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USDA abandons rule on higher welfare standards for animals raised under organics label



"The time will come when men such as I will look upon the murder of animals as they now look upon the murder of men."  
*Leonardo da Vinci*

# Compassionate Carnivores

VIP NEWSLETTER

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## *"I only buy organic meat" . . .*

### *What does that mean?*

When you buy organic meat, what do you expect? Do you only care that the animals are not given antibiotics and growth hormones? Or, do you also expect that animals are treated better? Do you expect there to be oversight at the government level to assure that better husbandry is enforced?

"The mission of the National Organic Program, part of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, is to protect the integrity of organic products in the U.S. and around the world. This means creating clear and enforceable standards that protect the organic integrity of products from farm to table. Consumers trust and look for the USDA organic seal because they know that USDA stands behind the standards that it represents."

### *Wait...not the mission any longer?*

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture has killed a rule that established clear and meaningful protections and higher animal welfare standards for farm animals raised under the organics label. The USDA now claims—for the first time ever—that it does not have statutory authority to pass rules improving welfare conditions for livestock, including poultry, on organic farms. The Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices rule encompassed an array of housing, husbandry, and management standards, standards that consumers expect when they buy organic products. In a matter like this, the public rightly expected the agency responsible for regulating the nation's food supply to step up its game, not to take a step backward." (See sidebar for full article.)

While organic standards may be questionable, animals raised organically still endure the slaughter process.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** Please review this brochure "Even if you eat meat" and think about how you can do your part to reduce animal suffering.

Please buy only cage-free eggs & pass this email to your mailing list.

Thank you! Lois

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