The American Conservative

TORTURE ON THE FARM

Why Conservatives Should Care About Animal Cruelty
A Humane Eggs

July 11, 2010

The life of animals raised in confinement on industrial farms is slowly improving, thanks to pressure from consumers, animal rights advocates, farmers and legislators. In late June, a compromise was reached in Ohio that will gradually put an end to the tiny pens used for raising veal calves and holding pregnant sows, spaces so small the animals can barely move.

In California last week, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a law requiring that all whole eggs sold in the state conform to the provisions of Proposition 2, the humane farming law that was embraced by state voters in a landslide in 2008. By 2015, every whole egg sold in the state must come from a hen that is able to stretch her wings, standing or lying, without touching another bird or the edges of her cage. This requirement would at least relieve the worst of the production horrors that are common in the industry now.
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companies are changing
Move over local.
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Humane is stepping in.
Animal welfare should be top of mind for food retailers.
Dear Suppliers,

As you well know, Costco Members show their interest and concerns about animal welfare by contacting us on a regular basis. All of us at Costco take animal welfare seriously and consider humane animal handling a business imperative.

Lately, there has been concern about how farmers treat their pregnant sows. When it comes to the housing of sows, the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Association of Swine Veterinarians have shown us that both group housing and maternity pens have advantages and disadvantages.

While group housing offers more space for the sows, when certain breeds of pigs share a space, they can become aggressive, with dominant sows physically attacking others, biting them and stealing their food. Maternity pens were designed to protect sows from this bullying when they are most vulnerable, during their pregnancies.

We understand that there may be certain times during a sow’s gestation period during which it would be best for her to be separated from the rest of the group; we find that separation acceptable, as long as it meets the intended needs and provides the appropriate protection and safety for the sow. Furthermore we believe that animals should be treated with respect and kindness.
“We want all of the hogs throughout our pork supply chain to be housed in groups...and expect that this transition should be accomplished no later than 2022.”
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Safeway Announces Progress Toward Gestation Stall-Free Pork Supply Chain, The Humane Society of the United States Supports Retailer’s Move

Nation’s Second-Largest Grocery Chain Will Formulate Plan to Reach a Gestation Stall-Free Supply Chain

PLEASANTON, CALIF. and WASHINGTON, DC. (May 7, 2012) — Safeway Inc. (NYSE: SWY) announced today that it will begin formulating plans to have a gestation stall-free supply chain.

Gestation stalls have been criticized in recent years due to animal welfare concerns, and Safeway has been working to address the issue. Over the last several years, the company has substantially increased the quantity of pork it buys from producers that have made commitments to decreasing gestation stalls in their breeding facilities.

“It is Safeway’s goal to have a gestation stall-free supply chain,” said Safeway vice president of public affairs Brian Dowling. “With that in mind, the company is formulating plans to determine how it can reach that goal.”
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McDonald’s Takes Action Toward Ending Gestation Stall Use; Humane Society of the United States Supports Effort

(Feb. 13, 2012) — McDonald’s Corporation today announced that it will require its U.S. pork suppliers to outline their plans to phase out the use of sow gestation stalls, a move supported by The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).

“McDonald’s believes gestation stalls are not a sustainable production system for the future. There are alternatives that we think are better for the welfare of sows,” said Dan Gorsky, senior vice president of McDonald’s North America Supply Chain Management. “McDonald’s wants to see the end of sow confinement in gestation stalls in our supply chain. We are beginning an assessment with our U.S. suppliers to determine how to build on the work already underway to reach that goal. In May, after receiving our suppliers’ plans, we’ll share results from the assessment and our next steps.”

“The HSUS has been a long-time advocate for ending the use of gestation crates, and McDonald’s announcement is important and promising,” said Wayne Pacelle, The HSUS’ president and CEO. “All animals deserve humane treatment, including farm animals, and it’s just wrong to immobilize animals for their whole lives in crates barely larger than their bodies.”

McDonald’s actions are backed by leading independent animal welfare experts, including renowned scientist Dr. Temple Grandin. “Moving from gestation stalls to better alternatives will improve the welfare of sows and I’m pleased to see McDonald’s working with its suppliers toward that end. It takes a thorough plan to address the training of animal handlers, proper feeding systems, and the significant financial investment and logistics involved with such a big change. I’m optimistic about this announcement,” said Dr. Grandin.
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The McDonald’s Corporation said on Monday that it would begin working with its pork suppliers to phase out the use of so-called gestational crates, the tiny stalls in which sows are housed while pregnant.

Animal rights advocates have signaled out the crates, known as sow stalls, inhumane, and several states have moved to ban or restrict their use not only in pork production, but also in the production of eggs and veal.

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McDonald’s Asks Pork Distributors for Humane Reforms
McDonald’s Corp is pushing its pork suppliers to stop confining sows in small pens known as gestation stalls, moving to address concerns raised by animal-welfare advocates—and catch up with some competitors.

The burger giant on Monday said the pens are “not a sustainable production system” and there are alternatives that “are better for the welfare of sows.” The move was announced in conjunction with the Humane Society of the U.S., which praised the decision.

Gestation stalls confine adult female hogs whose offspring are raised and slaughtered for bacon and sausage. The pens are typically about two feet wide, preventing sows from turning around, leaving only enough room to stand up and sit down.
‘EARTHQUAKE’ IN THE PIG BUSINESS: MCDONALD’S TO END USE OF RESTRAINING CRATES

By Miranda Leitsinger, msnbc.com

McDonald’s says it will require its U.S. pork suppliers to detail their plans to phase out using sow gestation stalls -- in which pigs cannot turn around -- following similar moves by a number of countries, states and other companies to end a practice that activists say is inhumane and can lead to health problems in the animals.

More than 5.8 million pigs are used for breeding in the U.S. pork industry, with an estimated 60 to 70 percent confined to gestation crates, or sow stalls, during their 112- to 115-day pregnancies. The metal crates are only a little bigger than the sow and are typically placed side-by-side in rows -- often with more than 20 sows to a row, according to a 2011 report by The Humane Society of the United States.
“Now, you can trot out arguments ... but on the issue of gestation-sow stalls, at least, it’s increasingly apparent that you will lose the battle.”
Feedstuffs

“Gestation stalls no longer defendable.”
“Gestation stalls don’t seem to pass the modern smell test of acceptable treatment of animals.”
meatingplace

“Game over. For any pork producer still on the fence...the move is inevitable.”
so what next?