



NMPF STATEMENT ON HUMANE SOCIETY UNDERCOVER VIDEO OF LIVESTOCK MARKETS

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In response to the latest undercover video released May 7th by the Humane Society of the United States, the National Milk Producers Federation again condemns – as we did when HSUS released its first video in March – the treatment of the animals featured in the video clips.

Dairy farmers recognize their responsibility to provide appropriate care for their animals. We are in the final stages of developing educational materials for dairy producers to encourage them to make the best-informed decisions about animal handling, transportation and culling.

Also, NMPF has joined with meat packing organizations in asking for a change in current regulations to prohibit non-ambulatory animals at slaughter plants from being reinspected and approved by government inspectors for further processing if the animal is found not to pose a food safety concern.

Everyone in the system of meat production has a responsibility to act in a coordinated fashion to ensure that food products reaching consumers are safe, and to handle livestock in a responsible fashion. We will continue our interaction with other organizations in the food chain to achieve that objective.