



2026

**CANADA ANIMAL
WELFARE SCORECARD**

Ranking Major Food Companies on
Their Animal Welfare Performance



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report marks the fifth edition of the Canada Animal Welfare Scorecard, coinciding with the 10th anniversary of some of the food industry's most significant animal welfare commitments in Canada. For the 2026 Canada Animal Welfare Scorecard, Mercy For Animals exclusively evaluated the progress of 46 leading companies on their cage-free egg and Better Chicken Commitment (BCC) policies.

The Canada Animal Welfare Scorecard serves as a critical benchmark for transparency and accountability in animal welfare. While the last decade has seen a surge in policy commitments and progress reporting, the 2026 Scorecard also reveals how far companies have fallen short of their own promises and underscores the urgent need for more companies to act on their commitments.

Research shows that **94%** of Canadians believe it is important that animals' physical and psychological needs are met, and that over **80%** agree that laying hens should be able to roam freely and that companies must be transparent about their cage-free progress. Yet Canada remains at just **21%** cage-free—compared with **82%** in the United Kingdom and **47%** in the United States.

A number of companies have demonstrated that meaningful progress is achievable when commitments are backed by clear plans and consistent reporting. A&W Canada, Boston Pizza, and Mary Brown's Chicken fulfilled their cage-free egg commitments ahead of schedule. Restaurant Brands International became one of the first in their sector to publish a time-bound cage-free implementation roadmap that explicitly includes Canada.

Yet as the food industry reaches this 10-year anniversary, it must reckon with the fact that Canada has become an international outlier. While peers in the United Kingdom, the United States, and the European Union move to improve conditions for farmed animals, especially for laying hens, Canada remains stagnant. This global disparity, due in part to the limitations of industry self-regulation, suggests that Canada can expect an inevitable shift toward global trends, as outlined in the legislative framework proposed in the 2026 Vision Report, [**Towards a National Framework for Farmed Animal Protection.**](#) Companies can choose to fulfill their decade-old promises now—aligning with consumer values and global projections—or risk the potential economic, reputational, and regulatory consequences of continued inaction.



2026 REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

A Decade of Commitments. 46 Companies. 5 Years of Accountability.

Cage-Free Fulfillment: **Restaurants Lead a Multi-Sector Shift**



The restaurant industry is the clear engine of cage-free progress in Canada, proving that 100% cage-free supply chains are both feasible and sustainable.

52% of all evaluated restaurants are now fully cage-free.

Some **11 RESTAURANTS** have now reached 100% cage-free, a 35% increase over the last report cycle.

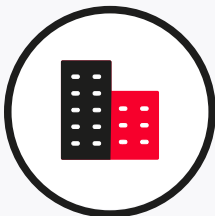
15 COMPANIES have fulfilled their cage-free policies—a 60% increase since 2024.

Since 2024, the following brands have announced 100% cage-free egg sourcing and policy fulfillment:

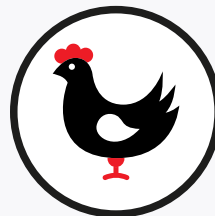


100%

Transparency and Reporting: **A New Industry Standard Emerges**



37 OF 46 EVALUATED COMPANIES (~80%) are now publicly reporting progress on at least one evaluated policy.



MAJOR RETAILERS, including Save-On-Foods, Metro, Whole Foods, and IKEA, have enhanced transparency by reporting partial or full progress against the BCC.



SOME 38% OF RETAILERS are now reporting on BCC components, with **14 companies nationwide** providing data on broiler welfare.



RESTAURANT BRANDS INTERNATIONAL became one of the first in their sector to publish a time-bound cage-free implementation roadmap that explicitly includes Canada, reporting **39% cage-free egg sourcing in 2025, up from 11% in 2024.**



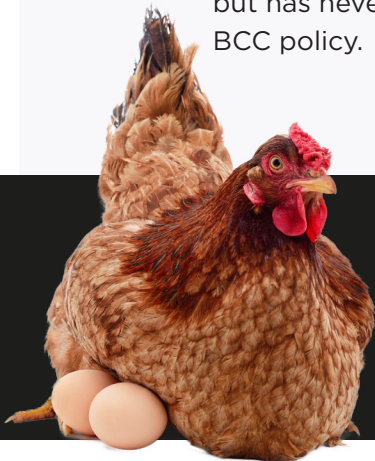
Critical Risks: *Persistent Stagnation and Enriched Cage Backsliding*

Despite the broader industry’s upward trend, critical failures remain.

Sobeys has reported stagnant cage-free progress—remaining at approximately 17% for five consecutive years—a total failure to prioritize animal welfare for a retailer of their scale.



Chairman’s Brands, the parent company to **241 Pizza**, **Coffee Time**, and **Eggsmart**, operates nearly 500 restaurant locations across Canada but has never reported progress against their BCC policy.



Eight companies have weakened their animal welfare commitments by accepting “enriched” cages as an alternative to cage-free sourcing—a regressive move designed to sidestep genuine improvements for laying hens.

Canada vs. the World: *An Increasingly Stark Gap*



82%
United Kingdom



47%
United States



21%
Canada



CANADA REMAINS AN INTERNATIONAL LAGGARD ON CAGE-FREE EGG PRODUCTION. The same multinationals operating here have taken decisive action for chickens in other markets. For example, in 2025 Costco reported **75% cage-free in the United Kingdom** and **84.7% in the U.S.**, yet only reported **22.6% in Canada**. This is not a supply chain problem. It is a prioritization problem.

A DECADE OF CANADIAN PROGRESS: **GETTING FROM PROMISES TO ACCOUNTABILITY**

Mercy For Animals expanded into Canada in 2012 and has since conducted 12 undercover investigations into factory farms across the country. These investigations provided transparency and exposed the urgent need for improved welfare standards, revealing a system where systemic cruelty was shielded from public view by windowless barns and codified by industry-led “voluntary” codes.

Investigators documented hens cramped in small wire cages and mother pigs unable to turn around for their entire lives. This footage catalyzed the wave of animal commitments that followed, as Canadian consumers—horrified by the reality of industrial animal agriculture—demanded that retailers and restaurants take responsibility for their supply chains.



The 2016 Turning Point and **the Retail Council of Canada (RCC) Backtrack**

The mid-2010s represented a turning point for corporate animal welfare in Canada. In 2016, the RCC—representing the country’s largest grocers—**announced** an industry-wide commitment to transition to a 100% cage-free egg supply by 2025. This historic move triggered a domino effect, leading over 130 food companies to make individual public commitments to eliminate the cruelest forms of confinement.





When The RCC Walked Away: **Two Paths**

When the RCC **retracted** their cage-free commitment in 2021, individual retailers faced a choice: stand behind their own public promises or use the industry backslide as cover to quietly step back.

Held Firm



Save-On-Foods, a banner of Pattison Food Group, held firm and republished their commitment. The company was among the first major retailers to publicly report cage-free progress across their entire supply chain. Reporting 38% cage-free sales across all Save-On-Foods stores in 2024, and 39% in BC for 2025. Since first beginning to report progress, the company has expanded their animal welfare disclosures to include progress reporting on select BCC components, including CAS and stocking density.



In 2026, fellow Pattison banners also showed strong results: **Nature's Fare** reported that they have successfully achieved a 100% cage-free egg supply, while **Choices Market** reported that 92% of shell eggs sold are cage-free. These milestones demonstrate that a full transition is entirely feasible within the retail market. Furthermore, they establish the Pattison banners as industry leaders, with Nature's Fare standing out as the only entirely Canadian grocer to report a 100% cage-free egg supply—sparing countless hens from a life behind bars.

Backtracked



While **Longo's** is reporting higher progress than many of their competitors, the company has ultimately taken a different path. Following their 2021 acquisition by Empire Company (the parent company of Sobeys), Longo's added "enriched" cage language to their goals and has failed to publish a roadmap detailing a full transition away from cage confinement. The Empire family brands represent the starkest example of how the RCC backtrack gave companies cover to delay true progress.



Driving Transparency Through the Canada Animal Welfare Scorecard

To hold companies accountable to their commitments, Mercy For Animals launched the Canada Animal Welfare Scorecard in 2021, establishing the first independent benchmark for corporate performance in Canada.

The impact was immediate. When the first edition was released, approximately one-quarter of the evaluated companies were reporting regional progress on animal welfare policies. Five editions later, that figure has now grown to 80%, more than tripling the number of policies with reported progress. And a growing number have fulfilled their commitments in full, demonstrating that

change is possible when corporate accountability is taken seriously.

This shift illustrates how transparency, once normalized, becomes self-reinforcing. As more companies report progress, those that do not stand out for inaction.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE



A&W Canada, Boston Pizza, and Subway have each **fulfilled their 100% cage-free egg commitments**, reaching this milestone in advance of their 2025 deadlines. Serving millions of Canadians every day, these companies demonstrate that a 100% cage-free supply chain—even at massive scales—is not merely aspirational but operational. Crucially, their progress disproves the notion that supply chain complexity justifies delay.

The 2026 Canada Animal Welfare Scorecard marks the **fifth edition** of this accountability effort. Ten years after companies first made their corporate animal welfare commitments, many have still not delivered on their promises, even as some progress has been made toward improving standards.



EGG-LAYING HENS AND THE CAGE-FREE FUTURE

The continued use of battery cages on egg farms is associated with some of the most severe forms of suffering experienced by hens. In these systems, hens are crowded into wire enclosures where each bird is allotted only about 67 square inches of space—less than a single sheet of letter-sized paper—preventing the birds from walking, spreading their wings, foraging, or nesting.

Hens are highly intelligent and social animals. Denied freedom of movement, they suffer from disuse osteoporosis—their bones become so brittle they often break when handled before slaughter. Wire flooring causes painful foot lesions, and the absence of dust-bathing opportunities results in chronic stress and feather loss.



Despite many companies committing to a cage-free future a decade ago, **cages unfortunately remain the norm across the industry.**

Cage-Free Restaurants: **Proof of Concept**

Eleven evaluated restaurants are now 100% cage-free—a 35% increase over last year. Together, they represent a cross-section of Canada’s restaurant industry: quick service, casual dining, pizza, and coffee chains.



Supply chain feasibility for cage-free is no longer theoretical. These companies buy eggs in Canada at scale. They have existing supplier relationships, distribution networks, and cost pressures. And they are 100% cage-free. The remaining holdouts are not facing a supply chain problem—they are making a choice.



Typical Factory Farm

The NFACC Impact: Industry-Led Stagnation

In the absence of federal regulation for farmed animal welfare, standards have largely been shaped by the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC), an organization structurally dominated by industry stakeholders.

The 2017 Code of Practice for laying hens clearly illustrates the conflict. **Twelve of the 18 members** of its development committee had direct ties to and profited from the commercial egg industry. Not surprisingly, the committee recommended a phase-out of conventional cages only by 2036—11 years after original corporate commitment deadlines—while promoting “enriched” cages as a viable alternative.



ENRICHED CAGES: HIDING BEHIND NFACC

Eight companies evaluated in this report have added “enriched” cage language to their animal welfare goals—borrowed directly from the NFACC framework. In practice, this new terminology replaces a commitment to eliminating cages with a commitment to slightly larger cages. “Enriched colony systems” give hens less than a sheet of paper’s worth of extra space compared to battery cages.

This toaster represents the minimum floor space per chicken in a conventional cage (67 in.²).



This microwave oven represents the minimum floor space per chicken, including a nest, in an enriched cage (116 in.²).



Prominent breakfast chains **Cora and Sunset Grill quietly rewrote** their cage-free egg policies to allow “enriched” cages and extended commitment deadlines to 2029 and 2036, respectively. Their downgraded commitments mean they can continue to subject hens to cruel confinement indefinitely.



Sobeys is the most prominent example. Canada’s second-largest grocer, which has stagnated at approximately 17% cage-free progress for five consecutive years, recently published the following: “We remain committed to continuing to work with suppliers and industry partners, such as the NFACC, to increase the availability of cage-free (including free-run, free-range and organic) and enriched-housing eggs.”

When companies quietly update their commitments to allow enriched cages, that is not progress—it is a weakening of the standards they originally pledged to meet.

A significant opportunity to advance animal welfare exists in the near future. Recent figures from the **Egg Farmers of Canada** indicate that cage-free housing has recently expanded at a rate comparable to enriched cages, with both growing by about 1.3 percentage points in early 2025. With conventional battery cages still accounting for 40% of the market—and slated for phase-out by 2036—the recent deceleration in enriched housing (which had grown by 2.7 percentage points between 2023 and 2024) creates a vital opening.

Companies, especially those with cage-free egg commitments, should actively push for cage-free transitions before producers commit further capital to new “enriched” caged infrastructure.

CHICKENS RAISED FOR MEAT AND THE **BETTER CHICKEN COMMITMENT**

Commonly referred to as “broilers,” chickens raised for meat represent the vast majority of land animals farmed in Canada. “**Frankenchickens**” are birds that have been selectively bred to grow so unnaturally fast that their **bodies struggle to support them**.

The birds’ abnormal growth rate strains their hearts and lungs, frequently causing organ failure and various diseases, and results in defects in meat quality.

The chickens’ physiological problems are compounded by the crowded, filthy, and barren environments in which they are raised, contributing to chronic stress, injuries, and increased susceptibility to disease. Welfare concerns

also extend to the slaughter process. While some industry giants like Maple Leaf Foods have fully transitioned to controlled-atmosphere stunning (CAS)—rendering birds unconscious before slaughter—many producers continue to utilize live-shackle slaughter, an outdated system that can leave birds fully conscious to experience significant fear, pain, and distress prior to death.



The [Better Chicken Commitment \(BCC\)](#), a science-informed set of welfare standards developed by a coalition of animal protection organizations, addresses each of these core issues. While over 50 companies have pledged to adopt BCC standards, implementation of critical components—proper lighting cycles, environmental enrichments, quality litter standards, and higher-welfare breeds—remains rare in the Canadian market.

BCC IMPLEMENTATION

Leading on BCC



A&W Canada and Boston Pizza represent what BCC progress looks like. A&W fulfilled their controlled-atmosphere stunning (CAS) commitment—one of the BCC’s most operationally demanding standards—and reports advanced progress on stocking density. Boston Pizza has reported that over 75% of their chicken supply is processed using CAS, with a commitment to reach 100% by 2026, while 56% meets the BCC’s stocking density requirements. Major retailers such as Metro and Save-On-Foods are reporting progress on CAS and stocking density for broiler chickens.

Signed but Silent



MTY Group—Canada’s third-largest restaurant company by revenue, with over 80 brands—adopted a BCC policy in their first sustainability report in 2022, then quietly omitted it from their most recent report.

While their policies remain online and they report BCC progress in other countries, global giants like Aramark, Compass Group, and Sodexo have failed to provide any transparency into their Canadian milestones.

The 2027 Broiler Code Review: **A Telling Opportunity**

In 2027, NFACC will review their broiler chicken welfare standards for the first time in a decade. **This review serves as a litmus test for whether NFACC can align with meaningful chicken welfare reforms, particularly on the use of higher-welfare breeds. “Frankenchickens” are incompatible with a life free from suffering.** A new code that fails to mandate slower-growth breeds who suffer less and improved living conditions will further confirm that NFACC is structurally incapable of delivering the reforms Canadians expect.

Corporate leaders should view 2027 as a moment of reckoning. By leveraging their buying power and influence to drive supply chain transformation, companies can prove their animal welfare pledges are genuine priorities rather than performative commitments.



Typical Factory Farm
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PRODUCER SNAPSHOT

Chicken Producers

Chicken producers play a critical role in advancing Better Chicken Commitment standards, yet public reporting and implementation remain inconsistent across Canada's largest suppliers.

Maple Leaf Foods

- Reports annual progress on multiple BCC components
- Stocking density: 61% below 31 kg/m²
- Enrichments: 9%
- Slaughter method: 99.9% processed using controlled-atmosphere stunning
- Third-party audited
- In 2024, 4% of total supply complied with full BCC standards

Olymel

- Does not actively report on animal care standards
- Last reported on one BCC component in 2020
- Slaughter method: ~75% of poultry processing facilities use controlled-atmosphere stunning

Cargill

- Reported progress in 2025 on select BCC components
- Enrichments: 39.7%
- Slaughter method: 100% of chicken processed with controlled-atmosphere stunning at primary hub in London, Ontario

Maple Lodge Farms

- 2019 commitment to one BCC component: Slaughter method: 100% controlled-atmosphere stunning

Egg Producers

Canada's largest egg producers continue to rely on cage systems, while a smaller number of producers have demonstrated the long-term feasibility of cage-free production.

Burnbrae

- Canada's largest egg producer and processor
- Uses conventional cages, "enriched" cages, cage-free, and free-run systems, but does not report the percentage of hens housed in each
- Has not committed to eliminating cage systems across operations
- Markets "enriched" battery cages and "Nestlaid" eggs as higher welfare despite continued cage confinement
- A 2026 investigation by Animal Justice documented caged confinement, untreated injuries, and rough handling practices

Gray Ridge Egg Farms

- Among the larger egg grading and marketing companies in Canada with national distribution and significant market share

- Sources or oversees production from hens housed in conventional cages, enriched cages, free-run, free-range, and aviary systems, but does not report the percentage housed in each
- Has not published a comprehensive public timeline or commitment to fully eliminate cage systems across their supply network

Rabbit River Farms

- Nova Scotia-based egg producer operating in the Annapolis Valley region
- Early leader in Canadian cage-free and organic egg production
- All hens are housed in cage-free environments
- Produces certified organic, free-range, and free-run eggs

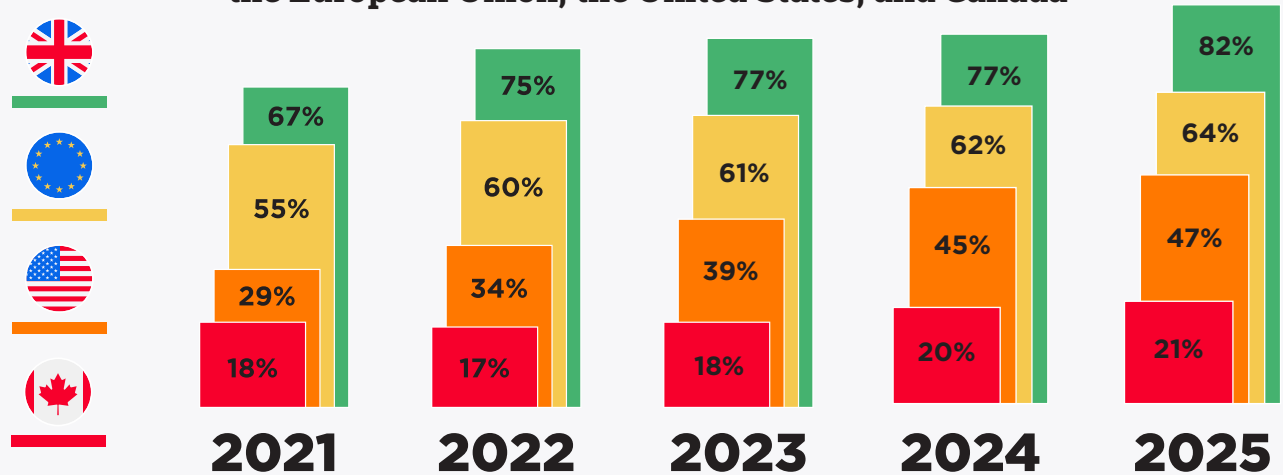
Beking Family Farms

- Ontario egg producer
- Converted entire farm to loose, cage-free housing in 2005
- Produces free-run, free-range, and certified organic eggs
- Demonstrates the long-term commercial viability of cage-free egg production

CANADA FALLING BEHIND: A GLOBAL COMPARISON

Despite global trends toward higher welfare standards and cage-free systems, Canada's progress significantly trails that of other leading nations. By 2025, the United Kingdom reached **82%** cage-free, the European Union reached **64%**, and the United States reached **47%**, while Canada sat at just **21%**.

Percentage of Cage-Free Egg Production in the United Kingdom, the European Union, the United States, and Canada



As reported by industry

Many multinational corporations that operate globally have even adopted lower standards for Canada. Costco has already achieved **100%** cage-free sourcing in several international markets and reported nearly **85%** in the US in 2025. However, their progress in Canada remains unacceptably low at just **22.6%**, showing little improvement multiple years in a row. Walmart—one of the most influential retailers in the country—**has demonstrated the same pattern**, reporting 27% for their U.S. markets and just 9% progress in Canada.

The contrast in cage-free sales progress between the Canadian and U.S. retail sectors is especially notable. In Canada, Sobeys has remained at approximately 17% cage-free sales for five consecutive years, while Loblaw Companies reports 18% and Metro Inc. reports 14%. By comparison, U.S. retailers have made more substantial progress: Target reports approximately 66% cage-free egg sales, while Ahold Delhaize reports 31% cage-free sales. Notably, both **Target** and **Ahold Delhaize** have also published comprehensive implementation roadmaps—a level of transparency that remains absent among Canada's largest grocers.

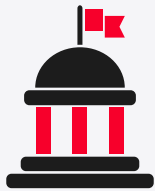


STRATEGIC RISKS AND THE VISION FOR FEDERAL OVERSIGHT

The current model of industry self-regulation in Canada is not simply a regulatory failure—it is becoming a strategic liability. With public trust in industry-led bodies at just **43%** and demand for transparency rising, the disparity between what companies have promised and what they have delivered is no longer easy to obscure.

The 2026 Vision Report, *[Towards a National Framework for Farmed Animal Protection](#)*, outlines a necessary shift from Canada’s failed voluntary model toward a modern, accountable legal framework. With over 863 million land animals slaughtered annually in Canada, the accountability gap created by absent enforceable welfare legislation is significant.

THE VISION REPORT CALLS FOR FOUR KEY PILLARS FOR REFORM:



A Federal Animal Welfare Act: Comprehensive legislation to establish enforceable standards of care for all farmed animals.



Standard-Setting Reform: Reforming the code-setting process to remove industry conflicts of interest and transform standard-setting into a legislated, independent, and science-based process.

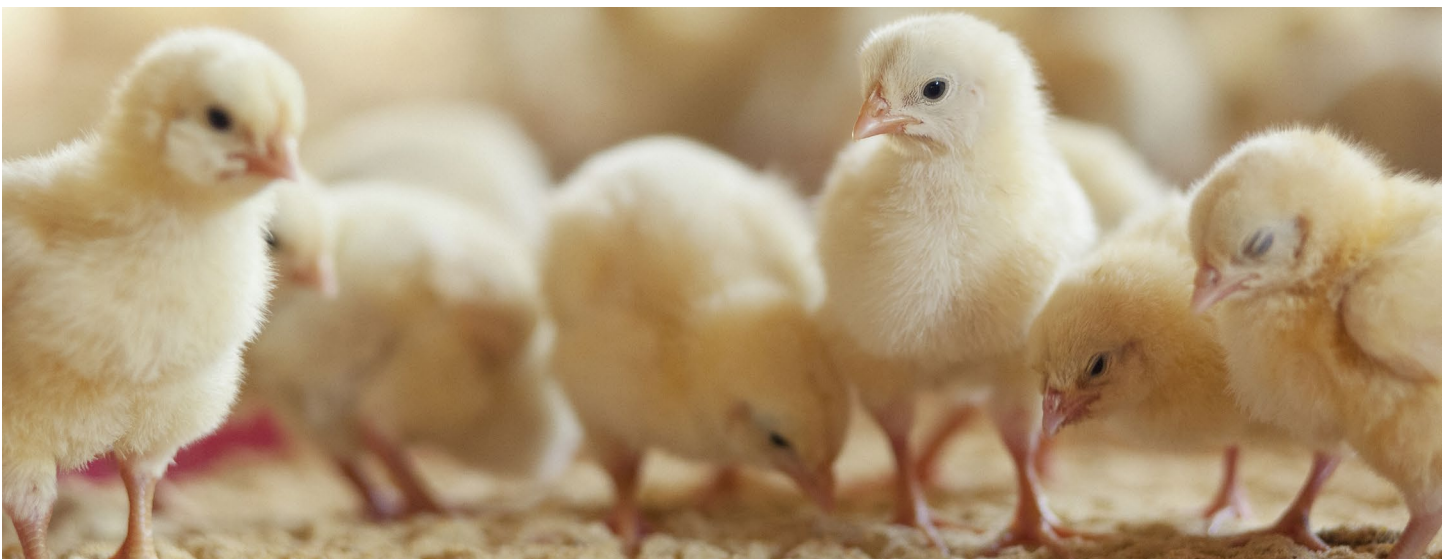


Dedicated Leadership: The appointment of a Minister and an independent Commissioner of Animal Welfare to ensure public accountability and treat animal welfare as a serious national policy issue.



Strengthened Enforcement: Robust compliance mechanisms with meaningful penalties for non-compliance and full transparency for the public.

Forward-thinking corporations must recognize that meaningful reform is inevitable and should use the report’s framework to future-proof their operations.



DRIVING CHANGE THROUGH CORPORATE BUYING POWER

Although federal policy is slow to change, corporate buying power can have an immediate impact on animal lives. Companies do not need to wait for a change in the law to do the right thing. To fulfill their broiler welfare and cage-free obligations, companies must develop tangible plans to advance progress.

On a strategic level, advancing welfare requires a multi-level approach:

Supply Chain Collaboration: Work with producers to prioritize components like lower stocking density, improved litter and lighting, and enrichments in the near term while planning for long-term breed transitions.

SKU Reduction: Increase the percentage of humane products by reducing the number of conventional items on shelves.

Financial Stability: Securing long-term buying contracts provides producers with the financial certainty needed to invest in cage-free or BCC-compliant infrastructure.

Consumer Education: Ensuring that the public understands the welfare benefits of the products they are choosing, thereby increasing demand for higher-standard products.

Aligning corporate practices with consumer values is no longer just an ethical choice; it is a necessity for maintaining brand integrity.

THE PATH FORWARD

The 2026 Scorecard reflects a decade of progress, persistence, and unfinished business. The companies that have led on animal welfare have shown what is possible; those that have stalled have made the need for greater accountability increasingly clear. To close the gap between commitment and implementation, companies must:

- 1 Commit to advancing welfare:** Explicitly reject “enriched” cages, commit to sourcing 100% cage-free eggs, and advance chicken welfare by working toward implementation of BCC standards.
- 2 Report progress annually:** Transparent, regional data is required to track movement toward goals.
- 3 Transparently publish plans:** Provide detailed, time-bound roadmaps for advancing toward compliance.

This report **evaluates 46 influential companies** across the food industry. The results contained in the following pages show which companies are leading the way and which are dragging the industry—and millions of animals—backward.



COMPANY SELECTION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA



Company Selection

The companies evaluated in this report were selected based on size (number of locations and annual sales), brand recognition, and sector. This selection process is designed to provide an accurate representation of the performance of prominent food companies across the Canadian grocery, restaurant, and foodservice sectors.



Evaluation Criteria

We gathered public information to analyze the quality and scope of animal welfare policies, progress reporting, and roadmaps of selected companies.



COMMITMENTS

Animal Welfare Policies

Animal Welfare Policies Is your company committed to improving animal welfare in your supply chain?

Sample Policy: “[Company] is committed to sourcing 100% cage-free eggs (shell and liquid) in Canada by 2025.”



TRANSPARENCY

Public Progress Reporting

Public Progress Reporting Is your company publishing annual data on animal welfare progress in your supply chain?

Sample Progress Reporting: “In 2025, 45% of the eggs we purchased in Canada were from cage-free sources.”



PROGRESS

Roadmaps for Implementation

Roadmaps for Implementation Has your company published plans for fulfilling your animal welfare commitments?

Sample Roadmap: “Of the eggs we purchase, 75% will be cage-free by the end of 2026, and 100% by the end of 2027.”

Companies are ranked from best to worst performers and scored out of a maximum of 200 points, up to 100 points each for cage-free and BCC policies. The detailed scoring methodology is in Appendix 2.

COMPANY RANKINGS



Gold Tier



Silver Tier



Bronze Tier



4 Fourth Tier



5 Fifth Tier









6 Lowest Tier








GROCERY RETAILERS

Ranking and scores for grocery retailers

		Cage-Free	Broiler	Enriched Cage Deduction	Total Score
1		100	80		180
2		55	70		130
2		100	0		100
2		100	0		100
4		35	30		65
4		40	35	-25	50
4		40	35	-25	50
4		40	0		40
4		40	0		40
5		30	0		30

GROCERY RETAILERS

Ranking and scores for grocery retailers

			Broiler	Enriched Cage Deduction	Total Score
5	 Sobeys **	40	10	-25	25
5	 Longo's **	40	0	-25	15
6	 CALGARY CO-OP	0	0		0
6	 CO-OP	0	0		0
6	GIANT TIGER 	0	0		0



*With Walmart Canada stalling at just 9% cage-free progress for two consecutive years, Mercy For Animals is [exposing the retailer's lack of transparent action plans](#).

**Mercy For Animals is [holding Empire Company \(parent company of Sobeys and Longo's\) accountable](#) for failing to meet their 2025 cage-free commitment, accepting enriched cages, and lacking public transparency.











RESTAURANTS

Ranking and scores for restaurants

		Cage-Free	Broiler	Enriched Cage Deduction	Total Score
1	 McDonald's	100	60		160
1	 Boston Pizza	100	60		160
1	 A&W	100	50		150
1	 rbi restaurant brands international	90	60		150
1	 CHIPOTLE	100	45		145
2	 RECIPE <small>EST. 1983</small>	100	10		110
2	 panago	100	0		100
2	 STARBUCKS	100	0		100
2	 Yum!  TACO BELL	100	0		100
2	 DQ	100	0		100
2	 SUBWAY	100	0		100

RESTAURANTS

Ranking and scores for restaurants







		Cage-Free	Broiler	Enriched Cage Deduction	Total Score
2		100	0		100
4		30	30		60
4		60	0		60
5		30	30	-25	35
5		30	0		30
5		20	0		20
5		10	0		10
6		0	0	-25	0
6		0	0		0
6		0	0	-25	0



*Mercy For Animals is [actively campaigning to expose Cora and Sunset Grill](#) for delaying their cage-free deadlines, accepting enriched cages, and failing to publish clear fulfillment plans.

MANUFACTURERS

Ranking and scores for manufacturers









		Cage-Free	Broiler	Enriched Cage Deduction	Total Score
1		100	45		145
2		85	30		115
2		100	15		115
3		85	0		85
3		55	30		85
4		65	0		65



*While Unilever met their cage-free egg commitment in North America—contributing to their high score in this report—the company continues to condemn millions of birds to extreme confinement globally. [Mercy For Animals is currently holding Unilever accountable](#) for abandoning their global 100% cage-free egg commitment in 2025. By restricting their new policy to Europe and North America, the company effectively excludes millions of hens across Latin America, Asia, and Africa from improved welfare conditions.

FOODSERVICE PROVIDERS

Ranking and scores for foodservice providers


		Cage-Free	Broiler	Enriched Cage Deduction	Total Score
 aramark 		95	60	-25	125
  COMPASS GROUP *		95	30		125
  sodexo		85	30		115
  Sysco ™		30	0		30





*[Mercy For Animals is campaigning](#) in the United States to demand Compass Group establish a meaningful plan to eliminate fast-growing birds from their supply chain.

APPENDIX 1:

Company Animal Welfare Policies, Progress Reporting, and Roadmaps

 Progress or roadmap updated since the fourth edition (2024) of the *Canada Animal Welfare Scorecard* was released


 Policy fulfilled

Company	Cage-free egg policy deadline	Cage-free egg progress	Better Chicken Commitment policy deadline	Better Chicken Commitment progress	Roadmaps
A&W Canada	2025	100% 	CAS by 2024	CAS Fulfilled  85% NFACC stocking density 	No roadmaps
Aramark	2022 for shell, 2025 for all eggs	37% 	Higher-welfare breeds by 2026 All other components by 2024	Commitment to begin reporting (past due)	BCC roadmap  Cage-free roadmap - N/A broken link 
Boston Pizza	Fulfilled	100% 	2024, CAS by 2026	75% CAS, 56% NFACC stocking density 	No roadmaps
Calgary Co-op	No Policy	No reporting	No policy deadline	No reporting	No roadmaps
Campbell's	Fulfilled	100% 	Improved environment by 2024 GAP 2 standards for Pacific Foods brand by 2023	Fulfilled litter and enrichments  Fulfilled GAP 2 for Pacific Foods brand 	No roadmaps
Chairman's Brands (Brands include 241 Pizza, Coffee Time, and Eggsmart.)	2025	Fulfilled (Eggsmart) No reporting for other brands 	2024	No reporting	No roadmaps
Chipotle	Fulfilled	100% 	2024	100% enrichments, 100% third party auditing, 14% stocking density 	No roadmaps
Choices Market	No policy	92% 	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Compass Group Canada	2026	76% (Shell+Liquid)  	2026	No reporting	Cage-free roadmap 
Costco Wholesale	No policy	22.6% 	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Couche-Tard	2025	Partial reporting	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Dairy Queen	Fulfilled	100% 	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Domino's Pizza	No policy	No reporting	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps

Federated Co-operatives	No policy	No reporting	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Foodtastic (Brands include Milestones, Pita Pit, and Second Cup.)	No policy	No reporting for Foodtastic brands outside of Pita Pit which achieved 100% cage-free in 2019	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
General Mills	2026	84% 	Partial policy	4% 	Cage-free roadmap
IKEA	2015	100% (for 65% of supply) 	2025	100% (65% of supply) 	Better Chicken Programme roadmap
Kellogg's (Kellanova)	2025	74% 	CAS by 2024	No reporting	Cage-free roadmap
Kraft Heinz	2025	67% 	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Loblaws	2025 (partial, not time-bound)	18% 	No policy	84% private label fresh chicken CAS 	No roadmaps
Longo's (Empire Company)	2025 (partial, not time-bound)	48% 	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Mary Brown's	Fulfilled	100%	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
McDonald's Canada	Fulfilled	100% 	CAS and Third-party auditing by 2024	Fulfilled (CAS) 	No roadmaps
Metro	2026 (partial, not time-bound)	33% of our total product offering and 14% sales LifeSmart remains at 100% (shell) 	No policy	100% NFACC stocking density Almost 77% CAS 	No roadmaps
MTY Group (Brands include Country Style, Extreme Pita, and Mr. Sub.)	2025 (2024 update includes enriched colony housing)	2% 	2025 GAP	No reporting	Commitment to cage-free roadmap (overdue)
Nature's Fare	Fulfilled	100% 	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Nestlé	2025	81.7% 	2024	No reporting	No roadmaps
Panago Pizza	Fulfilled	100%	Removed	No reporting	No roadmaps
Pizza Pizza	2025	No reporting	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Recipe Unlimited (Brands include Harvey's, The Keg, and Swiss Chalet.)	Fulfilled	100%	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Restaurant Brands International (Burger King, Firehouse Subs, Popeyes, Tim Hortons)	2028 (all brands)	39% 	2024 (partial)	CAS 35% for Tim Hortons, Popeyes, and Burger King 	Cage-free roadmap
Save-On-Foods	2025 (partial, not time-bound)	38% in 2024 	No policy	95% NFACC stocking density. 50% CAS 	No roadmaps

Sobeys (Empire Company)	2025 (partial, not time-bound)	17.5% 	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Sodexo Canada	2025	94% shell, 82% liquid 	Adopt BCC in CA with 2028 target	No reporting (US reporting here)	Commitment to BCC roadmap (overdue for Canadian market)
Starbucks Canada	Fulfilled	100% (company-owned stores) 	2024 - Removed from latest CSR report	No reporting	Removed (original policy)
Subway	Fulfilled	100% 	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Sysco Canada	2026 (removed deadline in 2024 report)	9% (reported in 2024 but no CA numbers in 2025 report) 	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Unilever	Fulfilled	100%	2024	14% Enrichments reported in 2023 	No roadmaps
Walmart Canada	2025 (partial, not time-bound)	9%	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Wendy's	2020 (partial, original breakfast chains)	No updated reporting; 100% for original breakfast chains in 2021 	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Whole Foods Market	Fulfilled	100% 	Higher-welfare breeds and CAS by 2026 All other components by 2024	100% GAP 86% CAS 5% Breed 	BCC roadmap 
Yum! Brands (KFC, Pizza Hut)	2030	94%* 	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps
Yum! Brands (Taco Bell)	Fulfilled	100% 	No policy	No reporting	No roadmaps

 Regional reporting in Canada or North America

 Global reporting

*Select markets, including Canada

APPENDIX 2: Scoring Methodology

POLICY /30	Full, time-bound, or reporting 90-100%		30
	Partial, time-bound		20
	Partial, not time-bound		10
REPORTING /40	Recency	2024–2026 update	15
		2023 or earlier reporting	5
	Scope	Regional (Canada, U.S. & Canada, or North America)	10
	Percentage Progress	90%–100%	15
		50%–89%	10
		1%–49%	5
ROADMAP* /30	Roadmap to 100% fulfillment or already reporting 90%–100%		30
	Roadmap to partial fulfillment		20
	Commitment to roadmap		10
DEDUCTION	Weakening of cage-free policy by the allowance of enriched cages		-25

A roadmap outlines annual-percentage-progress goals over at least two years (for example, “50% of the eggs we purchase will be cage-free by the end of 2025, 75% by the end of 2026, and 100% by the end of 2027”).



APPENDIX 3: Transparency Templates

Better Chicken Commitment Reporting and Roadmapping

Standards		Reporting and roadmap				
		2026	2027 projected	2028 projected	2029 projected	2030 projected
Stocking density < 31 kg/m ²						100%
Environment	Lighting					100%
	Litter					100%
	Enrichments					100%
Processing via controlled-atmosphere stunning						100%
Third-party auditing						100%
BCC-approved higher-welfare breeds						100%

Cage-Free Egg Reporting and Roadmapping

	2026	2027 projected	2028 projected	2029 projected
Cage-free progress/ targets	X%	X%	X%	100%