



Support the Farm System Reform Act!

H.R. 797/S. 271: Farm System Reform Act of 2023 - Introduced by Rep. Ro Khanna and Sen. Cory Booker

Background

Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) house thousands of animals in cramped conditions, facing painful procedures like tail docking, dehorning, and beak trimming. The waste generated from these facilities contaminate water supplies in nearby communities with excessive nutrients, disease-causing pathogens, and pharmaceutical drugs such as growth hormones. Additionally, beef-producing CAFOs emit methane, a powerful warming agent. Combined with other pollutants, the emissions produced nearby can cause asthma, lung disease, bronchitis and other respiratory illnesses. Overall, the current model for industrialized animal agriculture is deeply unsustainable for human health, animal welfare, and the environment.

Summary

The Farm System Reform Act would place a moratorium on large confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs), expand the country-of-origin labeling, and expand requirements in the livestock, poultry, and meat markets. If passed, this bill would restrict the creation or expansion of large CAFOs and ban existing CAFOs by January 1, 2040. The Department of Agriculture must also provide grants to eligible CAFO owners to pay off debt and to aid in the transition to alternative agriculture activities. The bill would also expand requirements and prohibitions under the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 in order to increase competition and transparency in the livestock, poultry, and meat markets. It has been endorsed by over 300 groups.

Act now!

Ask your Member of Congress to cosponsor the Farm System Reform Act of 2023 (H.R. 797/S. 271) to put an end to factory farming!