



# Farm Animals, the Climate Crisis & Related Disasters: Mitigating Harm by Changing the System

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**Factory Farms** = major contributors to climate change & environmental harm;  
**Their inhabitants** = vulnerable victims of climate change-related disasters





*Kelly Guerin/We Animals*





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## **Animals & Disaster Response**

# Animals & Disaster Policy

- Companion animals:
  - PETS Act
- Animals in Animal Welfare Act facilities:
  - PREPARED Act
  - USDA Disaster Contingency Planning Rule



# Farm Animal Disaster Response?



# Farm Animal Disaster Policy?

- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
  - Reimburses producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather – no requirement for precautions or preventative action.
- Intentional Depopulation Reimbursement



# Growing Demand for a New System

- Consumer-driven
- Corporate commitments
- Values-based procurement programs (Good Food Purchasing Program)
- State ballot measures, legislation, and regulations



## Local Economies

Support small and mid-sized agricultural and food processing operations within the local area or region.



## Environmental Sustainability

Source from producers that employ sustainable production systems that reduce or eliminate synthetic pesticides and fertilizers; avoid the use of hormones, antibiotics, and genetic engineering; conserve soil and water; protect and enhance wildlife habitat and biodiversity; and reduce on-farm energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.



## Valued Workforce

Provide safe and healthy working conditions and fair compensation for all food chain workers and producers from production to consumption.



## Animal Welfare

Provide healthy and humane care for livestock.



## Nutrition

Promote health and well-being by offering seasonal fruits and vegetables, using whole grains, reducing salt and added sugars, and eliminating the use of deep frying.

# Policy Solution: Increase Supply for Values-Based Food

- Provide incentives for farmers to transition from factory farms to higher-welfare farming
- How?
  - Government transition funding (FSRA)
  - Tax credits





# Farm System Reform Act (FSRA)

- ✓ Places a moratorium on construction of new or expansion of existing large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)
- ✓ Phases out all large CAFOs by 2040
- ✓ Provides funding and debt relief to help farmers transition away from the factory farm system towards more humane farming, whether continuing to raise animals or transitioning to food crops



US H.R.4421/S.2332—U.S. Farm System Reform Act

**ASPCA Position: Support**

Sponsors: Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA) and Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ)

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