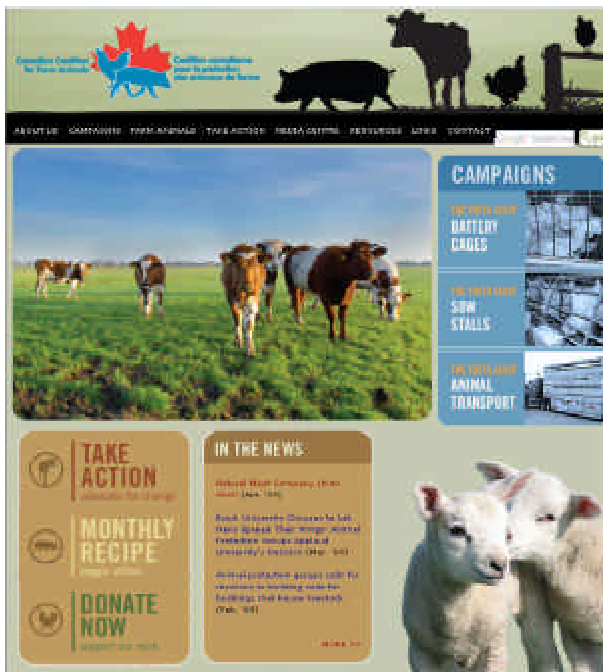


## McDonald's: We're *NOT* lovin' it

A new postcard from CCFA is asking McDonald's Canada to use only cage-free eggs, as their counterparts in Europe do. Burger King has made a commitment in Canada to buy cage-free eggs. We're asking McDonald's Canada to do the same. Download the card from our website: <http://www.humanefood.ca/pdf%20links/McDonalds%20PC.pdf> or email us and we will mail them to you. Tell us how many you need, and provide your address. Let McDonald's know you want them to choose humanely-produced eggs.



## CCFA launches new website

Our web address remains the same ([www.humanefood.ca](http://www.humanefood.ca)), but the look is brand spanking new. The new site's layout is easier to navigate and the look is *au courant*. We've added a yummy veggie recipe-of-the-month and other new features. Take a look, then tell us what you think.

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## Natural Valley Farms horse slaughter plant closed for food safety concerns, according to CFIA

You may have seen CBC's *The National's* exposé, *No Country for Horses*, [http://www.cbc.ca/national/blog/special\\_feature/no\\_country\\_for\\_horses/no\\_country\\_for\\_horses.html](http://www.cbc.ca/national/blog/special_feature/no_country_for_horses/no_country_for_horses.html) about Natural Valley Farms horse slaughter plant in Neudorf, Saskatchewan. Animal welfare violations were rampant at the plant designed for cattle, not long-necked horses. The exposé showed horses being improperly stunned, and their repeated attempts to stand up or move away after being shot. Some were not afforded another shot, causing them to be dismembered while conscious. All horses were forced to witness the horse in front of the line being shot.

The plant, later named Natural Meat Company, Inc., was closed in mid-February this year. According to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), the body responsible for

oversight of federal slaughter, the reason was food safety concerns. No additional information was provided. The company is still listed on CFIA's website as a federally registered slaughter plant.

CCFA is still awaiting *Access to Information* documents from CFIA about the plant – the result of our information request following the broadcast. The CFIA asked for a full year to provide the information – now due in August 2009.

We can only hope the plant – a real hell-hole for innocent horses – never re-opens. However, there are six other horse slaughter plants operating in Canada, still killing horses from Canada and thousands imported from the U.S. CCFA is working with other Canadian animal protection organizations to end horse slaughter in Canada.

## Farmed animal transport: Personal letters needed

The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, **The Hon. Gerry Ritz**, has not brought forward the revised transport regulations so desperately needed. We would *really* appreciate if you took the time to send a letter – even hand-written – to let Mr. Ritz know your concern at his lack of action. The CFIA has been talking about new regs for years, but still no action.

For points to include in your letter, see: <http://humanefood.ca/transport.html>.  
Letters to MPs **do not require postage**.

The Hon. Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

It helps even *more* if you cc your letter to the agriculture critics, using the same address:  
Alex Atamanenko, NDP critic  
Wayne Easter, Liberal critic  
André Bellavance, Bloc Québécois critic



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