



Call for Action “Farms instead of Factories!”

Rally, Demonstration, Human Chain, Concert and Action Camp

31 August 2013 at Europe's largest chicken slaughterhouse in **Wietze, Lower Saxony, Germany**.

430,000 chickens are set to be slaughtered every day in Wietze - Europe's largest slaughterhouse for poultry. Built with €6.5 million of taxpayers' money, it is emblematic of the agri-food industry and their practices:

- **Industrial farms** displacing small-scale farms, and polluting local communities and the environment.
- **Animals** reared in small spaces, under distressing conditions, packed full of antibiotics.
- **Farmers** driven out by the agri-food industry, unable to get a fair price for their products.
- Excess **meat** dumped in the global South, where it destroys local markets.
- **Workers** faced with wage dumping and anti-social working conditions.
- **Fodder** grown in huge monocultures; leading to land conflicts in Latin America.
- **Slurry** contaminating soil and water.
- **Food** we can't trust.

We citizens are fed up with agribusiness! Farmers need to once again be given an income that secures their existence. The new German government must ring in a new vision with small-scale agriculture at its heart!

By this we mean:

An end to the closure of small-scale farms: Through a fair distribution of EU agricultural subsidies and fair market conditions that encourage small farms.

Fair rules across the world so that small-scale farming can prevail: Through an end to the liberalization of agricultural markets, and an end to Germany's export-orientated agricultural policies.

Animal welfare enforcement: Through a stricter Animal Welfare Act and a national law that allows local communities to prohibit the construction of industrial farms.

Food scandal prevention: Through the promotion of regional and transparent production and marketing.

Safe and guaranteed GMO-free food and fodder: Through the promotion of local protein feed crops, clear labeling rules and an end to GM soy.

Promotion of biodiversity: Through an end to large-scale monocultures and the promotion of crop rotation and organic farming instead.

Protection of soil, water and air: Through links between local livestock breeding and local feed production: a circular economy.

Reduced use of antibiotics in animal husbandry to an absolute minimum: Through tougher drug laws and the strict enforcement of animal welfare.

Prevention of precarious working conditions in the agricultural sector: Through fair wages and fair working conditions.

Healthy, fair and regional food for all: Through setting an adequate minimum for subsistence.

Ahead of Germany's national elections in 2013, we will demonstrate in Wietze, surrounding the factory, to demand an agriculture that supports small farmers, and protects animals and the environment. **We want farms not factories!**

Take part in a series of national events that will take place in the run up to the demonstration...and then on to Wietze!

- <http://www.wir-haben-es-satt.de/start/home/>
- www.goodfoodgoodfarming.eu