

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED RULE ON ORGANIC ANIMAL WELFARE

As farmers raising animals, we believe that high animal welfare is one of the benchmarks of organic production. The USDA Organic label should require high standards of animal welfare that honor animals' needs and natures. These include adequate indoor and outdoor space, meaningful outdoor access, and the ability to engage in natural behaviors.

On our own farms, we raise animals according to these standards. This helps our animals and our businesses thrive, thanks to strong consumer demand for higher welfare animal products.

We support USDA's efforts to strengthen the organic animal welfare standards to bring them in line with the true meaning of organic and the tradition of responsible farming. Strong organic regulations promote the integrity of the organic label and support responsible farmers who provide the high welfare consumers expect.

Walter Adam, Shannon Brook Farm, NY

Guy Ashmore, That Guys Family Farm, OH

Betsy Babcock, Handsome Brook Farm, NY

Chad Backes, Ducks in a Row Family Farm, WI

Larry Bailey, Clean Food Farm, OR

Ella Barlow, Jack Donkey Farm, LLC, VA

Nick Batchelder, Midnight Sun Farm, IL

Greg Bingham, Few of Ewe Farm, MA

Christine Borque, Blue Heron Farm, VT

Timothy Boyle, Rose Hill Farm, NY

David Brown, Favored Farms, VA

Kelly Carpenter, Promised Land, VT

Brie Casadie, Terra Firma, CT

Susan Catt, Casa Di Catalano, CO

Pat Cogan, Cog & A Wheel Farm, VT

Luke DeCiccio, Abundance Farm, MA

Egg Innovations, Warsaw, IN

Samantha Enright, Black Rabbit Farm, WI

Barbara Flack, Flack Family Farm, VT

Doug Flack, Flack Family Farm, VT

Michael Glos, Kingbird Farm, NY

Paul Glowaski, Dinner Bell Farm, CA

Michelle Grosek, Bear Butte Gardens, SD

Sabrina Harbison, Harbison Farm, CA

Adam Harris, Blue Heron Farm, VT

Pat Hearn, Hearn Family Farm, MA

Virginia Holmes, Frantil Fibers, VT

Diana Kalscheur Murphy, Dreamfarm, LLC, WI

Janet Kenyan, Old Magnolia Farm, TX

Melanie Kessler, Willowell Farm, VT

Jennifer Kirkham, Moonshine Ridge, CA

Anthony Koch, Koch Ranches, TX

Stephen Leinbach, Cream of the Crop Farm, MA

Augustus Liszka, Naked Acres Farm, OR

Marian Matthews, Red House Farm, CT

Shelly McMahon, Shelly's Farm, CA

Ismael Moran, Moran Land and Cattle Company, TX

Amanda Munsie, Bountiful Basket Farm, MA

Molly Nakahara, Dinner Bell Farm, CA

Jan Nirri, Braeburn Farm, SC

Bill Nunes, Contented Acres Produce, CA

Julia Pakradoon, Wellscroft Farm, NH

Larry Pletcher, Vegetable Ranch, NH

Heidi Potter, Summer Solstice Farms, MI

Shannon Ratcliff, Shannon Brook Farm, NY

Tracy Ratliff, David Ratliff Farm & Greenhouse,
KY

Donna Ratner, Cedar Hills Farm, MA

Randy Robar, Kiss the Cow Farm, VT

Sherry Rogers, Tiverton, PA

Jim Schultz, Red Shirt Farm, MA

Catherine Sikkes, Windy Corner, VT

Ana Skemp, Deep Roots Community Farm, WI

Pamela Smith, Forman Farm, MA

Catherine Stone, Beanie Farm, FL

Kimberly Stuhr, Thody-Stuhr, NE

Tiffany Tripp, Graise Farm, MN

Tom Truelove, Truelove Farms, CT

Glenn Uffelmann, Missing Ewe Farm, NE

Joan Walker, Walker Farm, MA

Nancy Walters, White Fox of Freestone, CA