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Question1:

Question2: Consumers care about the welfare of farm animals, but the US is far behind other nations in setting minimum standards for the welfare of animals on farms, in transport, and at slaughter. At minimum, the USDA should propose eliminating the most cruel of factory farming practices, such as crates for pregnant sows and veal calves, and battery cages for laying hens.

Question3: Current subsidies benefit large producers that subject animals to intensive confinement, mutilations and aversive handling techniques. The USDA should stop providing financial assistance to producers that participate in practices shown by scientific research to be inhumane.

Question4: Eliminating factory farming practices will benefit both animal welfare and the environment. USDA should propose setting minimum space allowances that provide animals with the freedom to perform natural behaviors and also protect the environment by reducing pollution and waste disposal problems.

Question5:

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