Email: jolibeb77@comcast.net FirstName: Delphine LastName: Pichot Address1: Address2: City: Jacksonville State: Florida zipcode: 32224 Question1: Question2: We - the consumers - care about the fair treatment of farm animals. However, it seems that our country (The U.S.) is lacking in setting minimum standards for the welfare of animals on farms, in transport and at slaughter. Other countries all around the world have done a way better job at setting more humane standards. I propose that the USDA eliminates the most inhumane factory farming practices:

-crates for pregnant sows and veal calves

-battery cages for laying hens.

All these practices are just cruelty to farm animals! Question3: This is very unfortunate, but true: The current subsidies benefit large producers! These large producers in order to produce a lot inflict intensive confinement, and mutilations, and many more on farm animals.

This happens because the USDA

financially help these large producers. I believe that the USDA must stop providing financial assistance to producers that participate in inhumane practices. This is year 2005! If these practices were done on cats and dogs, large producers would get felony warrant on cruelty to animals.

Question4: I think we must eliminate factory farming practices - they cause a lot of suffering, and pollute our environment. There are huge waste disposal problems that the USDA must find a solution to.

There are many policies that the USDA should implement, such as minimum space requirements, most animals can not even turn around! Animals need to be able to do what they would do if they were free. Walk, turn around, ..etc.. this is vital for them, and this is inhumane if they can't do so.

Question5: Question6: