

Tie-stalls in Sweden

- Many dairy cows tied during non-growing season (~October to May)
- Argument: Banning tie-stalls would lead to bigger barns for loose-housing:
 - Ultimately poorer welfare (larger groups, more milk per cow, feet & leg problems, etc.)
 - More environmental problems
 - Force out small farms
 - Negative for rural society as a whole
 - Loss of the traditional red barns, Swedish Red cows, etc.
- Emphasizes the importance of a holistic view