

Summary of Recent State Animal Welfare Laws (11/12/09)

State	Scope	Exemptions	Action Taken	Responsible Authority	Method of Enactment	Effective Date
California	Covers pigs during pregnancy, calves raised for veal, and egg laying hens; That are kept on a farm.	Scientific research. Veterinary purposes. During transportation. Rodeos, fairs, and other exhibitions. Slaughter.	Prohibits confining covered animals, on a farm, for a majority of a day, in a manner that prevents animals from lying down, standing up, and fully extending their limbs; and turning around freely.	Law enforcement (violation a misdemeanor)	Ballot initiative (11/4/2008) that changed state code	January 1, 2015
Colorado	Calves raised for veal and gestating sows.	Sows twelve days prior to their expected date of farrowing. Scientific or agricultural research. Veterinary treatment. Transportation. Rodeos, fairs, and other exhibitions. Slaughter.	Confinement must allow animal to stand up, lie down, and turn around without touching the sides of the enclosure. Legislature "encouraged" commissioner of agriculture to establish a process to consider questions arising in the future about livestock husbandry and production practices.	Law enforcement (violation a misdemeanor). Commissioner of Agriculture.	Legislation.	Calves raised for veal: 1-1-2012. Gestating sows: 1-1-2018.
Florida	Pigs during pregnancy	Veterinary purposes. "During the prebirthing period".	Prohibits confining a pig during pregnancy in an enclosure or with a tether in a way that prevents the pig from turning around freely.	Law enforcement (violation a misdemeanor)	Ballot initiative (2002)	2008 (six years after adoption).
Oregon	Pregnant pigs.	Transportation. Rodeo, fairs, exhibitions. Slaughter. Scientific research. Veterinary purposes. Seven days before the pig farrows.	Confinement for more than 12 hours in a 24 hours period must allow the pig to lie down fully extending its limbs and turn around freely.	Law enforcement (Class A violation)	Legislation	1-1-2012

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Maine	Sow during gestation and calves raised for veal.	Scientific research. Veterinary purposes. Transportation. Rodeos, fairs, exhibitions. Slaughter. Seven days prior to expected date of farrowing and until the litter is weaned.	Confinement for all or a majority of the day must allow animal to lie down, stand up, and fully extend limbs; and turn around freely.	Law enforcement (criminal or civil penalties allowed)	Legislation.	1-1-2011
Oklahoma	Livestock	None	Gives the OK Department of Agriculture the exclusive power to "implement the policy of the state regarding the care and handling of livestock." Preempts local ordinances that are more restrictive	OK Department of Agriculture	Legislation	May 2009
Arizona	1. Pigs during pregnancy and calves raised for veal. 2. Poultry husbandry.	1. Scientific or agricultural research. Veterinary purposes. Transportation. Rodeos, fairs, and other exhibitions. Slaughter. Seven days prior to expected date of farrowing. 2. Operations with fewer than 20,000 birds.	1. Confinement for all or a majority of the day must allow animal to lie down and fully extend limbs, and turn around freely. 2. Preempts local ordinances. Rule requires all egg-laying hens in the state be raised according to the United Egg Producers Animal Husbandry Guidelines and all eggs sold in the state come from hens raised according to EUP Animal Husbandry Guidelines.	1. Civil penalties for violations 2. AZ Department of Agriculture	1. Ballot initiative. 2. Legislation and rules promulgated by the AZ Department of Agriculture	1. 12-31-2012 2. 10-1-2009
Ohio	1. Livestock and poultry.	1. None	1. Creation of a Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board with authority to establish and implement standards governing the care and well being of livestock and poultry.	1. Director of the Department of Agriculture is Chair of the new board.	1. Legislation proposes amending state constitution.	1. Effective upon ratification by Ohio voters. Ratified on 11-3-09.

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Michigan	<p>1. Sows during pregnancy.</p> <p>2. Calves raised for veal.</p> <p>3. Egg-laying hens.</p>	<p>1. Scientific research.</p> <p>2. Veterinary exam, treatment, or operation.</p> <p>3. Transportation.</p> <p>4. Rodeo, fairs, and other exhibitions.</p> <p>5. Humane slaughter.</p> <p>6. Sows for the period 7 days before date of birth.</p>	<p>Farm owners or operators may not tether or confine a covered animal on a farm for all or the majority of any day in a manner that prevents the animal from:</p> <p>1. Lying down, standing up, or fully extending its limbs.</p> <p>2. Turning around freely.</p>	State Department of Agriculture and Attorney General.	Legislation	<p>1. For veal calves 10/2011.</p> <p>2. For egg-laying hens and pigs during pregnancy 10/2019.</p>
South Carolina	<p>It is the intent of the General Assembly to occupy the field of regulation of care and handling of livestock and poultry. All local laws and ordinances related to the regulation of and the enforcement of the care and handling of livestock and poultry in this State are reemtped and superseded</p>	<p>Does not apply to:</p> <p>1. Nuisance suits related to ag operations under the right to farm act.</p> <p>2. Local government unit may enact ordinances “concerning new swine operations and new slaughterhouse operations”.</p> <p>3. Does not limit a local government’s land use and zoning authority.</p>	<p>Units of local government in this State may not enact ordinances, orders, or other regulations concerning the care and handling of livestock and poultry.</p> <p>“Care and handling” is defined as accepted animal husbandry practices.</p>		Legislation (Enacted by overriding Governor’s veto)	6-16-09
2010 activity						
Indiana HB 1099	All livestock and poultry		<p>The BOAH may adopt rules to establish standards governing the care of livestock and poultry. The board shall consider the following when adopting the standards:</p> <p>(1) The health and husbandry of the livestock and poultry.</p> <p>(2) Generally accepted farm management practices.</p> <p>(3) Generally accepted veterinary standards and practices.</p> <p>(4) The economic impact the standards may have on:</p> <p>(A) livestock and poultry farmers;</p> <p>(B) the affected livestock and poultry sector;</p>			Proposed

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Oklahoma HB 2345			creates the Oklahoma Livestock Care Standards Board for the purpose of establishing standards governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in this state. In carrying out its purpose, the Board shall endeavor to maintain food safety, encourage locally grown and raised food, and protect Oklahoma farms and families. The Board shall be comprised of the following thirteen (13) members:			Proposed
Nebraska's LB 865			Comprehensive animal welfare legislation			Proposed
Virginia HJ 57			would create a subcommittee to study institutional design of animal welfare and enforcement, to report back to the legislature at the beginning of the 2011 session.			Proposed
Vermont S230			This bill proposes to require that a representative of the Vermont humane society be present when livestock are bled or slaughtered, and to report and increase penalties for violations of the humane slaughter rules.			Proposed
Kentucky SB 105			Amend KRS 257.010 to define "Commission"; create new sections of KRS Chapter 257 to create the Kentucky Livestock Care Standards Commission; to name the members of the commission; to establish the terms of the members; to prohibit the commission from abrogating the regulatory authority of the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority or the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners; to prohibit local governments from having livestock or poultry standards that exceed the standards of the commission.			Proposed
West Virginia HB4201			A bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, to create the Livestock Care Standards Board for the purpose of establishing standards governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in West Virginia;			Proposed

