

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply (Mapa) regulates the Animal Welfare through the following legislations:

» Decree no 30.691 of 1952 – Regulation of Industrial and Health Inspection of Animal Products: The industrial facility is held accountable for promoting the welfare of animals from arrival until the time they are slaughtered, and the Decree also defines penalties to those who do not comply with this and other requirements.

» Normative Instruction no 03 of 2000 – Technical Regulation of Stunning Methods for Humane Slaughter of Meat Animals: It regulates pre-slaughter handling and humane slaughter from the time animals arrive at the industrial facility until they are slaughtered.

» Normative Instruction no 56 of 2008 – Establishes recommendations of Good Practices for farm animal Welfare and of economical interest in the production and transport systems.

Institutions collaborators and/or partners of Mapa

- » World Society for the Protection of Animals – WSPA
- » Ethology and Animal Ecology Research Group – ETCO
- » The Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation - EMBRAPA Swine and Poultry

Mission

To promote sustainable development and agribusiness competitiveness in benefit of the Brazilian society.

Contacts and other information

www.agricultura.gov.br

Permanent Technical Commission
of Animal Welfare of MAPA
comissao.bea@agricultura.gov.br

Telephone number: +55 (61) 3218-2124
Fax number: +55 (61) 3218-2253

Animal WELFARE IN BRAZIL



Animal Welfare

Animal Welfare can be defined as the state of harmony of an animal in relation to the environment where it lives. Farm animal well-being principles involve good nutrition, good health, adequate handling and facilities and expression of innate behaviors of the species, which are directly related to characteristics of interest for the animal production sector; the following ones are highlighted:

Growth / Body weight gain
Reproductive performance
Meat and carcass quality
Resistance to diseases
Safety of workers and animals
Positive image of the livestock sector

Therefore, animal welfare can have a relevant economic impact on livestock production. Adoption of these principles contributes for an increase in productivity and profitability for the sector and can help improve quality of animal products, in addition to minimizing wastes by inadequate handling of animals.

Animal Welfare in Brazil

Brazil has favorable environmental conditions, such as luminosity, weather and land, that facilitate the adoption of productive systems which contemplate animal welfare.

Concern with animal welfare in Brazil exists since 1934. The first actions for animal respect and protection were established in that year by the Decree nº 24.645.

Brazil, is a member of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), an international entity reference for animal welfare, and thus, the country meets the standards established in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

Permanent Technical Commission of Animal Welfare of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply

In 2008, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply instituted a Technical Commission to specifically oversee animal welfare, which was restructured by the Resolution nº 524 of 2011, and aims to coordinate and promote actions toward the welfare of farm animals and of economical interest across the various livestock sectors.

Main goals of the Permanent Technical Commission of Animal Welfare – CTBEA

- » develop and propose legislations, standards and technical recommendations of good practices for Animal Welfare
- » encourage and promote events related to the Commission's target topic
- » promote training of all involved in the livestock chain;
- » articulate with representative entities of the livestock and research sectors
- » propose publication and dissemination of technical material and information on Animal Welfare
- » encourage and propose agreements, covenants and terms of cooperation with public and private entities to promote actions linked to Animal Welfare

The MAPA has 27 official focal points working in the Federal Agricultural Superintendencies in all Brazilian States. Their purpose is to promote articulation and organization of working groups, in the framework of these Federation units, with the various actors in the livestock sectors and improve the Commission's effectiveness toward animal welfare actions throughout the country.

CTBEA - Oficial focal points

