

# MIDWEST VEAL LLC

## Official Statement regarding ARM video release

June 5, 2019

North Manchester, IN -- Midwest Veal LLC is dedicated to the well-being of the animals we raise. It is a responsibility we owe to the animals and ultimately to consumers and our customers. We do not condone animal abuse of any kind. That is why we too, find the video released by an animal rights organization disturbing and unacceptable. The portion of the video at the veal farm is a calf nursery room where calves are raised in individual pens and given individual attention for up to six weeks prior to placement in group pens. While the video does not show any evidence of abuse on our veal facilities, we understand that some of the images portrayed were hard to see. As a company, we take full responsibility for the images shown in our portion of the video.

At the time of this statement, Midwest Veal has no animals being raised in the barn shown in the video. That facility was recently purchased and is scheduled for remodeling this year. Because the well-being of the calves we raise is a priority, Midwest Veal, in partnership with the farmers who raise veal, has invested over 25 million dollars into barn renovations and new state-of-the-art veal facilities. The barn shown in the video has not been renovated and is not a representation of our facilities. All of our farmers who raise veal are trained on best calf care management practices via the [Veal Quality Assurance](#) certification program.

Less than 4% of the calves purchased by Midwest Veal come from Fair Oaks Farms. We encourage you read Dr. Mike McCloskey's response in reference to the portion of the video that occurred at Fair Oaks ([Dr. Mike McCloskey's response](#)). While Fair Oaks Farms knew months ago that there was undercover activist activity, we had no idea that one of our Midwest Veal facilities was also involved.

We are committed to continuous improvement and at this time we are working with an animal welfare specialist to review our entire calf raising program, developing a third-party audit and an extensive driver training program. Midwest Veal has openly welcomed numerous tours to our farms from college students and veterinarians, to food bloggers and retailers...and we will continue to be open and transparent about our farms and how veal is raised today.

To learn more about veal, we welcome you to visit [www.AmericanVeal.com](http://www.AmericanVeal.com)

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