

# YES on Prop 12!

## UPGRADING CALIFORNIA'S CRUELTY LAWS

Proposition 12 would require cage-free housing and improve space requirements in California for three types of animals who are typically confined in tiny cages inside factory farms: baby veal calves, mother pigs, and egg-laying hens. It would also ensure that veal, pork, and eggs sold in the state come from operations meeting these standards.



### THE BACKGROUND

In 2008, voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 2 by a landslide 63.5% vote. Prop 2 established that egg-laying hens, mother pigs and baby veal calves statewide must be able to stand up, lie down, turn around and extend their limbs. In 2010, the California legislature enacted AB 1437, applying Prop 2's standards to eggs sold statewide, regardless of where they're produced. Yet despite the progress a decade ago, we have more to do.

### FACTS ABOUT PROP 12

- 1) Most pork sold in California today comes from factory farms that confine mother pigs inside coffin-like "gestation crates" for nearly their entire lives. Prop 12 will ban the sale of pork from facilities that use these cruel crates.
- 2) It's still legal to sell veal from caged baby calves in California. Prop 12 will ban the sale of veal from factory farms that use these cruel cages.
- 3) Current law says that hens must be able to turn around and spread their wings, and that eggs sold in the state come from facilities with this standard. Prop 12 *strengthens* these cruelty laws by requiring cage-free housing, minimum space requirements, and key enrichments (perches, nesting boxes, and dust bathing materials), all with a phase-in timetable that safeguards family farmers.

### COST

According to the egg industry's own economic analysis, shifting to cage-free production costs only about a penny more per egg. In fact, when McDonald's announced it's going cage-free, it stated it won't raise prices at all. And Iowa State University's research found that raising mother pigs outside of crates can actually make production more affordable.

## **SUPPORT FOR PROP 12**

**Nearly 500 California veterinarians, ASPCA, Humane Society of the United States, and animal shelters throughout the state**

All animals—including farm animals—deserve protection from cruelty and abuse.

**More than 100 California family farmers, along with the National Womens Farming Association, National Black Farmers Association, United Farm Workers, and California Labor Federation**

Confinement operations are unhealthy for workers because of the enormous amounts of concentrated waste, as well as disease and air quality issues. Responsible California family farmers believe that all producers should at least be held to modest standards.

**Sierra Club California, Earthjustice, Earth Day Network, and Center for Biological Diversity**

Industrial animal agriculture is a leading cause of greenhouse gas emissions, water pollution, and the destruction of wildlife habitat. Prop 12 will support responsible family farmers while cracking down on polluting factory farms.

**Center for Food Safety**

Extensive research shows that locking hens in cages increases the risk of Salmonella contamination, a bacteria that can be lethal, especially in children and the elderly.