

**DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE AND
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AUGUST 27, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. PDT

ANIMAL CONFINEMENT

On May 28, 2021, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) jointly with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) proposed regulations to adopt sections 1320 through 1327.2 of Chapter 10 of Division 2 of Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations. Specifically, the proposed adoption establishes a regulatory framework to implement Health and Safety Code sections 25990 through 25994, Farm Animal Cruelty (Proposition 12). In 2018, California voters passed the Proposition 12 initiative which set forth farm animal confinement standards.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the proposed regulations was published in the *California Regulatory Notice Register* on May 28, 2021 [Notice File No. Z2021-0518-22, Register 2021, No.22-Z] and initiated a 45-day public comment period. The CDFA and CDPH received requests to hold a public hearing on the proposed regulations.

The CDFA and CDPH will convene a public hearing on August 27, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. PDT and the hearing will continue until 2:00 p.m. PDT. The hearing will be held remotely and will not have a physical location. The CDFA and CDPH will accept oral or written statements during the hearing. Oral testimony will be limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. [Government Code section 11346.8] The hearing will be recorded.

This public hearing is a listening only session for the purpose of accepting comments regarding the proposed regulations, therefore CDFA and CDPH will not be responding to the public's comments or answering questions during the hearing.

There are two ways to participate in the public hearing:

1. To provide oral testimony at the hearing, please call in using the below toll-free number and access code:

Telephone Number: 1-866-831-8616

Access Code: 54025

2. To only listen and not give oral testimony during the public hearing, please use the link below for an audio livestream of the hearing:

<http://www.eventcastpro.com/webcasts/cc/events/81Z54Q.cfm>

Written comments in paper form may be mailed to the address below and must be postmarked by August 27, 2021. In addition, written comments can be submitted electronically to AnimalCare@cdfa.ca.gov on August 27, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PDT.

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Please direct any questions to Dr. Elizabeth Cox, Animal Care Program Manager, elizabeth.cox@cdfa.ca.gov.

A person who needs an accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing may make a request by contacting Dr. Elizabeth Cox at elizabeth.cox@cdfa.ca.gov or AnimalCare@cdfa.ca.gov no later than five business days (August 20, 2021) prior to the hearing.

Materials regarding the Department's regulatory proposal may be found at: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/regulations.html>.