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## A Mother Turkey and Her Young - "Their Kind and Careful Parent"

From *More Than a Meal: The Turkey in History, Myth, Ritual, and Reality*  
By Karen Davis, PhD

Young turkeys need their mothers. Unlike baby songbirds and raptors, whose parents are absent for long periods gathering food to take back to their young in the nest, it is unnatural for young groundnesting birds such as turkeys and chickens to be

separated from their parent. The mother turkey is the center of the young birds' universe. During the first month when the young require brooding – being sheltered under the mother bird's wings at night and periodically gathered beneath her wings for warmth and comfort during the day – the youngsters, called "poults," will panic if separated from their mother. The terrified baby turkey gives out a "lost call" to which the mother bird responds by running





Photo by: East Bay Animal Advocates

“Free-range organic” young turkeys at Diestel Turkey Ranch with surgically mutilated beaks that will drop off leaving severely shortened upper beaks.

towards her little one, crouching and gathering him comfortingly under her wing.

People have become so used to seeing pictures of turkeys of uniform age and sex crowded miserably in a shed awaiting their death that it’s a shock to learn about the lively poults and their mothers chasing grasshoppers in a meadow, sunning themselves and dustbathing together, leaving, in the words of naturalist Joe Hutto in his book *Illumination in the Flatwoods: A Season with the Wild Turkey*, “tiny, bowl-shaped impressions the size of small turkey bodies.”

A delightful picture of the wandering hen and her brood appears in A.W. Schorger’s book *The Wild Turkey*:

They hurry along as if on a march to some particular point, sometimes tripping along in single file, one behind the other, and at other times scattered through the woods for fifty yards or more. When on these scattered marches it is pleasant to note some straggling youngster as he wanders out of sight of the main flock in an attempt to catch a fickle-winged butterfly, or delays by the wayside scratching amid the remains of a decayed log in search of a rich morsel in the shape of a grubworm. When he discovers that he is alone, he raises himself up, looks with his keen eyes in every direction for the flock, and, failing to discover them, gives the well-known

coarse cluck. Then he raises his head high in the air, and listens intently for his mother’s call. As soon as it is discovered that one is missing, the whole flock stops, and the young turkeys raise their heads and await the signal from their mother. When she hears the note of the lost youngster, she gives a few anxious “yelps,” which he answers, and then, opening his wings, he gives them a joyous flap or two and with a few sharp, quick “yelps,” he goes on a run to join his companions.

During the first few weeks of life, young turkeys sleep on the ground under their mother’s wings. After a month or so, they leave the ground and fly at night to a large low branch, where they “place themselves under the deeply curved wings of their kind and careful parent, dividing themselves for that purpose into two nearly equal parties.” Thus did Audubon visualize the bond between the mother turkey and her young brood. So far removed are most of us from this scene that the picture on the cover of this magazine and my book, of a turkey hen roosting on a tree limb surrounded by her poults, not infrequently raises the question, “What kind of a bird is that?”

According to wildlife biologist William Healy, the social life of turkeys begins well before hatching, when they are inside the egg, and is well developed by the time the young birds leaves the nest. Vocal communications between the turkey hen and her embryonic chicks “is critical to the survival of the chicks,” whose long association with their mother, for nearly half a year after they hatch, “seems essential,” he writes. By contrast, the process of “hatching eggs in incubators and raising poults in mechanical brooders interrupts the social experiences” that form the foundation for a normal and happy life in turkeys. 🐔

– From chapter 8, “*The Mind and Behavior of Turkeys*,” in **More Than a Meal: The Turkey in History, Myth, Ritual, and Reality** by Karen Davis, PhD, published by Lantern Books & available from UPC. \$20

# You are cordially invited to attend United Poultry Concerns' 8th Annual Conference on the topic of "Cage Free, Animal Friendly, Go Vegan -What's the Problem?"

**Saturday, March 29 - Sunday, March 30, 2008**

This conference asks: Is there a conflict between working for welfare reforms and urging people to stop viewing animals as edibles and go vegan? Should activists work to reduce the suffering of billions of chickens and other animals who will never live to see a vegan world, or is such work counterproductive – a moral betrayal of animals? And what about terms like “humane meat,” “compassionate standards,” and “victory”? – What message do they send to the public? We invite you to hear what leaders from within the animal advocacy movement have to say about these issues and to join the discussion.

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The Saturday session will be held at the Norfolk Hilton in Norfolk, Virginia. The Sunday session will be held at United Poultry Concerns headquarters & sanctuary in Machipongo, Virginia. Continental breakfasts and vegan luncheons will be served both days. Transportation will be arranged from Norfolk to Machipongo on Sunday for those without cars.

## **Saturday March 29**

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Norfolk, Virginia 23502

Phone: 757-466-8000

Toll Free: 800-422-7474

Room Reservation: \$99 per night

## **Sunday March 30**

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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Machipongo, Virginia 23405

Phone: 757-678-7875



### **Speakers:**

Karen Davis, President of United Poultry Concerns

Harold Brown, Outreach Coordinator for Farm Sanctuary

Bruce Friedrich, Vice President of PETA

Patty Mark, President of Animal Liberation Victoria in Australia.

Christine Morrissey, Director of East Bay Animal Advocates (California)

Roberta Schiff, President of Mid-Hudson Vegetarian Society (New York)


Paul Shapiro, Senior Director of HSUS's Factory Farming Campaign

## Condemn CBS for Killing Chickens on “Kid Nation”


Children on the CBS children’s show “Kid Nation” slaughtered two chickens on Wednesday night September 26. The episode pitted children who wanted to save the chickens, whom they were caring for, against children who wanted to kill them. The cruel children won and slaughtered the hens with a hatchet.

In a letter to CBS Chairman Leslie Moonves, UPC wrote: “Parents have begun to fear allowing their children to tune in to CBS as a result of the callous and irresponsible behavior towards helpless animals and child actors that appears on your network. Those of us who deal every day with the torture and killing of birds and other animals by children and teenagers and defective adults are disgusted that CBS would contribute to this conduct.” The letter can be read on our Website at [www.upc-online.org/entertainment/100507cbs.html](http://www.upc-online.org/entertainment/100507cbs.html). The video episode has been posted by UPC on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kceDf3Px18>.

### What Can I Do?

 This is not the first time CBS has killed live animals for ratings. In 2001, United Poultry Concerns condemned the CBS show “Survivor” for having contestants behead a rooster and stab a pig to death on the air. Leslie Moonves, head of CBS, is responsible for these episodes. Please protest to him and request a written response.

Leslie Moonves, Chair & CEO  
CBS Television Network  
7800 Beverly Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90036-2112  
Phone: 323-575-2669  
Fax: 323-653-8276

You can also leave a message on CBS’s Website, CBS.com. Scroll down to CBS Cares, click it on, then go to the bottom of the page and click on Feedback. Fill out the form and leave your message. 

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## Sara Lee Treats Turkeys with Extreme Cruelty

### “Warm-Hearted” Company Heartless Behind the Scenes



“We cut those parts off.” They said the trucks were not tarped to protect the turkeys from the weather because the turkeys were all coming from within 15 miles of the slaughter plant. According to the investigators, “This was hard to believe since we’d just trailed one of their trucks for 4 hours and watched as that trailer waited in line for an additional 2 hours.”

To view the investigative report online, go to [www.upc-online.org/transport/040607saralee.html](http://www.upc-online.org/transport/040607saralee.html).

#### What Can I Do?

*“We picked up and trailed a densely loaded turkey truck just outside of Des Moines, Iowa. We followed the truck for 4 hours to its destination – Sara Lee Foods in Storm Lake Iowa. The truck was without tarps (as were all Sara Lee trucks carrying turkeys), affording the birds no protection from the cold and wind.” – Animals’ Angels Investigators, January 25, 2007*

**A**nimals’ Angels ([www.animals-angels.com](http://www.animals-angels.com)), a group that investigates poultry and livestock transport and auctions in Europe and North America, filmed Sara Lee turkeys in cages being trucked to slaughter in Iowa with broken legs, missing toes, and frostbite on their heads and toes. Some birds appeared to be dead, others were crammed into a broken container, and there was a large amount of blood on top of one of the cages. Birds and cages were caked with feces and once the trailer arrived at the slaughter plant (at 6:30 pm), the turkeys had to sit for 2 more hours in the open cold as the trucks waited in line to enter the plant.

On January 26, Animals’ Angels spoke with two Sara Lee men about the turkeys’ exposure to the freezing cold and their frostbitten legs and feet. The men replied:

**Sara Lee Foods** markets its turkey products under brand names that include **Hillshire Farms, Jimmy Dean, and Ball Park**. Sara Lee owns its own trucks and can easily cover its transport cages with tarpaulins and board up the sides to reduce the turkeys’ exposure to Iowa’s subzero winter weather and freezing winds. (On the Virginia Eastern Shore where United Poultry Concerns is located, many of the trucks taking chickens to slaughter are boarded up in weather not nearly as cold as Iowa.) Tell Sara Lee how shocked you are to learn how cruel they are to these poor birds. Urge the company to cover the trucks taking turkeys to slaughter with tarps and sideboards. It’s the least this billion-dollar company can do to relieve some of the misery of the turkeys. Request a written response. Contact:

Sara Lee Foods	Sara Lee	Sara Lee
501 Seneca Street	Consumer Affairs	International
Storm Lake, IA	PO Box 756	PO Box 2
50588 USA	Neenah, WI	3500 CA Utrecht
712-732-3206	54957 USA	The Netherlands

You can also leave a message for Sara Lee at <http://www.saralee.com/ContactUs.aspx>. 

## Kapparot Using Chickens Gains Attention This Year

UPC News Release Urging "Money - Not Chickens"- Published Widely in the U.S. Two Synagogues Switch to Money in Los Angeles and New York

United Poultry Concerns is grateful to everyone who contacted The Rabbinical Council of America and distributed our brochure "*A Wing & A Prayer: The Kapparot Chicken-Swinging Ritual*," urging Orthodox kapparot observers to use money instead of chickens in kapparot ceremonies held this year from September 17 to 21. On August 16 UPC sent a letter to the Rabbinical Council of America asking the Council to advocate the use of money, in keeping with the many Jewish teachings that encourage compassion and sensitivity during the Rosh Hashanah-Yom Kippur period. On September 11, we published a national news release in hundreds of media outlets, via PR Newswire, including *The Jerusalem Post*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Earth Times*, and *RCR Wireless News*. To read our release and letter to



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the Rabbinical Council of America, please visit [www.upc-online.org/kaparos/81607letter.html](http://www.upc-online.org/kaparos/81607letter.html) and [www.upc-online.org/nr/91107kapparot.html](http://www.upc-online.org/nr/91107kapparot.html). This year, UPC posted comments about kapparot on the websites of *The Yeshiva World* and *Forward.com*, and activists in Los Angeles and New York City reported the good news that in each of these cities a synagogue that had used chickens last year switched to money in 2007. Our special thanks to UPC members Nazila Mahgerefteh and Colin Walkeen in Los Angeles, David Rosenfeld and Sam Schloss in Brooklyn, and Dr. Richard Schwartz, President of Jewish Vegetarians of North America in Staten Island, along with our two "*Wing & A Prayer*" brochure cosponsors, Jews for Animal Rights and Concern for Helping Animals in Israel (CHAI), and Stephanie Bell of PETA for photo assistance. Together, we *are* making a difference! 🐔

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## *Freddaflower Memorial & Appreciation Fund*

*The pain of losing them is the price we pay for the privilege of knowing them and sharing their lives. . . . Vicky Barbee*

We thank those people who have contributed to our work with recent donations *In Loving Memory and in Honor and Appreciation of* the following beloved family members and friends:

In honor of my grandfather, Henry Dreger, who passed away in June at the wonderful age of 94. His daughters, Mary Lynn and Patricia, both animal lovers as Henry was, agreed that the best way to honor their father was through a memorial gift to United Poultry Concerns. Both my aunt and my mother share my hope that one day chickens will be treated with the love and respect they deserve. In this spirit, please accept this memorial gift for Henry C. Dreger. – *Lynn Terzich*

In honor of the three that I've lost but always think about. Thank you for fighting Kapparos. As a Jewish person, it makes me sad every year! – *Nomi Dayan*

In memory of all the mistreated chickens and roosters on the Globe. I just rescued a rooster who was left for dead after a cockfight and also have a rescued hen. She is so sweet. Chickens are wonderful and smart. Thank you for helping them. – *Hilde Wilson*

In honor of Leonard, Nathaniel, Julie, Fredericka, and Bertha. – *Paul Deane*

In memory of my friend Barbara Altman's brother, Alan Hefter. – *Ronnie Steinau*

In memory of Evelyn Kudlow, Ronnie Steinau's Mom, who passed away in September. She is deeply missed. – *Meredith MacCracken.*



Feathers, beloved hen of Jeri Kratina, the day before she died.

In memory of Jeri Kratina's hen, Feathers, who died in September after a wonderful life with Jeri.  
– *Susan Gordon*

Thank you for your kind message and for all you do for our poultry friends. Enclosed are Feathers' last photos taken the day before she continued on her journey. She was a wonderful friend and a great joy in my life. Some day she and I and all my other critter friends will all be tossed to the wind together.  
– *Jeri Kratina.*

(Jeri's Story of Feathers appeared in the Summer 2004 issue of *Poultry Press* and can be read on our Website at [www.upc-online.org/summer04/feathers.htm](http://www.upc-online.org/summer04/feathers.htm).  
- UPC Editor)

Please accept our sponsorship of a sanctuary chicken in Honor and Memoriam of Lindsey Stahl, for being an animal advocate, making compassionate food choices, and speaking out for the protection of animals. – *The Humane Society of the United States*

UPC President Karen Davis, PhD published the following op-ed in *The Buffalo News* (Buffalo, New York) in response to a teenager's claim that chickens are less intelligent than other farmed animals.

## “Chickens are more evolved than previously believed” *The Buffalo News – Another Voice, July 17, 2007*

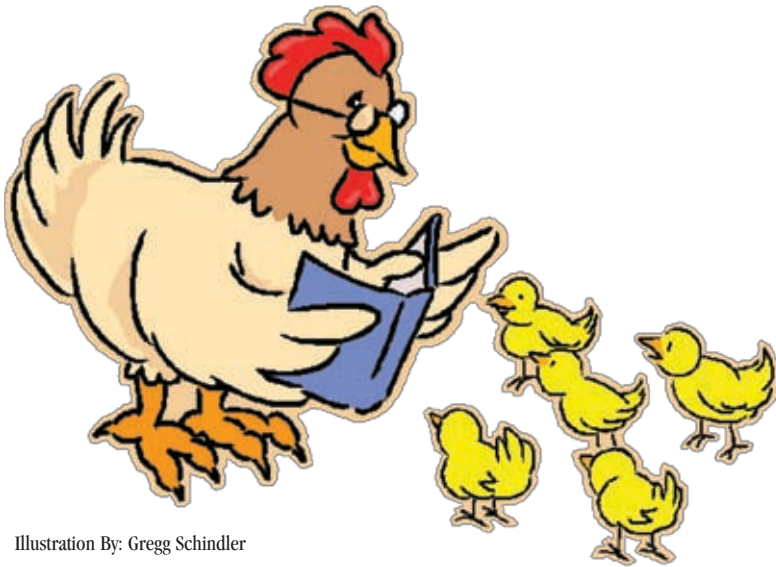


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By Karen Davis

A recent article in *The Buffalo News* cited a reader who said she's a vegetarian, except for chickens, because chickens are the “least intelligent” animals of the meat choices available to her (“Animal admirer wild about avocation,” July 1). I would like to challenge this view with evidence of the intelligence of chickens.

There's been a tradition of treating birds as less intelligent than mammals, and chickens and other ground-nesting birds were once dismissed as “unquestionably low on the scale of avian evolution.” However, modern science refutes this assumption, revealing that birds, including chickens, are intelligent animals on a par with mammals.

Summarizing what we now know, avian specialist Lesley Rogers wrote in “The Development of Brain and Behaviour in the Chicken,” published in 1995, that “it is now clear that birds have cognitive capacities equivalent to those of mammals, even primates.” Moreover, she wrote that increased knowledge of the behavior and cognitive abilities of the chicken has brought “the realization that the chicken is not an inferior species to be treated merely as a food source.”

One reason is that chickens have excellent memories. They can recognize more than 100 other chickens and remember them. Chickens removed from their flock and then returned weeks or even months later remember, and are remembered by, their flock mates.

In addition, chickens are able to wait for rewards,

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From United Poultry Concerns and all our Feathered Friends, we thank you for helping to ensure our future!

Sincerely,  
Karen Davis, Ph.D.  
President



Photo by Tal Ronnen

demonstrating that they can anticipate the future and exercise self-control. In laboratory studies, chickens have learned not to peck at buttons that yield only a small number of grains in favor of waiting longer to peck at buttons that produce a large amount of food. According to researchers, such findings show that “like humans, chickens evolved an impressive level of intelligence to help improve their survival.”

Hens fed grains that made them ill not only avoid such grains in the future; they push their chicks away from the bad grains (which they distinguish by color coding) and lead them to the good ones. Researcher John Webster said this teaches us that “the mother

hen has learned what food is good and what is bad for her, that she cares so much for her chicks she will not let them eat the bad food and she is passing on to her young what she has learned.”

This claim fits laboratory findings which show that lame chickens, given a choice between food bowls laced with pain reliever and bowls having none, choose the medicated food. Here, it may be noted that the widespread joint diseases in chickens raised for meat, caused by their being forced to grow too large and too fast for their fragile bones, support the evidence that these birds spend most or all of their lives suffering in extreme pain – a good enough reason to stop eating them. 🐔

## California Ballot Initiative Seeks Help from Registered Voters UPC Endorses Campaign to Help Farmed Animals in California

To help put a measure on the November 2008 California ballot that would ban battery-cages for laying hens, veal crates for calves, and gestation crates for pregnant pigs, 650,000 signatures must be gathered within the next 4 months. If you are a registered California voter, please help collect signatures from now until February 28. If you're not a CA voter, please alert your friends and family

in California to get involved in the campaign. UPC staff member Ronnie Steinau is the Orange County Coordinator who can be reached at [Ronnie@humanecalifornia.org](mailto:Ronnie@humanecalifornia.org) or 760-753-5566. For more information, visit the campaign website at [www.humanecalifornia.org](http://www.humanecalifornia.org). Or call 323-896-1126. Thank you for helping. 🐔

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## Debeaking Birds Has Got to Stop

“Stop talking about ‘debeaking’ a chicken. Instead, let’s call it ‘beak conditioning.’” – Timothy Cummings, DVM, Mississippi State University



*Feather pecking is NOT aggression; rather it's foraging behaviour gone wrong. The solution of industry is to chop off beaks.* – Ian Duncan, University of Guelph Professor of Poultry Science speaking at a conference in Vancouver, BC, November 7, 2006.

*Beak-trimming will always cause a deprivation of sensory input in the beak, an important source of information in birds, and the end goal should be the avoidance of beak-trimming altogether through genetics, housing conditions, and management.* – Philip C. Glatz, ed., *Beak Trimming*, 2005, p. 77.

This suggestion was made by a veterinarian speaking to poultry producers in Starkville, Mississippi, at a Turkey Meeting sponsored by the Arkansas Poultry Federation on September 21 and reported in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, September 22, 2007. According to Cummings, “Words like debeaking, hanging and detoeing used in the poultry industry give extra fodder to groups that seek its destruction.” You can read the article with UPC’s response at [www.upc-online.org/debeaking/92507ak.html](http://www.upc-online.org/debeaking/92507ak.html).

The following discussion is from the revised edition of Karen Davis’s book *Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs: An Inside Look at the Modern Poultry Industry*. The new edition of the book is being published in 2008 by the Book Publishing Company.

*The emotion-laden word “mutilation” is sometimes used in describing husbandry practices such as removing a portion of a hen’s beak. . . [However] removal of certain bodily structures, although causing temporary pain to individuals, can be of much benefit to the welfare of the group.* – James V. Craig, *Domestic Animal Behavior*, 1981, pp. 243-244.

Egg producers remove a portion of hens’ beaks with machinery, and without painkillers, to reduce the feather pecking that can occur in birds confined with no outlet for their normal foraging, dustbathing, and exploratory activities. Debeaked birds suffer acute and chronic pain in their beaks, heads and faces, because the nerves of the beak are connected to the nerves in the face and the brain which start to develop when the embryo is two days old (Glatz, p. 47). Debeaked birds cannot grasp their food efficiently, and they have trouble preening themselves and grooming the faces of their flock mates, which can cause them to appear to be “aggressive,” when all they are trying to do is remove bits of debris that a normal beak grasps easily.

Rough handling, yelling and being grabbed by the head, neck, tail or wing, as operators shove the birds’ faces up against and into the debeaking machinery, then pull the birds violently away and toss them into containers, causes broken bones, torn and twisted beaks and injuries to their delicate joints.

### Background

In the 1920s, farmers began raising chickens indoors on wire floors. Crowded together with no opportunity

to scratch, dustbathe, and explore, the birds started picking at each other. Instead of rectifying the environment, farmers chose beak mutilation. In the 1930s and '40s, a San Diego, California farmer named T.E. Wolfe used a gas torch to burn off part of the upper beaks of his hens. Later his neighbor adapted a soldering iron by giving it a chisel edge that enabled operators to apply downward pressure on the bird's upper beak to sear and cauterize it. In 1942-1943, the San Diego company Lyon Electric developed and registered the first "Debeaker" machine. The company is still in business.

Chickens raised for meat are no longer debeaked because "meat-type" chickens are slaughtered as six-week old babies, before they are old enough to form a social order. By contrast, hens used to produce eggs for human consumption and roosters used for breeding in the egg and meat industries are debeaked between the ages of one-day-old and five months old. Likewise, turkeys, pheasants, quails, and guinea fowl are debeaked and ducks are debilled. So-called "free-range" and "cage-free" chickens and turkeys are usually debeaked at the hatchery as well.

Poultry producers used to deceive the public that a beak was as insensitive as the tip of a fingernail, but this assertion can no longer be made because decades of research have refuted it. Debeaking was fully explored by the Brambell Committee, a group of veterinarians and other experts appointed by the British Parliament to investigate welfare concerns arising from Ruth Harrison's expose of factory farming – Harrison coined the term "factory farming" – in her book *Animal Machines*, published in 1964. In 1965, the Brambell Committee said "beak-trimming should be stopped immediately in caged birds and within two years for non-caged birds."

The Committee explained: "The upper mandible of the bird consists of a thin layer of horn covering a bony structure of the same profile which extends to within a millimeter or so of the tip of the beak. Between the horn and bone [of the beak] is a thin layer of highly sensitive soft tissue, resembling the quick of the human nail. The hot knife blade used in debeaking cuts through this complex of horn, bone and sensitive tissue causing severe pain."

## Acute and Chronic Pain

In 1993, Ian Duncan, a poultry researcher at the University of Guelph in Ontario, said "there is now good morphological, neurophysiological, and behavioral evidence that beak trimming leads to both acute and chronic pain," including phantom limb pain. Poultry producers use the term "beak tenderness" to describe conditions that prompt advice about the need for deep feed troughs to prevent the wounded beak from bumping the bottom of the trough resulting in starve-outs. Machine operators are reminded to do the "very tedious task" of beak trimming carefully, because "too often it is done carelessly" causing eyes to be "seared" and "blisters in the mouth."

## "Further Research"

Debeaking experiments are a worldwide enterprise. The 2005 book, *Beak Trimming*, edited by Philip C. Glatz, contains 27 pages of published experiments covering 40 years. (Countless other experiments have never been published.) Despite the "wealth of scientific information on the welfare of beak-trimmed birds, beak-trimming methods and alternatives to beak-trimming," according to *Beak Trimming*, "there is a lack of comprehensive studies that measure the effect of beak-trimming on welfare using multiple indicators (physiological as well as behavioural) and it is hard to compare between studies due to different methods of beak-trimming and beak-trimming at different ages" (Glatz, p. 77). More research is "needed." Etc. Etc.

Debeaking methods include the use of hot blades, cold blades, soldering irons, jackknives, pruning shears, dog nail clippers, liquid nitrogen used to "declaw emus," machines consisting of "a hot plate and cutting bar operated by means of a foot lever," robotic beak trimmers where chicks are loaded onto the robot by hand, with "holding cups around their heads," chemical debeaking using capsaicin, "a cheap non toxic substance extracted from hot peppers that causes depletion of certain neuropeptides from sensory nerves in birds," infrared beak treatment machines that cause the affected part of the beak to soften and "erode away," and laser machines that cut the beak tissue with "intense emissions of light" and heat absorption.

The suffering of the birds subjected to these torturous surgeries is played down by many (not all) of the experimenters. For example, in one experiment, newborn chicks whose beaks were cut with an ophthalmic laser were said to “vocalize” in response to an increase in “energy density” indicating they were feeling “discomfort” when the laser failed to cut the inner bone of their beaks, seemingly “due to the lack of [electrical] power” (Glatz, p. 9).

A machine called a Bio-Beaker, developed in Millsboro, Delaware in the 1980s, uses a high voltage electrical current to burn a hole in the upper beak that’s supposed to cause it to fall off in about a week. The birds “struggle” as their beaks are shoved into the instrument and “struggle” again when the electricity is administered, and they often have to be debeaked a second time to correct a botched job and because young birds’ beaks can grow back. Used on turkeys, the Bio-Beaker is said to be “more successful” than with chickens, although “operator errors and inconsistencies have caused welfare problems for turkeys” (Glatz, p. 10). Perhaps the Bio-Beaker (or the laser machine) is responsible for the blackened, necrotic, crumbling beaks of baby turkeys photographed by investigators in recent visits to U.S. turkey farms.

For example, East Bay Animal Advocates ([www.eastbayanimaladvocates.org](http://www.eastbayanimaladvocates.org)) recently found horrible conditions at Diestel Turkey Ranch, a so-called “free range/organic” turkey farm in California and a supplier to Whole Foods Market, which claims to have “Animal Compassionate Standards.” The photo on page two shows young turkeys at Diestel with blackened necrotic beaks. Despite the exposure of Diestel, Whole Foods continues doing business with them.

## What Can I Do?

**Please contact the following industry groups and demand an end to debeaking. Request a written response.**

### **Whole Foods Market**

Whole Foods claims to be a leader in developing “compassionate standards” for the producers of animal products sold in its stores. Debeaking is not a compassionate practice, so what is John Mackey, president of Whole Foods, going to do about it?

John Mackey, Chairman, President  
Whole Foods Market  
2700 Wilson Boulevard  
Arlington, VA 22201-3804

Comments can be posted to John Mackey and Whole Foods on the Web at:  
[Http://center.spoke.com/info/pLmQCv/JohnMackey](http://center.spoke.com/info/pLmQCv/JohnMackey)  
and  
<http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/contact/contact.html>


### **National Turkey Federation**

The National Turkey Federation represents the U.S. turkey industry. NTF doesn’t seem to have any “welfare” standards.

Ted Seger, Chairman  
Joel Brandenberger, President  
National Turkey Federation  
1225 New York Avenue NW, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 202-898-0100  
Fax: 202-898-0203  
Email: [info@turkeyfed.org](mailto:info@turkeyfed.org)  
Website: <http://www.eatturkey.com/about/about.html>

### **United Egg Producers**

United Egg Producers represents the U.S. egg industry. UEP’s “animal care” guidelines include “standards for trimming of chicks’ beaks.”

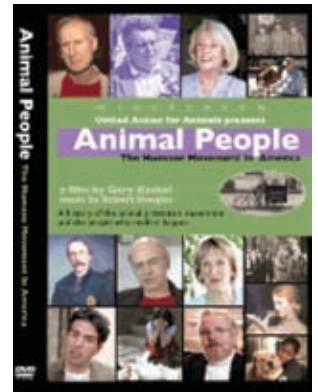
Gene Gregory, President & CEO  
United Egg Producers  
1720 Windward Concourse, Suite 230  
Alpharetta, GA 30005  
Phone: 770-360-9220  
Fax: 770-360-7058  
Email: [info@unitedeggt.com](mailto:info@unitedeggt.com)  
[gene@unitedegg.com](mailto:gene@unitedegg.com)  
Website: <http://www.unitedegg.org/contact.aspx> 

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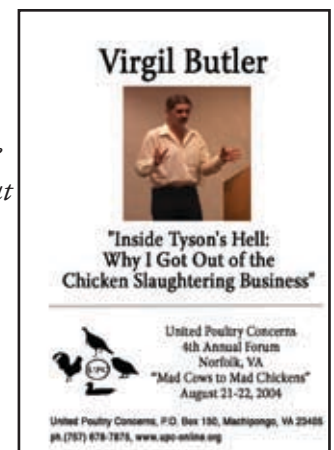
#### THE EMOTIONAL WORLD OF FARM ANIMALS

A film by Animal Place and Earth View Productions, narrated by Jeffrey Masson, author of "The Pig Who Sang to the Moon." This 52-minute PBS Primetime favorite is all about the thinking and feeling side of farmed animals. (Features rescued farmed animals living happily in sanctuaries including United Poultry Concerns.) DVD \$20 USD. VHS \$10 USD



#### INSIDE TYSON'S HELL: WHY I GOT OUT OF THE CHICKEN BUSINESS

A film by United Poultry Concerns and the Compassionate Living Project. This 58.35 minute film features former chicken slaughterhouse worker Virgil Butler's detailed account, presented at UPC's 4th annual forum, of what goes on inside chicken slaughter plants and why he left the business to become an animal rights advocate. DVD \$15 USD.



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Photo By: Franklin Wade

UPC gave out a ton of literature to an eager crowd at this year’s **Green Festival** in Washington, DC in October. Our battery-caged-hens display by Leslie Craine always helps draw a crowd. Here, UPC activist Liqin Cao explains why going vegan is the best thing people can do for the birds, their health, and the earth.

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### Inside Tyson's Hell: Why I Got Out of the Chicken Slaughtering Business

by Virgil Butler

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### 45 Days: The Life and Death of a Broiler Chicken

By Compassion Over Killing

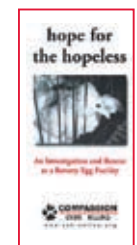
This 12-minute video shows the pathetic industry treatment of the more than 8 billion baby "broiler" chickens slaughtered each year in the US. VHS and DVD. \$10



### Hidden Suffering

By Chickens' Lib/ Farm Animal Welfare Network

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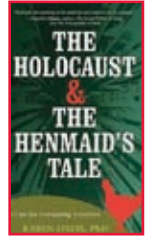


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### The Holocaust and the Henmaid's Tale: A Case for Comparing Atrocities

By Karen Davis

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By Karen Davis

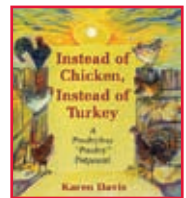
This book is a fully-documented source of up-to-the-minute information about chickens, including everything from how a chick develops inside an egg to the causes of salmonella, and much more. Provides a chilling account of the morally handicapped poultry & egg industry. \$14.95



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By Karen Davis

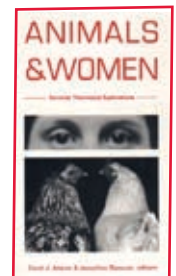
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