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HOW WILL TPP AFFECT ANIMAL AGRICULTURE? TPP will increase foreign market access for subsidized factory farm exports. Agribusiness corporations will be able to sell their products in foreign at lower prices than those countries' domestically produced animal products. This will mean family farmed animal products will be replaced in the marketplace with factory farmed products. Animal products will become cheaper and people will consumer an overall greater quantity of animals products . As farmers in developing TPP nations face increased import pressure from US factory farm exports, they are likely to shift towards factory farming, facilitated by subsidized US-produced livestock feed available at lower prices as a result of the elimination of import tariffs under TPP.

WHAT IS FAST TRACK? TPP is being negotiated by the Office of the US Trade Representative, an executive branch agency, but it must be ratified by Congress before it becomes law. President Obama has asked Congress to vote to grant him Fast Track Authority before it votes on TPP. If Congress grants Fast Track for TPP, it will lose the ability to in any way amend the text of the agreement to add stronger language to protect animals, the environment, or consumers. It is critical that Congress NOT ratify Fast Track for TPP!

WHAT CAN WE DO? Contact your elected Senators and House Representative and ask them to vote against Fast Track Authority for TPP. You can find their contact info at <http://gjae.org/leg> To learn more or volunteer, contact Global Justice for Animals and the Environment Phone: (718) 218-4523 Email: info@gjae.org Web: <http://gjae.org/tpp>

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