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## **Factory farmed meat is a threat to human health says animal welfare chief**

Philip Lymbery, CEO of leading animal welfare charity [Compassion in World Farming](http://www.compassioninworldfarming.org) has released the latest in a series of hard-hitting films showing the reality of factory farming and its impact on our food and health.

This week sees the launch of the third in the series, titled "[Impact on our food and health](#)" which highlights the fact that factory farmed chickens have almost three times more fat than those produced 40 years ago, compared to chickens grown organically that have 25% less fat. In addition, studies show that two thirds of factory farmed chickens on sale in the UK are contaminated with the food poisoning bug campylobacter, and that animals kept in these stressful conditions are more susceptible to the bacteria.

Philip Lymbery says:

"It's quite well known that factory farming fails to deliver healthy, tasty and satisfying food. Animals are caged in windowless sheds, confined for weeks and months at a time, are not allowed to graze freely, and live unhappy lives.

"What is lesser known is that not only does factory farming cause unimaginable suffering to animals, but it also affects the quality of our food and threatens human health. Watch this film and you will discover many reasons why factory farming poses a real threat to our health, food and environment."

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### **Notes for editors:**

- **Philip Lymbery:** Philip Lymbery is the Chief Executive of International farm animal welfare organisation, Compassion in World Farming. He is shaping their vision to end factory farming

worldwide by the year 2050. Since becoming Chief Executive in 2005, Philip has been focused on strengthening the charity's European and International campaigning capacity. He is responsible for re-positioning Compassion's issues as a mainstream concern, which includes engaging with key food industry companies, influencing global policy makers and driving the agenda for legislative reform.

- **Compassion in World Farming:** Compassion in World Farming was founded over 40 years ago in 1967 by a British farmer who became horrified by the development of modern, intensive factory farming. Today, we campaign peacefully to end all cruel factory farming practices. We believe that the biggest cause of animal suffering on the planet deserves a focused, specialised approach - so we only work on farm animal welfare.