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## **Security Alert – Undercover Activist Threat**

The Animal Agriculture Alliance has learned that [Hannah Conner](#), a former attorney for the Waterkeeper Alliance now employed by HSUS, has filed a FOIA request to both the Indiana and Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources seeking an inventory of the size and location of all swine operations in each state – including a list of those farms that currently use gestation stalls.

**We have reason to believe that this information will be used to target a farm on the list with either environmental litigation or undercover video.**

The Alliance encourages all farmers, ranchers, and facility managers to remain vigilant against infiltration by undercover activist operatives. It's critical that you implement scientifically-verified animal care programs, such as those listed on the Alliance's website at [http://animalagalliance.org/current/home.cfm?Category=Animal\\_Welfare&Section=Main](http://animalagalliance.org/current/home.cfm?Category=Animal_Welfare&Section=Main). Ensure that all employees are trained and conduct third-party audits to ensure that all company animal care policies are enforced at all times. Managers should thoroughly screen any new hires – this includes checking all references listed on each application – and require that all new employees sign an animal care code of conduct.

Remember, undercover activist seek to disparage the entire animal agriculture industry, and ultimately eradicate meat production entirely, using a variety of tactics such as carefully edited video footage or photography. Mercy for Animals Executive Director Nathan Runkle told attendees of the recent "Conference to End Factory Farming" that undercover videos represented the "life blood" of his organization. Everyone in animal agriculture must remain vigilant against the continued threat of these attacks.

The Alliance is the oldest and largest coalition speaking on behalf of the entire animal agriculture industry. We seek to connect stakeholders, educate the public about our industry's importance, and protect consumer choice and stakeholders' way of life. The Alliance offers consultation to its members to enhance their farm and facility security, as well as a comprehensive guide to identifying activists during the hiring process and preventing undercover attacks. To become a member and obtain these materials, please contact Catharine Kuber, Membership Services Manager, at [ckuber@animalagalliance.org](mailto:ckuber@animalagalliance.org) or by phone at 703-562-1414. To learn more about the Alliance, visit <http://www.animalagalliance.org>.

**We ask that you do not post this information to your website or social media such as Facebook. If you wish to email this statement from the Alliance to other agriculture stakeholders, we highly encourage that form of sharing.**

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*The [Animal Agriculture Alliance](#), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is a broad-based coalition of individual farmers and ranchers, producer organizations, veterinarians, scientists, suppliers, packer-processors, private industry and retailers. The Alliance's mission is to communicate the important role of animal agriculture to our nation's economy, productivity, vitality, security and that animal well-being is central to producing safe, high-quality, affordable food and other products essential to our daily lives. Find the Alliance on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Youtube](#).*