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Question1:

Question2: As an American, I can tell you I care deeply about how farm animals are treated. And I cannot imagine that consumers in the global market would feel any differently, given the facts.

Unfortunately, the US has not done as well as other nations in setting standards and laws for the welfare of animals on farms, in transport and at slaughter.

The USDA should be a world leader and work diligently and immediately to put an end to the most horrific factory farming practices such as veal grating, crating pregnant pigs, throwing unwanted live male chicks into garbage bags to suffocate, purposefully mutilating chickens (cutting off beaks and feet, etc), processing downed animals into animal feed, and over-crowding pens which results in animal insanity and filthy conditions.

Question3: The benefits currently go to large factory farms that subject animals to the most inhumane treatment. The USDA needs to STOP providing financial assistance to producers who treat animals with such horrific inhumanity all in the name of profit. Do not encourage these farms to keep "mass producing" and mass killing by funding their practices. Distribute assistance to producers who can demonstrate and document humane and sanitary treatment of farm animals.

Question4: Environmental and conservation goals can best be met by putting an end to intolerable factory farming practices, which take a huge toll on the environment and have far reaching impact on fossil fuel consumption, pollution and public health. The USDA should devise space allowance laws to provide animals with the freedom to act, move, feed, eliminate, as nature intended. Doing so will reduce human exposure to disease and hormone/chemically altered meat. It will also reduce pollution and waste disposal problems. It is the humane and obvious thing to do.

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Question6: