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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM
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I am incredibly worried about the fact that the animals well being is not being taken into consideration. I worry that the mighty dollar comes before the welfare of the animals that have been turned into a commodity.

There is no safety net for these animals and we must take into consideration that they are treated properly above all else. I would support more checks and monitoring for farmers this so called "Right to Farm" forgets that there is a living and breathing animal involved. The Farmers need to put themselves into the place of the animal to see that whistleblowers are needed as in every industry.

These whistle blowers are not the guilty ones the farmers who mistreat their animals are. If there was enough regulation there would be no need for the trespassers. Lets have transparency and think about this logically. These fines and jail terms are excessive. How about excessive penalties for animal cruelty.

Kindness, compassion, equality and respect is what the animals and the whistleblowers need. Thankfully someone is exposing this, pity the follow up for the real offenders - the farmers that abuse animals isn't being focussed on.