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PAC'ed (pounded against concrete) piglets and dead sow
 This bin is refilled weekly
 Farrowing operation
 Undisclosed location, Manitoba



Downer sow from Brandon in Quintaine trailer
 Passed CFIA inspection at Emerson border
 Continued to point of destination –
 Johnsonville Sausage in Watertown, Wisconsin
 where she was electrically prodded
 11 times then dragged off the trailer and slaughtered



Evidence of boar bashing
 One pig has an eye poked out
 Others bleeding from noses and mouths
 Pig Collecting Station
 Undisclosed location, Manitoba



Live, but dying, pig left on dead pile
 Pig Collecting Station
 Brandon, Manitoba



Horse exposed to -45°C for over 8 hrs
 Gladstone, Manitoba



Dead and downer MB sows
 John Morrell slaughterhouse
 Sioux Falls, South Dakota



Illegal unloading of
 downed sow
 Grunthal Livestock Auction
 Grunthal, Manitoba
 (see report: Investigation at Grunthal Livestock Auction/
 Pig Collecting Station – Full External Report included)



Cull dairy cow with massive hoof tumour accepted
 and sold at auction
 Winnipeg Livestock Auction
 Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Dead sow left in front of live
Undisclosed location, Manitoba



Sow being electrically prodded up vagina
Grunthal, Manitoba



Sows in gestation crates
Undisclosed location, Manitoba



Dying sow left to suffer overnight



Evidence of boar bashing



Sow and boar killed inhumanely

All 3 images: Manitoba Pork Marketing Cooperative
Winnipeg, Manitoba

See Report:

Investigation at Manitoba Pork Marketing Cooperative Receiving Yard - Full External Report enclosed



Charred remains of sow in crate
Vermillion Colony Farms

Even while the burning of live pigs in Manitoba barns has increased 10 fold from 2007 to 2008, MAFRI has done nothing to protect the remaining pigs in Manitoba at high risk of live-burning. Barns in Manitoba are not required to have fire codes. The proposed regulations requiring barns to have fire protection measures (sprinkler systems, etc.) will grandfather existing operations, further ensuring no protection for these pigs. This upcoming act must ensure that ALL barns, existing or new, have fire suppression and protection measures.

ACTS & REGULATIONS CONCERNING WELFARE OF FARM ANIMALS A COMPARISON BETWEEN ONTARIO AND MANITOBA

Ontario

Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001

Ensures food animals are slaughtered humanely. OMAFRA inspectors are present during all slaughter times.

Livestock Community Sales Act

Ensures protection of the animals marketed through salesbarns (includes provision of water).

Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act

Covers ALL animals, including farm animals .

Livestock and Livestock Products Act

Protects downed animals during transportation and slaughter.

Dead Animal Disposal Act

Protects downed animals from inhumane slaughter and prohibits their movement – i.e. illegal to leave live animals on dead piles.

Manitoba

No provincial Act

Provincial inspectors are not used. Instead MAFRI relies on CFIA inspectors to be present at provincially-approved slaughterhouses, however MAFRI is aware that CFIA inspectors are not always present during slaughter and according to a leaked CFIA document the federal government plans to pull all federal slaughterhouse inspectors leaving animals being slaughtered in Manitoba without any oversight at all.

No provincial Act

Animal Care Act

“Generally accepted” farm animal practices are excluded so it provides little protection for farm animals, and as a wealth of evidence indicates, reports of cruelty are not investigated or penalized.

No provincial Act

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Manure and Mortalities Management Regulation - Only requires that dead animals be disposed of properly. Affords no protection to still-living or dying animals.

Two cases of severe abuse reported to MAFRI and OCV No penalties levied

The Case of Emily

Emily was a spent dairy cow discovered at Winnipeg Livestock Auction on Wednesday, September 6, 2006. I placed a call to the 945-8000 Provincial Animal Care Line and as no one answered, left a detailed voice message. A veterinarian from the Office of the Chief Veterinarian later attended the scene and diagnosed the cow with a painful, twisted stomach, acute mastitis and torn udder ligaments. Nevertheless, the veterinarian left the premises, leaving the suffering cow untreated. I returned to the auction for an additional two days – each time the cow was still there, suffering. On Friday (the 3rd day of my visit) the staff of the auction unbelievably put her through the auction ring. She was bought by a slaughterhouse buyer from Ontario who only planned to ship her the following week. Shortly after the sale, Emily went down. She was penned with other cows who continually stepped on her and her painful, inflamed udder. She lay there with her neck outstretched and eyes closed gasping for breath. I again placed a call to the Office of the Chief Veterinarian informing them of her condition urging them to finally come euthanize her. Three hours later a veterinarian arrived and did so.

I later learned from the Office of the Chief Veterinarian staff that no penalties were levied. A letter of reprimand to the auction for accepting, holding, selling and not euthanizing such a suffering animal wasn't even issued.

During the Alberta Farm Animal Care Transport conference held in Calgary, Alberta on January 28th, 2009, Dr. Terry Whiting from the Office of the Chief Veterinarian included the case of Emily in his presentation. Her inclusion was not to educate industry members in attendance, but rather to mock my naming of this suffering cow. This was highly unprofessional and showed the level of contempt for farm animals shown by staff of this Office – the Office which the public is led to believe is there to protect – not mock – these injured animals.

(Full details on this case are available in the attached report titled “External Winnipeg Livestock Auction 06 09 06 - 08 09 06”)



Emily - Acute mastitis



Emily - Straining to urinate, suffering from twisted stomach



Emily – torn suspensory ligament of udder



Emily on day 3 – down and unprotected from trampling

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The Case of Beth

Beth was a culled sow from a Manitoba farrowing operation. The intensive confinement from her gestation crate had caused severe arthritis to develop in her hind legs. Because of this, motility was affected making walking incredibly difficult and painful for her. In response to seeing her limping along, the Funk's company driver attempting to load her is heard saying "They're really stupid today. I don't know if it's the heat or what it is".

It was indeed hot the day Beth was loaded for transport (35°C) and she most likely lived her life in a temperature-controlled barn making the heat nearly unbearable for her. It is very likely she also had pneumonia (70% of cull sows have it) making breathing especially difficult for her.

Beth collapsed in the round pen leading to the trailer she was illegally being loaded on. Instead of ensuring her safety, numerous groups of pigs were run through, trampling her and her painful legs. She sat in the dog-sitting position, gasping for some time. Eventually, she went down fully, vomited and was forced to lie in it as she was abandoned there, in the full sun.

Again, full footage including full information on the driver, facility, date, time, trailer number etc was provided to MAFRI and the Office of the Chief Veterinarian, and again, nothing was done.

(Full details on this case are available in the attached report titled
"Investigation at Grunthal Livestock Auction/Pig Collecting Station - Full External Report")



Sow being electrically prodded up vagina at Grunthal Livestock Auction. Sow is part of same group Beth was attempted to be loaded with.



(L - R) Beth in dog-sitting position panting and suffering from heat distress, arthritis and pneumonia
Beth collapsed and left lying in her own vomit in the full sun (temp 35°C).

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