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Question1:

Question2: Although the majority of American consumers want farm animals to be treated humanely, the United States ranks far behind many developed countries in instituting humane farming practices. Such practices that are industry standards in the United States include severe confinement of breeding sows in gestation crates, of veal calves in veal crates, and laying hens in battery cages, as well as other extremely cruel practices. Besides being grossly inhumane, these practices compromise the cleanliness and safety of the food being consumed by humans. The USDA should propose the elimination of these and all other inhumane practices, such as the starvation of laying hens in order to force a new laying cycle, the use of downed animals, the debeaking of hens and other poultry, and the inhumane methods used to slaughter chickens and other poultry.

Question3: Subsidies to large corporation farms that routinely subject animals to intense confinement, mutilations and inhumane slaughter should be stopped. Small farms that treat the animals humanely, and that care about the welfare of consumers and the environment, should receive subsidies to allow them to stay in business.

Question4: Eliminating factory farming practices will not only benefit the animals, but also the environment. Keeping animals severely confined creates waste disposal and pollution problems. This "dirty" environment also promotes diseases that can infect humans as well as the animal population. The USDA should propose setting minimum space allowances that would allow the animals to be able to move in a natural manner. This would provide for a cleaner overall environment, and also make the food supply safer for human consumption.

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