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Re: Downed Cows

I'm urging the USDA to make the ban on use of downed animals for food a permanent law. This temporary law applies only to downed cows at present; there is no provision requiring that the animals be euthanized, and my work on farms confirms that these animals feel pain. At auctions, I have seen that these cows are still being dragged with cranes or forklifts while fully conscious, and they can still be slaughtered for pet food or to be fed to other animals raised for food.

Please make the current ban permanent.

Make the ban apply to all farmed animals, not just cows.

Please required that downed animals be euthanized. An animal who is downed is clearly in severe pain, and it is impossible to humanely transport a downed cow (who can be lifted only with a crane or forklift).

Sincerely,



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