

The welfare of livestock on-farm: beyond the five freedoms



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Five freedoms (www.fawc.org.uk)

- **Freedom from
hunger and thirst**
- **Freedom from
discomfort**
- **Freedom from
pain, injury and disease**
- **Freedom to
express normal behaviour**
- **Freedom from
fear and distress**

Five freedoms (www.fawc.org.uk)

Outcomes

- **Freedom from hunger and thirst**
- **Freedom from discomfort**
- **Freedom from pain, injury and disease**
- **Freedom to express normal behaviour**
- **Freedom from fear and distress**

Inputs

by ready access to water and a diet to maintain health and vigour

by providing an appropriate environment

by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment

by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and appropriate company of the animal's own kind

by ensuring conditions and treatment to avoid mental suffering

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Outcomes



Inputs





**Farm Animal Welfare
in Great Britain:
Past, Present and Future**

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Legal minimum standard of welfare – beyond the Five Freedoms

- Freedom from ...
- UK Animal Welfare Act 2006
 - duty to protect welfare by taking steps to ensure that the needs of an animal are met
- Positive aspects of welfare



Keeling, Uppsala:
Reward, positive
emotions and animal
welfare

Quality of life

Good welfare



A good life

A life worth living

A life not worth living



Poor welfare



Quality of life

- All farm animals should have a life worth living and a growing number should have a good life
- Proposed legal minimum standard of welfare: a life worth living

The welfare of livestock on-farm



International action

- EU
 - Animal Welfare Action Plan

EU Animal Welfare Action Plan 2006

1. Upgrading minimum standards
2. Researching the risks to raise awareness
3. and create a greater consensus on animal welfare, including engaging with developing countries to explore trade opportunities
4. Introducing standardised indicators
5. Continuing to support and initiate further based on welfare friendly production systems.

International action

- EU
 - Animal Welfare Action Plan
- Intergovernmental organizations
 - International Finance Corporation

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www.ifc.org

Quick Note

**Creating Business
Opportunity
through Improved
Animal Welfare**



Good Practice Note

**Animal Welfare in
Livestock
Operations**



International action

- EU
 - Animal Welfare Action Plan
- Intergovernmental organizations
 - International Finance Corporation
 - UN's Food & Agriculture Org.
 - Good Agricultural Practices
 - Capacity building
 - Information portal
 - OIE (World Animal Health Org.)
 - Animal welfare guidelines



Integrated
assessment

Guidelines



FAWC recommendations for a legal minimum standard of welfare

- Government as guardian of farm animal welfare
- Standards for minimum welfare and a good life defined by quality of life
- Stockmen educated and trained to high standard

FAWC recommendations for a legal minimum standard of welfare

- Citizens educated about food and farming
- Animal products labelled according to welfare
- Welfare claims on farm and in food supply chain audited

The welfare of livestock on-farm: beyond the Five Freedoms

- From cure to prevention
- From negative to positive
- From inputs to outcomes (and inputs)
- From design to performance

Animal management

Animal neglect

negative effects

Animal care

positive effects

Climate change
& sustainability

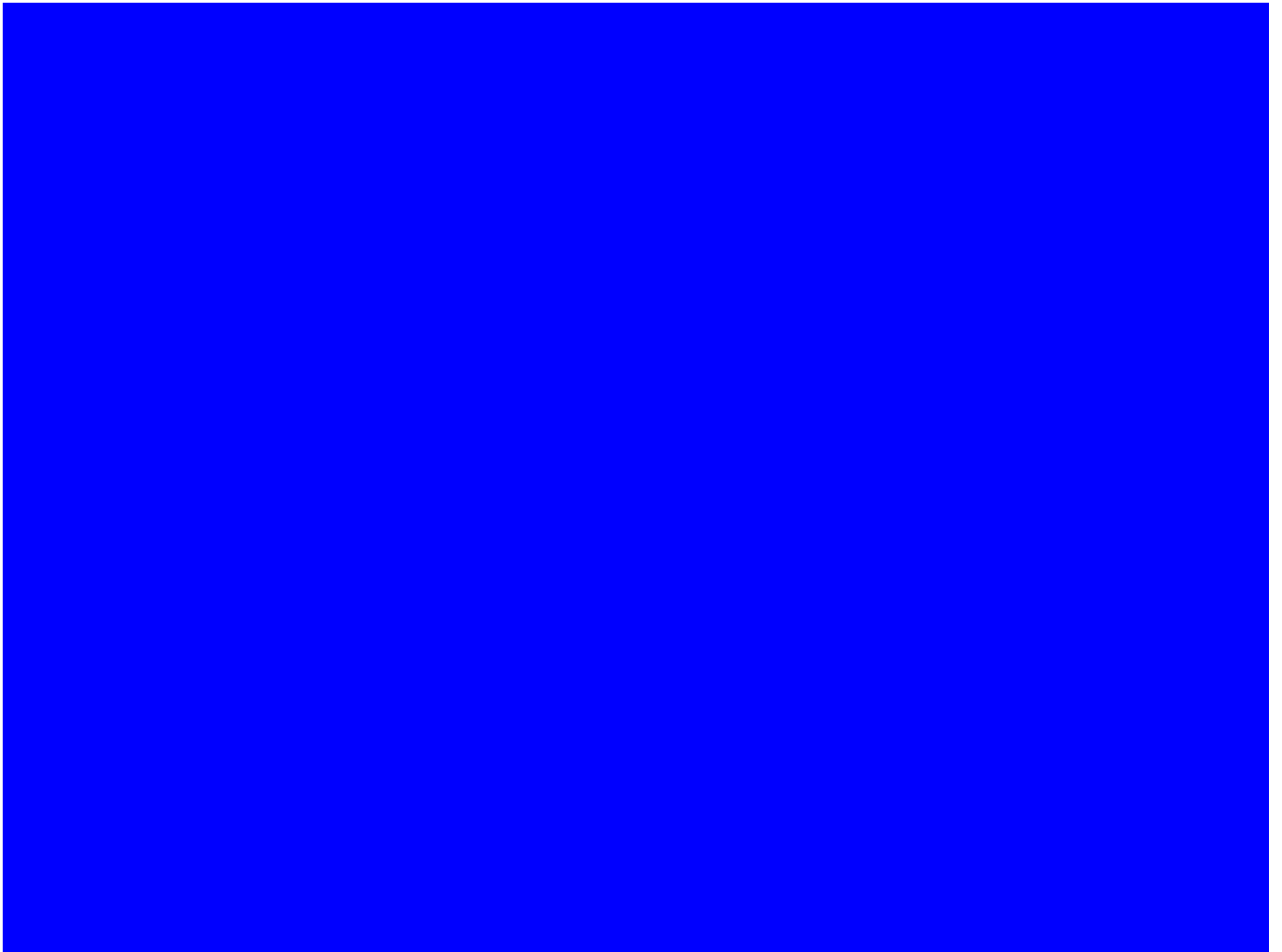
Poverty &
hunger reduction

Disaster
management

Social
development

Human health





Good Welfare

Quality of Life



Balance of good and poor welfare	Banner principles met	Label	Needs and wants met	Policy intention	Public concern and demand
Good substantially outweighs poor welfare	All	Good quality of life	All vital needs, all mental needs and most wants	Clearly beyond minimum legal standard	Little concern and some demand
Good outweighs poor welfare	All	Minimum UK standards	All vital needs, most mental needs and many wants	Minimum legal standard	Expectation
Poor to bad welfare	Not all	Unlawful	Vital needs only, few, if any, want	Avoidance of unwarranted suffering	Great concern, no demand

Poor Welfare