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Majority of
Growth in
Farm Animal
Populations
occurring in
Developing/
Emerging
Economies.



European Union

Farm Animal Welfare Directives

- Council Directive [2001/88/EC](#) :
outlaws sow stall for most of a sow's
pregnancy from 2013.
- Council Directive [98/58/EC](#): states
that animals should not be bred or
fed in ways that may cause suffering.

European Union Farm Animal Welfare Directives

- Council Directive [1999/74/EC](#) : bans the barren battery cage from 2012.
- Council Directive [2007/43/EC](#) : sets maximum stocking densities to avoid overcrowding.

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European Union Farm Animal Welfare Directives

- Council Directive [2008/120/EC](#): prohibits routine tail docking of growing pigs and requires sufficient enrichment material to allow the pigs “proper investigation and manipulation activities”

European Union Farm Animal Welfare Directives

- Council Directive [2008/119/EC](#) :
outlaws the use of crates to confine
young calves.

EU Animal Welfare Strategy (2012-2015)

“To help establish a level playing field and fairness for European companies and exporters, the EU includes animal welfare issues in trade agreements and organises major international events to promote its view on animal welfare.”



EU Public Money Supports Large-scale Animal Agribusiness in Emerging Economies

1) International Finance Institutions

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- European Bank for Reconstruction and
Development (EBRD)

2) Export Credit Agencies (National, EU Member States)

International Finance Corporation (IFC)

- Part of World Bank Group
 - “largest global development institution focused exclusively on the private sector in developing countries.”
- EU Member States have 30.16% of voting power
- Granted € 665 million to 30 animal agribusiness projects (2001-2010).

EBRD

- Regional Development Bank.
- EU countries, the EU and the EIB control 62.86% of EBRD shares.
- EU rules and principles should generally set the standard for EBRD interventions



Export Credit Agencies (ECAs)

- Example:
- Germany: Between 2009 -2012 € 40.86 million in ECs were granted for the construction of cage systems, mainly in Ukraine, Belarus and Turkey.
- Do not hold themselves to EU standards for humane animal care.



Investments *without* Binding Animal Welfare Criteria

- IFC
 - *Good Practice Note on Animal Welfare*
 - Not binding
 - Not specific. Does not exclude certain practices banned in EU.
- EBRD: Guidelines in development
- Export Credit Agencies of MS

Myronivsky Hliboproduct (MHP)

- EBRD, IFC, and ECAs (Swiss, Dutch, other)
- Accounts for 50% of Ukraine poultry production; expects to become largest in Europe.
- Planned to export up to 20,000 tons of poultry meat to EU markets in 2013.
- Not enough information provided to adequately assess animal welfare.

Keskinoglu

- Support from EBRD
- Largest commercial egg producer in Turkey
- Exports to 75 countries
- First Turkish firm exporting processed chicken products to EU countries (chicken meat from 2009, and eggs from 2012).

Keskinoglu

- By the end of the EBRD funded project, 60% of the company's cages will be enrichable and 40% will be non-enrichable.

Investments *without* Animal Welfare Standards

- Hurts the EU consumer
- Hurts consumers in emerging economies
- Not aligned with nutritional goals/support for small farmers in emerging economies.
- EU farmers are unhappy

The Way Forward

- **Binding** animal welfare criteria, linked to EU standards (at a minimum), for:
 - International Finance Institutions (EBRD, IFC)
 - Export Credit Agencies
- **Transparency**
 - Institutions evaluate and track compliance
 - Public accountability.

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