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“In view of the growing interest of our food consumers and the constant questions regarding the practices of raising, transporting and slaughtering animals, we are sharing with the market, clients and consumers our commitments to animal welfare.”

BRF Animal Welfare Commitments

BRF believes that welfare is in keeping with ethical principles involving animal production, allowing to improve the work environment, the human-animal relationships and, consequently, productivity. Therefore, we work on the continuous improvement of production practices, using welfare indicators based on the following five freedoms¹:

1. Physiological freedom: freedom from hunger, thirst and malnutrition;
2. Environmental freedom: freedom from discomfort;
3. Sanitary freedom: freedom from pain, injuries and diseases;
4. Behavioral freedom: freedom to express normal behavior;
5. Psychological freedom: freedom from fear and distress.

OUR ACTIVITIES

1. We invest in internal research and in partnerships with universities, scientists, research institutes/companies and NGOs in the development of sustainable production practices for the welfare of farm animals;
2. We implement voluntary animal welfare standards and criteria, considering research findings, legislation and client requirements;
3. Our personnel is responsible for the welfare of animals in farms and slaughterhouses, and qualified to train our workforce, company employees, integrated partners, and third parties;
4. We monitor and audit activities related to animal welfare, with pre-set responsibilities for corrective actions, when necessary;
5. We audit and encourage our suppliers and partners to develop good animal welfare practices in their processes, by following international animal welfare trends;
6. Our animals are assisted by Veterinary Physicians to make sure they remain healthy, by preventing diseases and diagnosing and initiating treatment when necessary;
7. We implement and support actions to promote the physical and mental health of animals in our value chain, such as the elimination of pig gestation crates and environmental enrichment;
8. We do not use hormones or cloned animals in our breeding system.
9. BRF seeks to gradually reduce the use of antimicrobials in its breeding system. Antibiotic growth promoters are not used in our poultry and pig breeding systems.
10. BRF has a Corporate Committee for Livestock Transport that periodically monitors farm animal transport indexes to review the practices adopted and how this process can be improved. It suggests and makes structural to operational improvements for greater reliability and safety in animal transport. One of the improvements was the installation of truck tracking devices to track feed trucks and those carrying live animals sent for slaughter;

¹ Five Freedoms. Farm Animal Welfare Council. Retrieved from
<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20121007104210/http://www.fawc.org.uk/freedoms.htm>

11. In our Annual Report, we include clear communications about our commitments and the progress achieved, with its full version available on our website www.brf-global.com;
12. If failure to comply with our animal welfare guidelines is detected, the parties concerned will be communicated and ordered to remedy any such non-compliance;
13. We are full members of the Animal Welfare Committee of the Brazilian Animal Protein Association (ABPA) for the development of animal welfare in the industry as a whole and we collaborate with multiple research institutions and universities to promote the development of the theme, such as: *USP — Universidade de São Paulo* and *EMBRAPA — Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária*.
14. The animal welfare program we have in BRF — “Animal Welfare Made in BRF” — is sponsored by the vice presidency of Quality and Sustainability and is supported by a diverse group of specialists. The “Animal Welfare Made in BRF” establishes standards, processes, indicators and continuous training, respecting the environmental, cultural, climatic or religious specificities of each location where we operate.
15. We are publicly committed to transitioning from the traditional sow crating system to a collective gestation system in which the animals are kept together in bigger pens. Since 2013, the collective gestation system has been mandatory for all of the Company’s expansion projects.
16. We are also publicly committed to producing cage-free eggs in our industrial processes for all processed products by 2025.
17. All poultry bred in our farming activities are raised with freedom of movement without crates.