

Livestock - Animal Health and Welfare

Key Terms and Concepts:

Upon completion of this course, the student should be familiar with the following terms, concepts, and programs.

Animal Welfare

Animal rights

Animal behavior

Porcine stress syndrome (PSS)

Humane standards in animal production

Animal well being

Assessing animal welfare

Animal needs

Animal desires

Research approaches to measuring animal welfare

- Feelings based approach: Preference testing, multi variable and serial factor approach
- Functioning based approach

Management practices in confined animal operations

Debeaking

Tail docking

Dehorning

Branding

Castration

Management practices to enhance animal welfare

Massachusetts Referendum

Regulations related to animal welfare

28-Hour law

Humane Slaughter Bills, 1958

Humane Methods of Slaughter Act, 1978

Strategies of Animal Protection Groups

Campaigns to inform and elicit public action

Lobbying for legislation and litigation

Swaying stockholder resolutions

Links:

Animal Welfare Concerns:

Animal Welfare Information Center, NAL

http://awic.nal.usda.gov/nal_display/index.php?info_center=3&tax_level=1

Animal Care Homepage, APHIS, USDA

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ac/>

Dr Temple Grandin's webpage

<http://www.grandin.com/>

The Humane Society of the US

<http://www.hsus.org/>

Environmental Defense Fund

<http://www.environmentaldefense.org/home.cfm>

World Animal Net

<http://worldanimal.net/index.html>

Factory Farming

<http://www.factoryfarming.com/index.htm>

Farm Sanctuary

<http://www.farmsanctuary.org/>

Animal Welfare Institute

<http://www.awionline.org/>

United Poultry Concerns

<http://www.upc-online.org/>

Farm Animal Shelters

<http://www.farmanimalshelters.org/>

The Association of Sanctuaries

<http://www.taosanctuaries.org/index07.htm>

International Fund for Animal Welfare

<http://www.ifaw.org/ifaw/general/default.aspx>

World Animal Foundation

<http://worldanimalfoundation.homestead.com/index.html>

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

<http://www.peta.com/>

Animal Defense League

<http://www.animaldefense.com/>

Beyond Beef

<http://www.mcspotlight.org/media/reports/beyond.html>

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