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To: Organisations on the attached list

Dear Sir or Madam

## **ECONOMICS AND FARM ANIMAL WELFARE**

The Farm Animal Welfare Council has convened a Working Group for a study on the important issue of economics and farm animal welfare.

The Group will consider the interactions between the economics of livestock production and animal welfare in the UK before making recommendations to government on relevant actions to safeguard and promote welfare.

The scope of this study includes:-

- Peoples willingness to pay for better farm animal welfare
- The nature of the relationships between farm profitability and welfare
- Market mechanisms and the interactions between farmers, processors, retailers and shoppers
- Welfare standards and international trade
- The role of Government

Please find attached a questionnaire which will allow us to consolidate and evaluate all responses. It will also ensure that we identify what are the key concerns for stakeholders and potential solutions.

We would be grateful for you or your organisation's views on the subject and any comments or advice you feel able to offer to inform the Group's deliberations.

In addition to this exercise, we may write to some organisations or individuals with specific questions as work progresses. Some organisations or individuals may also be invited to discussions with the group. Normally FAWC reports list the names of the organisations that responded to consultations or gave further assistance. Should you prefer to be excluded from such a list please let me know when you reply.

If you believe there are any important omissions from the list of consultees, I would be grateful if you could let me have the address of an appropriate contact. If you are not the appropriate contact within your organisation, could you please pass this letter to the relevant individual.

Chairman: Professor Christopher Wathes, BSc, PhD  
FAWC website: <http://www.fawc.org.uk>

Many thanks for your assistance. **Could you please let me have your contribution as soon as possible and not later than 14 September 2007**, to allow collation of responses prior to our **stakeholder consultation meeting on 28 September 2007**. Please note this date in your diary and further details will be sent later. Contributions can be sent either by email or in hard copy to the address overleaf.

This letter and attachments are also available on our website: [www.fawc.org.uk](http://www.fawc.org.uk)

Yours faithfully

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## **CONSULTEES**

Advisory Committee on Organic Standards  
Advocates for Animals  
ADAS  
Agricultural Research Institute of Northern Ireland  
Animal Aid  
Animal Diseases Research Association Mordun Institute  
Animal Health Trust  
Animal Science, Ethics and Law Veterinary Association  
Animal Welfare Institute  
Asda Group PLC  
Associated British Foods  
Association of British Abattoir Operators  
Assured British Meat  
Assured Food Standards  
Bernard Matthews  
Board of Deputies of British Jews  
British Cattle Veterinary Association  
British Chicken Information Service  
British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals  
British Egg Industry Council  
British Food Export Council  
British Free Range Egg Producers Association  
British Frozen Food Federation  
British Meat Federation  
British Meat Processors Association  
British Nutrition Federation  
British Organic Farmers  
British Pig Association  
British Pig Executive  
British Poultry Breeders and Hatcheries Association  
British Poultry Council  
British Retail Consortium  
British Society of Animal Science  
British Veterinary Association  
British Veterinary Poultry Association  
Budgen's  
Burger King  
Compassion in World Farming  
Consumers Association  
Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd  
Dairy Industry Federation  
Defra  
Clive Dibben – 2<sup>nd</sup> Pillar Projects  
Professor Peter English

English Beef and Lamb Executive  
European Commission  
Farm and Food Society  
Farm Animal Care Trust  
Farm Animal Welfare Network  
Farm Assured Scottish Beef and Lamb  
Farm Assured Scottish Quality Pork  
Farm Assured Welsh Livestock  
Farmers Guardian  
Farmers Union of Wales  
Farmers Weekly  
Farming News  
Food Standards Agency  
Freedom Food Ltd  
Game Marketing Executive  
Gelli Aur Agricultural College  
Ginster's  
Goat Veterinary Society  
The Grocer  
Halal Food Authority  
Humane Farm Animal Care  
Humane Slaughter Association  
Iceland  
Independent Food Retailers Confederation  
Institute of Agricultural Economists  
Institute of Biology  
Institute of Food Research  
Institute of Grocery Distribution  
International Fund for Animal Welfare  
Islamic Cultural Centre  
Islamic Food and Nutrition Council  
Islamic Foundation  
John Lewis Plc  
KFC  
LACORS  
Professor Tim Laing  
Livestock Auctioneers Association  
Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland  
Macauley Land Use Research Institute  
Marks and Spencer PLC  
McDonalds  
Professor John McInerney  
Meat Hygiene Service  
Meat and Livestock Commission  
Meat Promotion Wales  
Meat Trades Journal  
Milk Development Council  
Morrison's  
Muslim Council of Britain  
National Animal Health and Welfare Panel

National Beef Association  
National Consumer Council  
National Council of Shechita Boards  
National Council of Women of Great Britain  
National Farmers Union  
National Farmers Union of Scotland  
National Farmers Union of Wales  
National Federation of Meat and Food Traders  
National Association of Women's Institutes  
National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs  
National Game Dealers Association  
National Office of Animal Health  
National Sheep Association  
National Trust  
Northern Foods PLC  
Office International des Epizooties  
Peel Holroyd  
Pig Veterinary Society  
Quality Meat and Livestock Alliance  
Quality Meat Scotland  
Road Haulage Association  
Roslin Institute  
Rowett Research Institute  
Royal Agricultural College  
Royal Agricultural Society of England  
Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers  
Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons  
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals  
Royal Veterinary College  
Sainsbury's  
Scottish Agricultural College  
Scottish Centre for Animal Welfare Science  
Scottish Consumers Council  
Scottish Federation of Meat Traders Associations  
Scottish Food Quality Certification  
Scottish Meat and Livestock Commission  
Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals  
SEERAD  
Shechita UK  
SVS  
Soil Association  
Somerfield Stores Ltd  
SUSTAIN – The Alliance for Better Food and Farming  
Tesco Stores Ltd  
3663  
Union of Muslim Organisations of UK & Eire  
Universities Federation for Animal Welfare  
University of Aberdeen  
University of Birmingham  
University of Bristol

University of Cambridge  
University of Cardiff  
University of Leeds  
University of Manchester  
University of Newcastle upon Tyne  
University of Nottingham  
University of Oxford  
University of Plymouth  
University of Reading  
University of Stirling  
University of Wales Aberystwyth  
Vegetarian and Economy and Green Agriculture  
Veterinary Laboratories Agency  
Veterinary Medicines Directorate  
Waitrose  
Welsh Consumer Council  
Welsh Local Government Association  
Whole Foods Market  
Womens' Food and Farming Union  
World Society for the Protection of Animals  
World Trade Organisation