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"Naturally Raised" Marketing Claim
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Dear Sir or Madam,

It is unnecessary and confusing for the federal government to create standards for two different yet similarly worded labels--"natural" and "naturally raised."

If the AMS continues to develop standards for a "naturally raised" label, some critical issues include:

- * Prohibiting intensive confinement, such as battery cages for laying hens, gestation crates for pregnant sows, and veal crates for calves
- * Providing group housing and enriched environmental conditions
- * Decelerating unnaturally rapid growth of chickens and turkeys
- * Prohibiting physical mutilations without painkiller
- * Providing a natural and satisfying diet

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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