

U.S. Humane Society president stops in Fresno to talk about Prop. 2

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The president and chief executive officer of The Humane Society of the United States is in Fresno Thursday as part of a weeklong tour of California to celebrate the new egg-laying hen protection law that went into effect on Jan. 1.

Wayne Pacelle is meeting with supporters, society members and food distributors about Proposition 2. The law, passed by voters in 2008, requires that egg-laying hens have room to turn around, lie down, stand up and extend their limbs while confined. It also covers calves and gestational pigs.

While Pacelle did not visit farms, he said many egg producers are complying with the law by renovating existing barns while some are improperly jerry-rigging cages or pulling chickens out of wire cages to allow others more space.

“These are landmark animal welfare laws,” Pacelle said, “that we want to make sure are properly enforced.”

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