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MORE PROOF THAT AWA STANDARDS FOR FARM ANIMAL CARE ARE THE BEST IN THE UNITED STATES

Alexandria, VA – In the latest published version of a side-by-side comparison of farm animal welfare standards, Animal Welfare Approved is shown to be the best. A leading welfare organization, Humane Farm Animal Care, has just produced a new edition of a comparison of standards of animal care required by USDA/Organic, American Humane Certified, Global Animal Partnership (GAP/Whole Foods Market) and others, and once again, AWA's standards are the most rigorous for farm animal care.

The comparison chart shows key elements of standards such as pasture access for animals, antibiotic use, organizational transparency and managerial conflicts of interest. Across the board, AWA was ranked the best, as it has been time and again.

“This comparison confirms that products bearing the [Animal Welfare Approved](#) label come from farms dedicated to the well-being of animals, raised outdoors on pasture or range as nature intended,” says AWA program director Andrew Gunther. “It’s great that Humane Farm Animal Care has produced the most detailed comparison of animal welfare standards to date. In this revised version, all six of GAP’s steps have been evaluated. Consumers doing their shopping can now look to the Humane Farm Animal Care website to learn about the subtle and sometimes not so subtle differences among the various certifications and shop according to their conscience.”

To see the new comparison, please visit [the HFAC website](#).

Animal Welfare Approved audits and certifies farms that raise their animals with the highest animal welfare standards, outdoors, on pasture or range. The World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) has lauded these standards for two years running as being the most stringent when compared to other third-party certification programs. Visit www.AnimalWelfareApproved.org for an online directory of approved farms (now in 42 states and Canada), as well as restaurants, shops and markets where AWA farmers' products are sold. Choose the one independent food label that means healthy, safe, environmentally responsible and humanely raised.

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