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To whom it may concern

I am writing this submission as I am a concerned citizen, who understands the viewpoints of both farmers and animal activists.

I understand that farmers are good people, earning a living and contributing to the economy. However, in factory farming (or large) animal processing facilities, there have been many instances of outright cruelty, as on a large scale, these outcomes cannot be properly overseen or managed in an effective way.

As long as there is this unnecessary cruelty, there will be animal activists working to combat it.

I believe a great solution is to place mandatory cctv cameras in these facilities, to be overseen by management and even ethics committees or RSPCA could have access to the footage. This would cut down on the inevitable and often sadistic cruelty inflicted, (like the recent footage captured of two workers happily playing tug of war with a live chicken in a processing facility).

CCTV cameras would cut this unnecessary cruelty right down, and would also result in activists not feeling so compelled to intervene. Remember we are talking about actual lives here, lives that are held very dear by animal activists. At the end of the day, kindness is what they want! And an animal giving up its entire life just for someone's next meal, should surely deserve some kindness and respect.

People need to be held accountable for their actions on both sides of the fence. But if we change the fence to offer more protection to the most vulnerable (animals), it will result in a better outcome for all concerned.

Regards,

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Sent from my iPhone