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Question1:

Question2: As an American consumer, I care greatly about how farmed animals are treated. The United States has fallen far behind many other countries in setting minimum standards for the welfare of animals on farms, in transport and at slaughter. The USDA should propose eliminating the most egregious factory farming practices, such as crates for pregnant sows and veal calves and battery cages for laying hens.

Comments on the 2007 Farm Bill may also be submitted by e-mail to FarmBill@usda.gov. The deadline for submitting comments is December 30, 2005

Question3: Current subsidies benefit large producers that subject animals to intensive confinement, mutilations and aversive handling techniques. The USDA immediately halt provision of financial assistance to producers that participate in practices illustrated 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.

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Question6: