

# HFA Campaign Against Factory Farming Subject of HBO Documentary

For the first time ever in the United States, a feature documentary regarding the mistreatment of animals within the pork industry has been broadcast by a major cable network. We are proud to announce that this new film, *Death on A Factory Farm*, focuses exclusively on the groundbreaking work of the Humane Farming Association.

Specifically, the film tells the story of HFA's undercover investigation of Wiles Farm, the notorious hog factory located in Wayne County, Ohio.

As you may recall, the abuses uncovered by HFA included the starvation of sick and injured pigs, forcing pigs to live in their own waste, severe overcrowding and cannibalism, beatings, inhumane transport – and the hanging and slow death by asphyxiation of struggling and fully conscious pigs.

Against overwhelming odds, HFA was able to secure a conviction in this case for the way in which piglets were being brutalized.

This was the very *first time in the state's history that there was a successful cruelty prosecution of a hog factory.*

It is obvious to everyone familiar with the abuses at Wiles Farm, however, that there should have been additional guilty verdicts. This is particularly true as it pertains to the routine hanging and agonizing death of fully conscious pigs – as well as the slow death by starvation and lack of veterinary care of sick and injured pigs.

The reluctance of most courts to take farm animal

cruelty seriously, as well as the lack of adequate anti-cruelty laws, is a point made quite clear by HFA in this HBO documentary. The extensive footage of the Wiles Farm courtroom drama

includes startling testimony from the “expert” witness hired by Wiles Farm, veterinarian Paul Armbrecht. It is Armbrecht who made the incredible claim (under oath) that pigs do *not* suffer as they slowly die from strangulation. This film is sure to be an eye-opening experience for all who view it.

We encourage you to see *Death On A Factory Farm* for yourself and spread the word to your family and friends as well.

This film provides a rare opportunity for the general public to see what happens on factory farms throughout the nation and will undoubtedly encourage people to support our campaign against

factory farming. We thank all of our supporters for continuing to allow HFA to hold Wiles Farm and its defenders accountable. ❖

**“A large sow hanging by its neck from a forklift, kicking and swinging until she's dead. It's not something you see every day ...”**

*-The New York Times Film Review*

