

## Problem

The vast majority of farmed animals spend their entire lives confined in unimaginably cruel conditions on factory farms. Though capable of feeling pain, and pleasure, just like dogs, cats, and other animals with whom we share our lives, they receive virtually no meaningful legal protections from abuse. “Ag-Gag” laws make it a crime to expose and gather evidence of conditions for farmed animals by making it illegal to take video or photographs in animal agriculture facilities.

## Solution

The Animal Legal Defense Fund is fighting for justice for farmed animals by developing creative legal strategies to take factory farms to court, working with lawmakers to write and pass stronger laws to protect farmed animals, and striking down unconstitutional Ag-Gag laws.

“55 billion land animals are killed globally by animal agriculture.”



### Take Action

Learn more about the dangers of Ag-Gag laws and the Animal Legal Defense Fund’s successful legal strategy to defeat them at [aldf.org/aggag](http://aldf.org/aggag).

Sign the “Ag-Gag Hurts Animals” petition at [aldf.org/aggaghurtsanimals](http://aldf.org/aggaghurtsanimals).

Let your state and local lawmakers know you care about farmed animals, and want to see stronger laws to protect them, and better enforcement of those laws.

Share this information with friends and family. The Animal Legal Defense Fund has graphics you can post on social media and talking points to help you have a conversation about these dangerous laws, available at [aldf.org/aggag](http://aldf.org/aggag).

Make a tax-deductible donation to the Animal Legal Defense Fund to help us confront cruelty against farmed animals. Go to [aldf.org/donate](http://aldf.org/donate) to make a secure donation.



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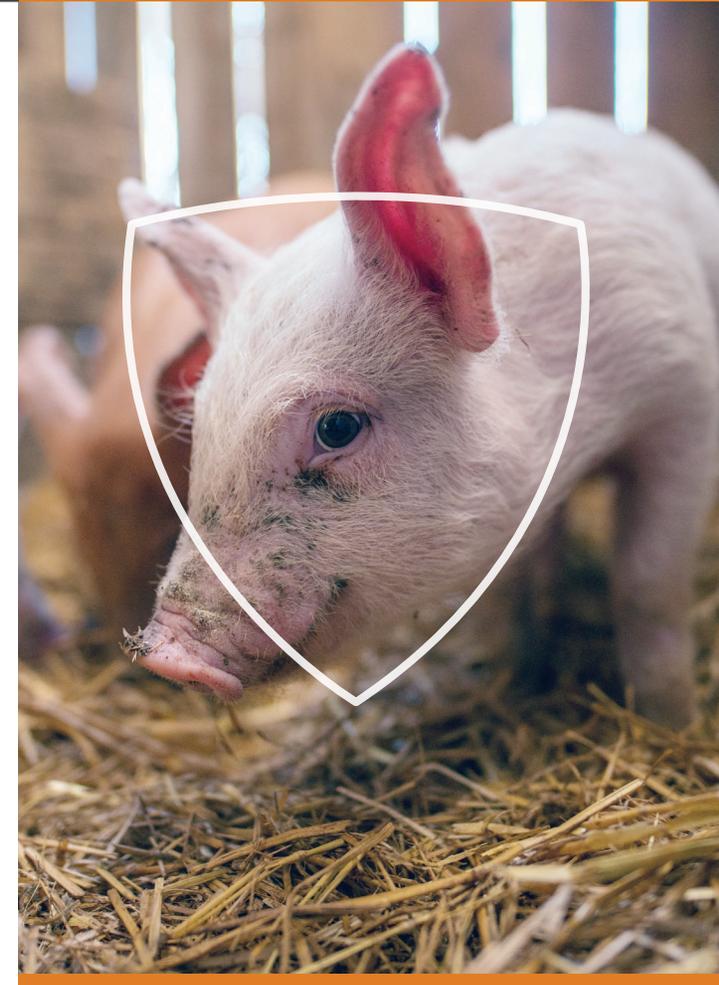
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# Factory Farms & Ag-Gag Laws

CHALLENGING “AG-GAG” LAWS AND  
PROTECTING FARMED ANIMALS FROM ABUSE



**ALL OUR CLIENTS ARE INNOCENT**

# Why are Ag-Gag Laws Harmful?

The ability to expose and gather evidence of animal abuse on factory farms is imperative both to the well-being of animals across the nation — and to public health and safety.



Undercover investigations and whistleblowers have revealed that severe animal abuse is routine on factory farms – from crippling confinement to violent beatings. Factory farms want to keep their cruel practices hidden from the public. But the public deserves the truth. And hiding evidence of crimes on factory farms jeopardizes not only the welfare of animals, but food safety, workers’ rights, and the environment.

“Now more than ever, it is time for us to speak out for farmed animals. What will you do to help?”



## AG-GAG LAWS HIDE MORE THAN ANIMAL ABUSE

While a primary goal of Ag-Gag laws is to hide animal abuse, the laws hide many other forms of abuse as well.

### THESE INCLUDE:

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

FOOD SAFETY VIOLATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS

CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS,  
LIKE RESTRICTING FREE SPEECH

## Victories

A coalition, led by the Animal Legal Defense Fund, successfully struck down unconstitutional Ag-Gag laws in Idaho and Utah for violating the First Amendment. There is pending litigation challenging other states’ Ag-Gag laws and the Animal Legal Defense Fund won’t rest until we have fought to repeal all Ag-Gag laws.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Over 9 billion animals are raised and killed for food every year in the United States.

The majority of these animals are subjected to unimaginable cruelty — much of which is perfectly legal, under current law. Even where illegal, cruelty on farms is rarely investigated or prosecuted.

