



The FACCTs

Farm Animal Care Coalition of Tennessee

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Welcome to the first edition of The FACCTs. This newsletter is brought to you as part of your membership and support of the Farm Animal Care Coalition of Tennessee and is meant to give you news and information that affect animal agriculture in Tennessee. This organization is committed to being a factual, proactive voice for animal agriculture in Tennessee.

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WHAT WILL YOU DO

Many segments of animal agriculture are currently under attack; caged laying hens, gestational pens for sows, Tennessee Walking Horses. We, in animal agriculture seek to provide the most affordable and efficient food supply and the most humane setting possible for our animals. As we seek to educate our customers let us not attack other segments of our industry. We MUST all work together to protect and promote all of our agriculture industry.

DROUGHT AREA LARGER THAN LAST YEAR

Greg Henderson, Editor, Associate Publisher, Drovers CattleNetwork | Updated: June 29, 2012

Last year's historic drought in the southwest gained a lot of attention for its dramatic impact on people, livestock and wildlife. This year's drought, however, is worse in many ways and likely to be much more expensive to both agriculture and to consumers.

According to the National Drought Mitigation Center, 72 percent of the continental United States is classified as "abnormally dry" or worse. By comparison, at the end of the third week in June last year just 32 percent of the continental United States was classified as "abnormally dry" or worse. For more info – www.cattlework.com

TRANSPORT OF WILD APPEARING HOGS

Nashville – June 26, 2012

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture has announced new regulations aimed at controlling the transport of wild-appearing hogs into the state.

The order is in support of legislation passed this year by the Tennessee General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. Bill Haslam that makes it illegal to bring wild-appearing hogs into the state without proper documentation. The new law goes into effect July 1.

For more info: Tennessee Department of Agriculture

www.TN.govNewsroom

I'M FARMING AND I GROW IT

The Peterson brothers have created a fun and positive you tube video about farming. Check it out on You Tube – I'm farming and I grow it.

FACCT MISSIONS

The exemplary work of some UT Ag Extension personnel in concert with Tennessee Department of Agriculture and local law enforcement officials has resulted in several potential livestock crises being avoided.

When FACCT becomes aware of livestock neglect/abuse situations, we work with UT Ag Extension personnel, local law enforcement and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture to provide the best possible outcome for the animals involved.

FACCT board members have been most supportive in recent efforts to assist with displaced livestock.

Plans call for FACCT to assist with the development of a livestock task force in each county that has a plan to address livestock crises before they develop.

WHO IS THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES?

No affiliation with local shelters- runs misleading commercials filled with celebrities and images of mistreated animals to fundraise.

“Factory Farming Campaign” seeks to ban common farm animal production practices through legislation and ballot initiatives.

Representatives seek undercover employment at farms and processing plants to obtain illicit video footage and photos.

Buys stocks in retail/restaurant companies to introduce shareholder resolutions impacting farm animal production practices.

Targets youth with campaigns; launched Humane Society University in 2010.

Files lawsuits against governments and animal facilities to force policy changes.

Acquired the Association of Veterinarians for Animals Rights (now called Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association) in 2008.

www.Animalagalliance.org

HUMANE SOCIETY PRESSURES RESTAURANTS

The Humane Society of the United States, HSUS, has purchased shares in Steak 'n Shake Co. and Jack in the Box Inc. in an attempt to influence purchasing decisions with regard to chicken, eggs and pork, the political lobbying group said.

HSUS holds a stake in 38 food-related companies, and works to pressure companies to change procedures or purchasing decisions related to animal welfare.

For complete list visit FACCT webpage: www.TNFACCT.com

CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE

Restaurant Chain Forming Plans to End Gestation Crate Confinement of Pigs within its Supply System **LEBANON, TENN. and WASHINGTON, DC. (June 14, 2012)** — Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., announced today that it will begin formulating plans that provide for a pork supply system within Cracker Barrel that is free of gestation crates, cages used to confine breeding pigs, which have been criticized in recent years due to animal welfare concerns.

The Humane Society of the United States supports the move.

To read the entire release, go to www.CrackerBarrel.com/news

NATIONAL PORK PRODUCERS COUNCIL ON FOOD COMPANIES' DECISIONS ON SOW HOUSING

It is very disconcerting that retailers, in making decisions about sourcing pork products, continue to succumb to the pressure of activist groups such as the Humane Society of the United States without any consideration of the impact on American farm families, who produce the safe and affordable pork that they sell to consumers. These unilateral and impulsive announcements are made without any recognition that nearly all of the pork products produced in the United States today come from facilities built for the validated practice of gestation stalls.

Nowhere in the announcements is there any discussion on the willingness of these companies to pay for these requests. These are very complex issues that require interaction of the complete supply chain.

National Pork Producers Council is the global voice for the U.S. pork industry. For more information and the complete release, visit www.nppc.org.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

FACCT is fortunate to have the continuing support of most all our agricultural organizations. Local livestock organizations and clubs can also join as Industry Partners.

Individual membership is also available for \$25.

DOMINO'S PIZZA SAYS "NO" TO HSUS

Marlys Miller, Editor, Pork Magazine | Updated: April 26, 2012

Domino's Pizza shareholders voted to reject a resolution offered by the Humane Society of the United States to require its pork suppliers to stop housing gestating sows in stalls.

Domino's Board of Directors response to the resolution, as reported by AnnArbor.com, was-- "We believe this is an issue that should be addressed directly with producers and suppliers, not customers."

Its proxy statement Domino's Board of Directors pointed out that the company's pork suppliers use animals from farms "that use a variety of animal management systems, including from farms that do not use gestation stalls." It also cited the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV) published statements indicating there are advantages and disadvantages to both cage-free and caged pork production methods.

"We rely on animal experts to determine what is the best way to raise an animal that's being used for food," said Tim McIntyre, Domino's spokesperson.

For complete story go to www.dairyherd.com/e-newsletter

BANK OF AMERICA PARTNERS WITH HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

According to an AgriMarketing report of an Animal Agriculture Alliance release, Bank of America recently announced another partnership with the Humane Society of the United States after releasing a new HSUS-themed credit card. This new credit card provides the radical animal rights organization with \$60 for every new account opened and an additional 25 cents for every \$100 spent. (The bank last partnered with HSUS in 2009.)

[The Advantage News - 06/26/2012](#)

[also see www.animalagalliance.org](http://www.animalagalliance.org)

NEW ADDRESS

FACCT has been fortunate to share office space with the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association. The FACCT office will be moving in late July, along with the TCA office, to 530 B Brandies Circle, Murfreesboro, TN 37128.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Also visit the FACCT webpage - www.TNFACCT.com, and the FACCT Facebook page. Feel free to contact Lou Nave, FACCT Executive Director, with suggestions and questions at 615/970-8065 or Lou.Facct@gmail.com.

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