



PEOPLE FOR
THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS

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Abdulla Al Mandous
President
World Meteorological Organization

Dear Mr. Mandous:

I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals—PETA entities have more than 9 million members and supporters globally—to respectfully request that the World Meteorological Organization begin naming hurricanes after beef, butter, cheese, and other animal-derived “products,” which are helping fuel ever more destructive, dangerous, and costly hurricanes and storms.

It's unarguably true that animal agriculture is responsible for more greenhouse gas emissions than the entire global transportation sector, and the United Nations reports that a global shift toward vegan eating is vital in order to combat the worst effects of the climate catastrophe. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations reports, “The livestock sector is one of the top three contributors to the most serious environmental problems, including water-quality degradation, at every scale from local to global.”

Powerful and deadly hurricanes, intense rain, flooding, severe droughts, raging wildfires, and record temperatures are some of the signs of the climate catastrophe that we're already experiencing. Raising and slaughtering animals for food causes them immense suffering and requires massive amounts of land, feed, energy, and water while emitting billions of pounds of greenhouse gases.

Words matter, and as the leading organization that decides what storms fueled by the climate catastrophe are named, you can help educate millions about why animal agriculture is a leading cause of this nightmare and how it's fueling ever more intense and deadly hurricanes, such as Hurricane Otis.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

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President

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