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We need to end the downed animal trade. Animals too sick or injured to move should not be slaughtered and added to the food chain. We are at grave risk for disease including bacterial contamination and BSE.

Since it would be difficult if not impossible to humanely move these animals they should be euthanized as quickly as possible. Food animals are typically pushed and pulled with chains and tractors and sometimes kicked and beaten; so it is amazing that downed animals really only comprise a small percentage of the animals slaughtered for food. This should cause no economic hardship to stock owners.

Industry experts estimate that 90% of downed animals could be prevented with better care and handling. Perhaps if no income can be made on downed animals it might provide an incentive to take better care in moving these animals from stock yards and to the slaughter house.

Downed cattle, pigs, etc suffer needlessly and terribly. The marketing of downed animals poses an unnecessary risk to human health.

Please help stop the slaughter and trade of downed animals.

Sincerely,

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