



# YES ON 3

## PREVENT ANIMAL CRUELTY

Residents of the Commonwealth have shown time and time again that we support commonsense protections for animals, the environment, and food safety. In November 2016, Massachusetts voters will have the opportunity to vote YES! on Question 3 to implement a modest animal protection reform.

Question 3 will prevent farm animals from being crammed into cages so small they can't even turn around or extend their limbs, will improve food safety, and will support family farmers. A YES! vote on Question 3 will also ensure that certain food items sold in the Commonwealth are compliant with these modest standards. Major companies like Walmart and McDonald's are already making similar improvements.

### Question 3 Prohibits Cruel Confinement of Farm Animals



**Vote YES! on Question 3 to prevent animal cruelty:** Within days or even hours of birth, calves raised for veal are often chained by their necks in crates too narrow to turn around or lie down comfortably. The crates essentially immobilize these playful, energetic creatures, preventing them from engaging in almost any natural behaviors. This lack of movement inhibits natural muscle development, often to such an extent that the calves are unable to walk to slaughter.

**Vote YES! on Question 3 to prevent animal cruelty:** Pigs are highly social and intelligent animals. For years, female pigs used for breeding are confined in crates only two feet wide—so small the animals can't even turn around or take more than a step forward or backward. This extreme immobilization atrophies the pigs' muscles and bones. Since these inquisitive animals are denied mental stimulation, many become neurotic and exhibit coping behaviors, such as repetitive biting of the bars in front of them.

**Vote YES! on Question 3 to prevent animal cruelty:** On many egg factory farms, hens are crammed into cages so small the birds can't even spread their wings. Packed five or more to a cage, each hen is forced to spend her whole life in a meager amount of space that's smaller than an iPad. Virtually unable to move, the hens can't engage in almost any of their natural behaviors, such as perching, nesting, foraging or even walking more than a few steps. In cages, chickens may suffer from bone fractures, feather-loss, and metabolic disease; some hens even become caught in the wire and die of starvation, unable to reach the food or water just inches away from them.





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### Question 3 Establishes Modest Standards

Vote YES! on Question 3 to ensure that substandard, inhumane, and unsafe products from these cruel confinement systems aren't sold in our Commonwealth.

### Question 3 Improves Human Health and Food Safety

Vote YES! on Question 3 to help keep our food supply safe. Industrial animal operations put our health at risk: cramming tens of thousands of animals into tiny cages promotes the spread of diseases. The Center for Food Safety endorses this measure because numerous studies show that egg operations that confine hens in cages have higher rates of *Salmonella*, the leading cause of food poisoning-related death in America. Animals kept in extreme confinement often live in their own waste and are pumped full of drugs that can taint the food we eat.

**Vote YES! on Question 3 on November 8, 2016**  
**Protect animals and our families' food supply**



Get involved to help farm animals: [citizensforfarmanimals.com/help](http://citizensforfarmanimals.com/help)

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