



Quit Stalling: Are companies making good on promises to end sow confinement?



Introduction

In the last decade, dozens of food companies publicly announced plans to end the use of gestation crates for pregnant pigs (sows) in their supply chains, sending a signal to the pork industry that the cruel practice would no longer be acceptable.

The flurry of corporate commitments—most announced between 2012 and 2015—gained press attention and praise from advocates and consumers like you. Many companies set goals to end the use of gestation crates by their existing pork suppliers or identify new suppliers that could provide gestation-crate-free pork, typically with target dates by which implementation would be complete. As a result, major pork producers in the US publicly committed to finding solutions and shifting their breeding operations to group sow housing.

But sadly, roughly ten years later, an estimated 3 out of 4 sows continue to spend significant portions of their lives confined to gestation crates with little space to move, let alone turn around. Corporate commitments to better sourcing practices were meant to apply pressure to producers to change their practices. Unfortunately, it appears that many companies have not been taking their own commitments seriously and risk breaking past promises to you, their customers.

Several well-known brands, such as Marriott, Burger King, and Einstein Noah Bagels, set deadlines for achieving their gestation crate-free pork goals that have since passed, with little attention paid to acknowledging missed milestones. Many others, such as Wendy's, Target, Quiznos, and Dine Brands (Applebee's and IHOP), have deadlines that are fast approaching, but updates on their progress towards meeting their commitments, or on their work to move their suppliers forward, have not been forthcoming.

The public, the media, consumers, and advocates took these commitments seriously and saw in them the promise of positive movement towards building better farming systems and establishing higher welfare for pigs across the country. But these companies have not been holding themselves accountable, and we can no longer ignore the very real risk that it was all “humane washing” – misleading the public about the treatment or conditions of animals – to placate growing public concern.

This report aims to put the companies featured on notice and to encourage you, their customers, to hold them accountable for lapsed, forgotten, or upcoming commitments.

All companies included in this analysis have been publicly commended for some level of commitment to ending gestation crates in their pork supply chains. While the commitments vary in strength, they have all been viewed as indicators of positive movement towards identifying and implementing solutions. This report intends to ensure the companies that failed to meet promised deadlines and all companies with approaching deadlines are held to account by advocacy groups like World Animal Protection and, more importantly, you, their customers.

What is a strong commitment?

While this report aims to document the status of all long-standing commitments, it is essential to note what factors contribute to a robust, meaningful corporate policy to eliminate the use of gestation crates for breeding sows in company supply chains.

A meaningful commitment:

- 1) applies to 100% of the company's pork purchases;
- 2) has a clear time-frame for full implementation; and
- 3) establishes structures for suppliers to be audited regularly and penalized for non-compliance.

Commitment Status Tiers

For this ranking, World Animal Protection has categorized the commitments by their strength as well as by whether the companies have met their commitments or provided public updates on their progress towards fulfilling their commitments [for a full breakdown of each company’s original announcement and current status determining their category placement, see Appendix A].

As such, we have identified five broad categories into which the 56 companies generally fall. These range from just two companies that have fully implemented gestation-crate free pork supplies to 17 companies for which language affirming their previous commitment to crate-free pork could no longer be found in publicly available information from the company, such as animal welfare policy statements or corporate responsibility materials. Just 14 companies are actively working towards fulfilling their commitments and shifting portions of their pork supplies to gestation-crate free, according to publicly available information.

- Green Tier – 2 companies
 - Yellow Tier – 14 companies
 - Orange Tier – 11 companies
 - Pink Tier – 12 companies
 - Red Tier – 17 companies
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- TOTAL – 56 companies**

Green Tier – Commitment Public, Target Met:

The company publicly indicates that it currently sources only pork from suppliers that never confine breeding sows in gestation crates.

■ 2 Companies



Yellow Tier – Commitment Public, Progress Reported:

The company has a publicly available commitment to sourcing only pork from suppliers that never confine breeding sows in gestation crates. The commitment has a clear deadline, and the company has publicly provided updates on its progress, including acknowledgment of missed deadlines where relevant.

■ 14 Companies



Orange Tier – Commitment Public, Progress Unknown:

The company has a publicly available commitment to source only pork from suppliers that never confine breeding sows in gestation crates. But the company has not provided an adequate public update on its progress and/or reasons for missing initial deadlines, or lacks a clear deadline for full implementation.

11 Companies



Pink Tier – Commitment Public, Language Vague or Ambiguous:

The company has a publicly available statement regarding sourcing pork from suppliers that provide group housing or do not use traditional gestation stalls. It is unclear whether this policy will effectively eliminate all use of gestation stalls and/or apply to 100% of the company's pork supply, and the company has provided no firm deadline or clear public update since its announcement.

12 Companies



Red Tier – Commitment Missing/Unavailable:

The company was previously publicly recognized for making a commitment to end the use of gestation crates in its pork supply. But current public materials on animal welfare, sustainability, or corporate responsibility make no mention of a commitment regarding gestation crates or breeding sow housing.

17 Companies



Leaders and Laggards

Given the varying degrees of progress within the industry and how widely current commitments range toward the ultimate goal of never confining pregnant pigs in crates, it is important to highlight a few leaders that appear to be taking crate-free seriously and several laggards that are holding the industry back. World Animal Protection shares an “Oink of Approval” or a “Squeal of Concern” to the following companies:

Oink of Approval – The Cheesecake Factory

The Cheesecake Factory has earned praise for the level of transparency it provides to the public on its gestation crate commitment. In its July 2019 Animal Welfare Update, the company acknowledged the complexity of the issue as it works towards its goal of “no use (zero days) of gestation crates/stalls.” Many producers are merely reducing the number of days sows are held in gestation stalls and still marketing their supply chains as “gestation crate-free” even if sows spend 30-60 days in a gestation stall during each pregnancy. The Cheesecake Factory has reinforced its commitment to moving suppliers to a goal of zero days. It has also provided its customers with the percentage breakdown of housing for its current supply chain, as:

- 16% of supply is raised without the use of gestation crates at all;
- 9% of supply is raised in gestation crates for <28 days;
- 29% of supply is raised in gestation crates for <45 days.

Squeal of Concern – Smithfield

Smithfield, the largest producer of pork in the US, received recognition as far back as 2007 for committing to end gestation crates on company-owned breeding farms by 2017, and on contract breeding farms by 2022. The company was praised for achieving its 2017 goal for company-owned farms, with media heralding that “Smithfield Foods is no longer housing pregnant sows on its company-owned farms in tiny gestation crates.” Unfortunately, that’s not true. Sows on Smithfield’s farms are housed in gestation crates for artificial insemination through to pregnancy confirmation, which could be up to 42 days of continuous confinement. The sows are then moved into group housing for the remainder of their roughly 114-day pregnancy.

Oink of Approval – Hilton Hotels

In 2015, Hilton Hotels set an ambitious goal of eliminating gestation crates from its pork supply in just three years. The company’s 2018 deadline has come and gone, but it remains committed to sourcing higher welfare pork despite challenges. In April 2020, after World Animal Protection pointed out its lapsed deadline and absent update, Hilton published a new Animal Welfare fact sheet online in which it recommitted to sourcing gestation-crate free pork with a new deadline of 2022.

Squeal of Concern – JBS USA

In November 2015, in the midst of Cargill’s initiative to eliminate gestation crates on its contract farms, JBS USA acquired all of Cargill’s US pork production. While farms owned by Cargill had already eliminated crate confinement, Cargill’s contract pork producers were no longer held to the 2017 commitment. JBS USA has not established a position or policy on gestation crates. Therefore, it could decide to return the former Cargill facilities to crate-based systems, and all contract farmers providing pigs to the company may continue to use crates.



Oink of Approval – Kroger

Kroger first acknowledged the importance of gestation-crate free housing for sow welfare in 2012. But it was not until 2018, following a petition by World Animal Protection signed by more than 72,000 people, that the company set a clear public commitment to phase out the practice in its supply chain by 2025. Since setting this goal, Kroger's commitment to making change for sows is evidenced by its continued inclusion of the goal and progress updates in its annual sustainability reports. The company's 2020 report indicates that 43% of its pork suppliers have moved sows out of gestation crates for at least part of their pregnancies, up from 38% the previous year.

Squeal of Concern – Albertsons

In 2012, Safeway announced that it would develop a plan to source only pork from suppliers that do not use gestation crates and that the goal was for the company to "have a gestation stall-free supply chain." While it did not set a deadline, it was a clear commitment to completely eliminate crates from its pork supply. In 2015, Safeway was acquired by Albertsons, and although the Safeway banner has been retained, the parent company sets the corporate policies for its subsidiaries. Instead of embracing Safeway's commitment, Albertsons' animal welfare policies state only that part of its philosophy "includes responsibly increasing the quantity of pork we source from vendors that have made commitments to transitioning to group-housed systems for their breeding sows."

States Take Action: Crate-free pork will be required by law beginning in 2022.

Two states have already passed laws affecting the production and sale of pork. In California and Massachusetts beginning January 1, 2022, it will be illegal to confine breeding sows with insufficient space to stand up, turn around freely, lay down, or fully extend their limbs without touching another animal or the sides of their enclosure. These laws effectively ban the use of gestation crates for sows raised in those states. Additionally, both laws also ban the sale of pork from the offspring of sows confined in such a manner, regardless of where the pork was produced.

All of the companies included in this report will be legally required to source gestation crate-free pork for all operations in California and Massachusetts. Failing to work with their suppliers to eliminate gestation crates puts the companies at risk of legal action and a missed sales opportunity, given that the two states represent 17% of the size of the United States economy.

Conclusion

While it is encouraging that nearly half (48%) of the companies included in this report continue to maintain clear public statements committing to end gestation crates in their pork supply chains, it is deeply concerning that the other 52% continue to rely on vague language or no longer have a public-facing commitment at all.

Of the 27 companies with commitments that World Animal Protection considers strong and meaningful, only 16 companies are currently reporting that they are making progress towards full implementation, which is not good enough.

This means the bulk of the companies (40 out of 56), many that have provided the food on your dinner plate, are at risk of “humane washing.” They must be held accountable by advocates and customers for their past promises. Whether their commitments have been removed from public-facing materials, are too vague to be meaningful, or provide no information on progress, the companies categorized as orange, pink, and red need to know that they cannot fail to meet past promises.

And here is where you come in.

You can help protect pigs. Let the companies you buy from know that eliminating the cruel confinement of pregnant pigs is important to you and your continued loyalty:

- Tell orange tier companies to issue a public update on progress toward 100% gestation-crate free pork supply;
- Tell pink tier companies to strengthen their commitments, ensuring that the language applies to all pork suppliers and sets a firm timeline;
- Tell red tier companies to reaffirm and republish their commitments with language that applies to all pork suppliers with a firm timeline.
- Make a commitment to buy your pork only from green and yellow tier companies that have made good on their statements to the public. Stand firm on sow welfare.



Appendix A: Food Company Crate-Free Commitments Breakdown

| Company | Year Commitment Was Announced | Commitment Deadline | Status | Public-facing Statement |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------|---|
| Chipotle Mexican Grill | N/A | N/A | Met | "We do not allow our pork suppliers to use breeding or gestation crates...In 2019, 100% of our pork met animal welfare standards, meaning it was free from sow stalls during gestation and farrowing." ¹ |
| Whole Foods Market | 2003 | 2003 | Met | "We've prohibited the use of both gestation and farrowing crates by all of our pork suppliers since 2003." ² |

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| Panera Bread | 2015 ³ | 2020 | In Progress | "In 2018, 100% of Panera's bacon, breakfast sausage and ham were raised without...gesta-tion crates for pregnant sows. This equates to...92% of our total pork supply... 100% of Au Bon Pain's bacon, breakfast sausage and ham were gestation crate free for pregnant sows." ⁴ |
| Bon Appétit Management Company | 2012 ⁵ | 2015 (now 2021) | In Progress | "Our contracted pork producer puts sows in group housing, instead of confining them to inhumane gestation crates, for most of their pregnancies. In 2019, we notified our supplier that we require full elimination of the use of gestation crates by the end of 2021." ⁶ Sows in Bon Appetit's supply chain are only permitted to be in individual crates for a maximum of 7 days after insemination. ⁷ |

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| COSTCO | 2012 ⁸ | 2022 | In Progress* | <p>"The goal is a complete transition by 2022. Approximately 80% of Costco's U.S. suppliers have completed this process, and many more will finish ahead of this target date."⁹</p> <p>"We understand that there may be certain times during a sow's gestation period during which it would be best for her to be separated from the rest of the group; we find that separation acceptable, as long as it meets the intended needs and provides the appropriate protection and safety for the sow...we believe that animals placed in maternity pens should have adequate room to turn around."¹⁰</p> <p><i>*It is unclear from current language whether full elimination of gestation crates is the goal.</i></p> |
| Noodles & Company | 2012 ¹¹ | No Date | In Progress | <p>"100% of our pork comes from sows raised in group housing systems...our pork program includes the mandatory use of group housing for the majority of each sows' pregnancy. We continue to seek out suppliers who are working to eliminate the use of crates entirely."¹²</p> |
| Compass Group | 2012 ¹³ | 2017 | In Progress | <p>"Compass Group began purchasing open sow housed pork in 2015 and with our strategic partnerships we have led the industry in making meaningful change. Due to existing supply chain constraints, our ability to purchase pork from open housing has been limited. However, by the end of 2020, all of our bacon purchases will transition to group-housed pork. We are continuing to influence our suppliers to eliminate unnecessary confinement of sows."¹⁴</p> |

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| McDonald's | 2012 ¹⁵ | 2022 | In Progress | "As of 2018, approximately 35% of our global pork volumes are sourced from producers who do not use gestation crates...By 2017, McDonald's will source pork for its U.S. businesses only from producers who share are our commitment to phase out gestation stalls" by 2022. ¹⁶ |
| aramark | 2012 ¹⁷ | 2017 (Now 2022) | In Progress | "We remain committed to working with our suppliers, industry, and animal welfare organizations to address confinement issues and expand supply availability. We will transition to 100% group-housed pork by 2022." ¹⁸ |
| DUNKIN' | 2015 | 2022 | In Progress | "We have committed to eliminating gestation crates from our U.S. pork supply chain by 2022 and to making positive progress." ¹⁹ "Dunkin' Brands will continue to release progress reports on an interim basis, the next being December 31, 2020." |
| Campbell's | 2012 ²⁰ | 2022 | In Progress | "In 2012, we made a commitment to eliminate gestation crates from our pork supply chain. With our suppliers' engagement, we intend to reach that goal no later than 2022. We have made progress on this commitment as some providers have begun to transition to group housing. In fiscal year 2019, we integrated the new acquisitions of Snyder's-Lance and Pacific Foods into this commitment. With the integration of pork volumes from these new acquisitions, 18% of Campbell's pork supply was crate-free at the end of fiscal year 2019." ²¹ |

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| Kroger | 2018 ²² | 2025 | In Progress | Kroger will "source 100% of fresh pork from suppliers and farms that have transitioned away from gestation crates by 2025," and as of 2019 43% of Kroger's suppliers have "moved sows away from gestation crates for at least part of pregnancy." ²³ |
| Roundys | 2013 ²⁴ | 2022 | In Progress | Roundy's was acquired by Kroger Co. in 2015 and is subject to Kroger's commitment and progress. |
| Jack in the box | 2012 ²⁵ | 2022 | In Progress | "In 2012, we informed our pork suppliers that, by 2022, all pork products sold in our system restaurants must come from supply systems in which pregnant sows are cared for in group housing environment instead of gestation stalls...we have increased the percentage of pork raw materials sourced from group housing environments. Several of our major suppliers are working to convert their company-owned farms to group housing by 2018, and they have committed to working with their supplier partners to meet our 2022 deadline." ²⁶ |
| SONIC | 2012 ²⁷ | 2022 | In Progress | "SONIC is actively working to eliminate gestation crates from its pork supply chain, and intends to reach that goal no later than 2022...As of March 2017, 52 percent of sows raised for SONIC lived in group housing." ²⁸ |
| The Cheesecake Factory | 2012 ²⁹ | 2020 | In Progress | "We are continuing to work with our suppliers to phase out gestation crates/stalls where they are still in use...16% of our supply is raised without the use of gestation crates at all. 9% of our supply is raised in gestation crates for <28 days. 29% of our supply is raised in gestation crates for <45 days." ³⁰ |

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| Sodexo | 2012 ³¹ | 2022 | In Progress | "Sodexo North America has made and is working towards the achievement of commitments on specific areas of animal welfare in addition to other action...[including] to work with US pork suppliers to phase out the use of gestation crates in its supply chain by 2022. As of 31st May 2020, 23.8% of pork was from sows in open sow housing." ³² |

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| Wendy's | 2012 ³³ | 2022 | Progress Unknown | "...we are confident we will continue to make progress toward our goal of eliminating the use of sow gestation stalls in our supply chain by the end of 2022." ³⁴ |
| Metz Culinary Management | 2012 ³⁵ | 2017 (Now 2022) | Progress Unknown | "Metz Culinary Management is working with pork suppliers to eliminate crates by 2022. We have notified our suppliers that we require full elimination of gestational crates by this time frame and have encouraged them to continue research on more humane farrowing environments. Metz Culinary Management has already partnered with some suppliers who raise their animals without growth hormones, antibiotics, and provide crate free/free to roam environments." ³⁶ |
| Target | 2012 | 2022 | Progress Unknown | Target's annual reports and animal welfare statement reiterate its commitment to "Only partner with suppliers who do not use sow gestation crates by 2022." ³⁷ |

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| Burger King | 2012 ³⁸ | 2017 (Now 2022) | Progress Unknown | "Restaurant Brands International is committed to sourcing pork globally only from approved suppliers that do not use gestation crates. We aim to accomplish this goal in US and Canada by 2022." ³⁹ |
| Darden (Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Longhorn Steakhouse, Yard House) | 2016 ⁴⁰ | 2025 | Progress Unknown | "Darden has committed to work with pork suppliers to limit the use of gestation crates for housing pregnant sows, with a goal to source only gestation-crate free pork by 2025." ⁴¹ |
| Kellogg's | 2015 ⁴² | 2025 | Progress Unknown | "We are committed to working with our pork suppliers to phase out the practice of housing pregnant sows in gestation stalls by the end of 2025." ⁴³ |
| Raley's | Unkown | 2021 | Progress Unknown | "Raley's is committed to working with our suppliers to source pork free from gestation stalls by the end of 2021." ⁴⁴ |
| unifi united natural foods SUPERVALU | 2012 ⁴⁵ | 2017 | Progress Unknown | March 2014 update: "While our company structure changed significantly following our March 2013 sales transaction, we remain committed to this important effort. As a next step, we will be contacting our pork suppliers to receive an updated progress report this year." ⁴⁶ "With the recent SUPERVALU acquisition, we are in the process of evaluating our goals on animal welfare. We look forward to sharing the details of our new animal welfare commitments in early 2020." ⁴⁷ |

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| Nestlé | 2014 ⁴⁸ | No Date | Progress (US) Unknown | We will “eliminate practices which contravene the “Five Freedoms,” and tackle the root causes of those practices. In particular, we will initially focus upon...For pigs: gestation crates.” ⁴⁹ “Based on the data gathered from our survey, our estimate is that globally, around 68% of our pork volume now comes from open sow housing systems (4 weeks after service).” ⁵⁰ |
| Hilton | 2015 ⁵¹ | 2018 (now 2022) | Progress Unknown | “We continue to work with our pork suppliers to transition towards group-housed pork and gestation crate-free pork...We have extended our deadline [in the U.S.] to 2022, in line with many other hotels and restaurant groups. We will also allow the use of group-housed pork until gestation crate-free pork becomes available.” ⁵² |
| Ahold Delhaize | 2014 ⁵³ | 2022 ⁵⁴ (Now 2025) ⁵⁵ | Progress Unknown | “The companies understand there are several confinement concerns linked to gestation stalls for breeding pigs or sows, and the companies are asking pork suppliers to transition to group housing and eliminate the use of gestation stalls by 2025 or sooner.” ⁵⁶ |

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| Johnsonville | 2013 ⁵⁷ | 2025 | Vague Commitment | “We will be working with our pork suppliers to transition from traditional gestation stall housing, to alternative pregnant sow housing, by 2025.” ⁵⁸ |

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| Royal Caribbean International | 2014 ⁵⁹ | 2022 | Vague Commitment | We are “working towards sourcing...pork from gestation crate-free producers by 2022.” ⁶⁰ |
| Brinker International (Chili’s) | 2012 ⁶¹ | 2025 | Vague Commitment | “We’re working with our suppliers to implement group housing systems for all of our pork products by the end of 2025.” ⁶² |
| Sysco | 2012 | No Date | Vague Commitment | “Sysco is working with its pork suppliers to ensure that group housing of sows is implemented over time, and we regularly monitor progress...we are working with [suppliers] to develop a timeline for full attainment of this goal.” ⁶³ |
| Denny’s | 2012 ⁶⁴ | No Date | Vague Commitment | “Since 2012, our goal has been to source our pork from suppliers that do not use gestation crates for the housing of sows.” ⁶⁵ |
| Albertsons | 2012 | No Date | Vague Commitment | Part of our animal welfare philosophy “includes responsibly increasing the quantity of pork we source from vendors that have made commitments to transitioning to group-housed systems for their breeding sows.” ⁶⁶ |
| Subway | 2012 ⁶⁷ | 2022 | Vague Commitment | “We aspire to have a pork supply chain that is considerate of animal welfare concerns related to gestation and farrowing crates.” ⁶⁸ |
| Hardee’s Carl’s Jr. | 2012 ⁶⁹ | 2022 | Vague Commitment | “We have committed to group sow housing for pregnant sows by 2022.” ⁷⁰ |
| General Mills | 2012 ⁷¹ | 2022 | Vague Commitment | “General Mills supports the development of pregnant sow housing alternatives...we will favor pork suppliers who provide actionable plans to create traceability and end their use of gestation crates within the U.S. pork supply chain.” ⁷² |

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| Kraft Heinz | 2012 ⁷³ | No Date | Vague Commitment | We are “working with our pork suppliers to transition from traditional gestation stall housing to pregnant sow housing alternatives...In North America, we have been working with our suppliers and, starting in 2017, will give preference to suppliers that are able to help us achieve our goal of being 100% free of traditional gestation stall housing by 2025.” ⁷⁴ |
| Papa John’s | 2013 ⁷⁵ | 2022 | Vague Commitment | “Our goal is to have significant movement to alternative housing by 2022, and we will seek suppliers who adopt a plan to implement this practice.” ⁷⁶ |
| Walmart | 2015 ⁷⁷ | No Date | Vague Commitment | We are asking our suppliers to “Find and implement solutions to address animal welfare concerns including, but not limited to...Housing systems that lack sufficient space, enrichment or socialization (for example, sow gestation crates).” ⁷⁸ |

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| T.G.I. Friday’s | 2013 ⁷⁹ | No Date | Absent | No reference to gestation crates or breeding sows in present animal welfare responsibility statement. ⁸⁰ |
| Bob Evans | 2013 ⁸¹ | 2025 | Absent | No reference to gestation crates or breeding sows in present animal well-being statement. ⁸² |
| Quiznos | 2013 ⁸³ | 2022 | Absent | No reference to gestation crates or breeding sows in present responsibility statement. ⁸⁴ |

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| Congra Brands | 2013 ⁸⁵ | Up to 10 years (2022) | Absent | No specific policy in current animal welfare statement: "Within our pork supply chain, there is industry movement to modified housing for sows, with several successful variations on the modified housing approach. We support producer-specific animal welfare practices in line with widely accepted animal welfare systems." ⁸⁶ |
| Hillshire Farms | 2012 ⁸⁷ | 2022 | Absent | Hillshire Farm was purchased by Tyson Foods in 2014. Tyson does not have a policy to eliminate crates. ⁸⁸ |
| DINE Brands Applebee's IHop | 2013 ⁸⁹ | 2020 | Absent | No reference to gestation crates or breeding sows in current animal welfare statement. ⁹⁰ |
| Arby's | 2012 ⁹¹ | No Date | Absent | No reference to gestation crates or breeding sows in current animal welfare statement. ⁹² |
| Cracker Barrel Old Country Store | 2012 ⁹³ | No Date | Absent | No reference to gestation crates or breeding sows in current "Food With Care" animal welfare statement. ⁹⁴ |
| Marriott International | 2013 ⁹⁵ | 2018 | Absent | No reference to gestation crates or breeding sows in current Animal Welfare Position Statement ⁹⁶ or annual responsibility report. ⁹⁷ Report mentions only references increasing "the number of responsible pork products available." |
| Einstein Noah Restaurant Group Inc. | 2012 ⁹⁸ | 2017 | Absent | No reference to gestation crates or breeding sows in publicly available information. ⁹⁹ |

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| Carnival | 2012 ¹⁰⁰ | 2022 | Absent* | <p>No reference to gestation crates or breeding sows in animal welfare sections of sustainability report.¹⁰¹</p> <p>*In private communication with World Animal Protection, Carnival indicated that the 2012 press announcement misrepresented the company's thinking on gestation crates. Carnival has been engaging its suppliers to better understand the issue, with the aim of ending the use of crates, but has not yet set a firm deadline.</p> |
| Bruegger's Baked Fresh | 2012 ¹⁰² | 2022 | Absent | No publicly available statement on animal welfare, gestation crates, or breeding sows could be found. |
| Wienerschnitzel | 2012 ¹⁰³ | 2022 | Absent | No publicly available statement on animal welfare, gestation crates, or breeding sows could be found. |
| elior North America (formerly TrustHouse Services) | 2012 ¹⁰⁴ | 2017 | Absent | No reference to gestation crates or breeding sows in animal welfare position paper. ¹⁰⁵ |
| SEARS KMart (Transformco) | 2012 ¹⁰⁶ | No Date | Absent | No reference to gestation crates or breeding sows in recent responsibility reports from Sears Holdings ¹⁰⁸ (former parent company) or Transformco. ¹⁰⁸ |
| Kahala Brands (Baja Fresh, Taco Time, Blimpie Subs, and more) | 2012 ¹⁰⁹ | No Date | Absent | No publicly available information could be found. |
| Wolfgang Puck | 2007 ¹¹⁰ | No Date | Absent | No publicly available information could be found. |



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