



PEOPLE FOR  
THE ETHICAL  
TREATMENT  
OF ANIMALS

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Fabio Sandri  
President and Global CEO  
Pilgrim's

Dear Mr. Sandri:

Given U.S. Department of Agriculture records that detail how more than 35,000 chickens died while being transported on December 22, 2022, to one of your Mount Pleasant, Texas, slaughterhouses, we ask that you immediately implement changes in the hope of reducing the suffering of chickens in your growers' sheds, during transport, and at the facilities on Monticello Road and Pilgrim Street in that city.

According to the records, after becoming concerned about the increased number of dead-on-arrival chickens at the Monticello Road site, an inspector saw chickens who "had frozen due to the low index temperature at that time which was 10 degrees Fahrenheit and dropping." The inspector saw dead chickens "too numerous to count" on trailers and concluded, "There were 15,045 Dead on arrivals for the night shift ... [and] 20924 Dead On Arrivals ... for the day shift."

Underscoring the need for change is the fact that last July, an inspector at the Pilgrim Street slaughterhouse saw a worker throwing chickens into a wall about 5 feet away, causing each bird to bounce roughly 1 to 2 feet "off the wall from the force." That slaughterhouse was warned after live chickens were repeatedly plunged into scalding water, a live bird was found among dead birds, and other issues.

Will you please publicly livestream video from *all* areas of your operations where live chickens are handled? Your contract factory farmers, haulers, and slaughterhouse workers would take more seriously their duty to handle and transport animals lawfully if they knew caring people were watching.

Your industry often complains that today's consumers don't understand how animals are raised and killed for food. You could help by enabling us to observe all your growers, transporters, and other workers handling millions of individual chickens in sheds, crating and hauling them on crowded trucks in all types of weather, attempting to stun them, slashing their throats, and bleeding them to death. At the very least, will you report the drivers responsible for these latest cruel deaths to law enforcement for investigation for possible violations of Texas' cruelty-to-livestock animals law? Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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