



Grain subsidies  
for livestock feed  
(average from 1997 to 2005)

**\$3.86 billion/year**

Subsidies to  
reduce pollution  
**\$100–\$125  
million/year**

Estimated total  
reduction in property values  
**\$26 billion**

Projected total cost  
to clean up contaminated  
soil under manure storage  
pits at industrial hog  
and dairy operations  
**\$4.1 billion**

Estimated human health care costs from  
antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections\*  
**\$4–\$5 billion/year**  
(70 percent of antibiotics and related drugs in the U.S.  
are fed to livestock for nontherapeutic purposes)

Projected cost to reduce  
air and water pollution  
through better manure  
distribution on croplands  
**\$1.16 billion/year**

Through subsidies and sacrifice, Americans foot the bill for the operation of inhumane and environmentally destructive factory farms. These numbers, compiled by the Union of Concerned Scientists,\* include rough estimates of some of the costs of doing business that have been transferred to the public—and of the funding that would be required to mitigate the damage.

\*Health care costs derived from National Academies of Science Institute of Medicine report

tices shouldn't be based on price alone, as Whole Foods CEO and HSUS board member John Mackey points out. "If it were legal to employ child laborers in sweatshops, we could also drastically lower the cost and prices of most things that we manufacture and sell in the United States," Mackey writes in the new book *Gristle: From Factory Farms to Food Safety (Thinking Twice About the Meat We Eat)*, a collection of essays edited by recording artist Moby and Global Animal Partnership executive director Miyun Park. "But would that be acceptable?... The only reason our abuse of animals is still tolerated is because most people aren't aware of it."

Indeed, the biggest losers of this perverse system are the nearly 10 billion animals who suffer each year in prolonged, intensive confinement. In recent years, the USDA has bailed out pork producers whose supply exceeded demand and egg producers unable to sell their spent hens—and then used the meat in federal food programs. In March, a bill was introduced in Congress to better direct these taxpayer expenditures; the Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act, H.R. 4733, would require federal agencies to purchase pork, veal, and egg products only from sources that don't subject animals to intensive confinement—basic standards already adopted by many states and corporations.

—Julie Falconer

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## Walking Tall

A small patch of land littered with garbage and rotting carcasses was once the place Stevie called home. Neglected and malnourished, with a brittle and patchy coat, the goat compensated for his badly overgrown hooves by hobbling on his front knees.

After a whistleblower reported the abuse, The HSUS helped the Douglas County Sheriff's Office remove Stevie and 28 other animals from the Sutherlin, Ore., property. Stevie's inquisitive demeanor endeared him to rescuers, who noticed that many baby goats on the farm looked suspiciously similar.

"Everyone fell in love with him," says HSUS Oregon state director Scott Beckstead. While other goats kept their distance, Stevie greeted rescuers affectionately, seemingly excited to be in the middle of things. "When you put your face down to him, he reaches out and nuzzles you ... " Beckstead says. "He has very soft, fuzzy lips, and he will smell you and start rubbing your cheeks with his face."

At the Saving Grace Pet Adoption Center, Stevie's thick hooves were trimmed. But he'd been walking on his knees for so long that his tendons had severely contracted and he still couldn't stand. With HSUS funds, veterinarian Gene Kang of Oregon's Parkway Animal Hospital performed surgery on Stevie's legs.

After convalescing at The HSUS's Duchess Sanctuary, Stevie was transferred to Sanctuary One. Though he lives with five other goats, he relishes the company of a potbellied pig named Rosie. "One night, he just decided he didn't want to go in his usual pen," says volunteer Jake Dacks. "He went into Rosie's pen, and they've been roommates ever since."

—Ruthanne Johnson