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RE: Docket 03-025IF, USDA's Downed-Animal Ban Is Too Late And Too Little

I am so tired of hearing about sick individuals being cruel, on purpose, to animals. Last Friday I watched a film of men abusing and torturing farm pigs and sat at my desk and cried. I can not believe how the USDA lets these sick individuals get away with torturing and abusing these poor innocent creatures. One sick individual lifted a cinder block above his head and threw it down on a sows head, they also kicked her and made her walk outside without caring that she had a broken shoulder. The cries from this poor sow were wrenching. I also watched another pig being beaten and another had a metal stick put into her anus and the screams were horrendous. The idiots laughed, cursed at the pigs and then told of their co-workers who did the same thing to other pigs the day before. What is wrong with these people? And why doesn't the USDA protect these animals??? The tax payers pay your salary but you sure don't do a good enough job at protecting the animals.

I don't eat meat because of the torture and abuse that animals go through before their death. I see pictures and films of so many farm animals being abused and nothing is ever done about it. When is the USDA going to step up and respect the lives of these animals and make sure they are treated humanely before their death?

The welfare of these animals is non-existent and that is very wrong.

Noticeably missing from the administrative ban are:

- Regulations applying to farmed animals other than cows;
- Restrictions on the use of downed cows as food for companion animals or "livestock" feed;
- Requirements to humanely euthanize nonambulatory cows;
- Directives forbidding the use of chains, forklifts, trucks and shock prods to move animals.

Why does the US law allow stockyards and slaughterhouses to drag, shock, beat and bulldoze frail and crippled animals. Under the new rule animals can still be kept alive until slaughtered for processing at rendering plants to produce tallow, meal or other goods with animal-byproducts. This is totally wrong. Have you ever watched a video of a pig being beaten and tortured? Have you ever heard the sounds of a pig crying out while being tortured or kicked or beaten?