

Canadian barn fires continue unabated this summer

Farm animals have died in the tens of thousands in barn fires across Canada this summer. Twenty-five thousand chickens died in July in Kleefeld, Manitoba. Fifteen thousand pigs died at the Cluny Hutterite Colony in Cluny, Alberta in August. See CETFA's video with images from the Cluny fire: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gz270bj4o0Q>. *Warning: graphic images.* Twenty-four hundred pigs died in another fire on August 18 in Derwent, Alberta.

A CCFA representative met with senior officials in the Manitoba Fire Commissioner's office in Winnipeg to discuss the province's draft farm building code. Currently smoke

alarms and sprinklers are not required in barns, despite the thousands of animals confined – often in cages and crates – in many Canadian barns. Animals are not considered “occupants” so are not accorded even *minimal* fire protection.

What you can do

Write federal **Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz**, House of Commons, Ottawa, K1A 0A6 (*no postage required*) to ask him to make smoke alarms and sprinklers in barns a condition of funding for industry bailout funds.

Visit us at the Toronto Vegetarian Fair, September 11 - 13, 2009

We invite you to stop by our booth at the International Marketplace Tent at Toronto's Harbourfront. Featured this year is our new **Adopt-an Ex-battery Hen Adoption Program**

in cooperation with Cobble Hills Farm Sanctuary. The program will give ex-battery hens a new lease on life in new homes.



Ex-battery hen adoption program

Hens just released from battery cages

A battery hen months after release

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Thanks, Members of Parliament, for helping farm animals

CCFA has been asking Members of Parliament to read our transport petition in the House of Commons. The petition calls for significantly reduced transport times for animals. Right now it is legal to transport cattle for 52 hours with no

water, food or rest. This needs to change.

Members of the current Parliament who have taken the petition for tabling in the House of Commons:

Malcolm Allen, Welland (ON)
Alex Atamanenko, British Columbia Southern Interior
Larry Gagnell, Yukon
Carolyn Bennett, St. Paul's (ON)
Olivia Chow, Trinity-St. Paul's (ON)
Jean Crowder, Nanaimo-Cowichan (BC)
Nathan Cullen, Skeena-Bulkey (BC)
Libby Davies, Vancouver East (BC)
Paul Dewar, Ottawa Centre (ON)
Ujjal Dosanjh, Vancouver South (BC)
Kristy Duncan, Etobicoke North (ON)
Rick Dykstra, St. Catharines (ON)
Hedy Fry, Vancouver Centre (BC)
Nina Grewal, Fleetwood-Port Kells (BC)
Mark Holland, Ajax-Pickering (ON)

Carol Hughes, Algoma-Manitoulin (ON)
Jack Layton, Toronto-Danforth (ON)
Marlene Jennings, Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine (QC)
Brian Masse, Windsor West (ON)
Dan McTeague, Pickering-Scarborough (ON)
Alexandra Mendes, Brossard-La Prairie (QC)
Maria Minna, Beaches-East York (ON)
Brian Murphy, Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe (NB)
Marcel Proulx, Hull-Aylmer (QC)
Bob Rae, Toronto Centre (ON)
Francis Scarpaleggia, Lac-Saint-Louis (QC)
Andrew Scheer, Regina-Qu'Appelle (SK)
Judy Sgro, York West (ON)
Michelle Simson, Scarborough Southwest (ON)
Bradley Trost, Saskatoon-Humboldt (SK)

What you can do

It is not difficult to get signatures for the House petition. Instructions and the petition are available at <http://www.humanefood.ca/petition.html>. Then mail the signed petitions to us.

If your MP's name is not listed above, why not contact him or her to inquire whether they would read the petition? The more MPs involved, the stronger the message to the government.



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