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**RESULTS OF A NATIONWIDE TELEPHONE SURVEY
OF 1,012 ADULTS CONDUCTED AUGUST 17-20, 1995
BY OPINION RESEARCH CORPORATION
FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL**

The next few questions are about animals, specifically farm animals like cows, chickens and pigs.

1. People have different views about animals. Some people feel that since animals raised for food are going to be slaughtered anyway, it really doesn't matter all that much how they are treated. Other people feel that animal pain and suffering should be reduced as much as possible, even though the animals are going to be slaughtered. Which view is closest to your own view? (REPEAT CHOICES AS NECESSARY)

5% SINCE ANIMALS RAISED FOR FOOD ARE GOING TO BE SLAUGHTERED ANYWAY, IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER ALL THAT MUCH HOW THEY ARE TREATED

93 ANIMAL PAIN AND SUFFERING SHOULD BE REDUCED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, EVEN THOUGH THE ANIMALS ARE GOING TO BE SLAUGHTERED

3 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE/NO OPINION

2. I'm going to describe several practices used in raising animals for food today. For each one, please tell me if you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the practice. First (READ AND ROTATE).

		Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	DK/NS
a.	Confining pigs for their entire lives in narrow metal stalls where they are unable to ever turn around	2%	5	17	75	2
b.	Confining veal calves for their entire lives in narrow wooden stalls where they are unable to ever turn around	2%	4	16	76	2
c.	Keeping hens in cages so small that they are never able to stretch their wings	2%	6	17	72	2

3. To what extent do you think each of the following groups should be held legally responsible in making sure that farm animals are protected from cruelty? First (READ AND ROTATE). Do you feel that (REPEAT) should be held responsible to a large extent, to some extent or not at all in making sure that farm animals are protected from cruelty?

	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	DK/NS
a. The meat and egg industry	48%	34	14	3
b. The companies that buy animal parts and profit by selling them for food, like fast food restaurants and supermarkets	20%	38	40	3

4. When it comes to making sure that farm animals are protected from cruelty, to what extent do you feel that the meat and egg industry can be relied on to regulate itself? Can the meat and egg industry be relied on . . .

20% To a large extent
 48 To some extent, or
 28 Not at all
 4 DONT KNOW/NOT SURE

5. To what extent do you think government agencies, like the Department of Agriculture, should be involved in making sure that farm animals are protected from cruelty? Should government agencies be involved . . .

64% To a large extent
 27 To some extent, or
 8 Not at all
 1 DONT KNOW/NOT SURE