We can improve
farm animal welfare

HOUSING TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATION CAN HELP

Intensive farming is a choice, not a necessity

- Large-scale intensive farming systems inherently cause complex challenges, including animal welfare problems.

- Agricultural payments and other market-based mechanisms drive investments in intensification over sustainable alternatives. Policies target farmers—just one part in the supply chain—ignoring other directly related industries like tech suppliers and their products.

- Evidence suggests an ever-growing urgency to ensure the production of quality goods in sustainable and welfare-friendly ways, instead of an increase in the quantity of food production.

Animal welfare is important because...

- All farm animals are sentient and deserve to be housed and cared for in accordance with their physical, physiological and behavioural needs.

- Intensive systems are a response to market pressures to make more food at lower cost, and it's nearly impossible for farmers to prioritise profitability *and* welfare.

Technology certification works

The Swiss mandatory technology certification system – also applied in Austria – has ensured that:

- ✓ Farmers are choosing to use fewer technologies that may harm animal welfare.

- ✓ There are major improvements in technology standards available on the market.

- ✓ National legislation is regularly revised and effectively enforced.

- ✓ Collaborative efforts between different actors, including farmers, technology suppliers and authorities are successful.

- ✓ Production methods incorporate scientifically validated practices in animal housing and management.

> Technology certification of intensive housing systems provides checks and balances that ensure high welfare standards in production.

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