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While there are many labels and standards that regulate animal welfare, Canadian Organic Standards go further: they demand humane animal treatment as part of a holistic approach to environmental care. These practices go hand-in-hand with sustainable farming practices such as soil building, nutrient cycling, and weed and pest control.

According to the Standards “livestock are provided with living conditions and space allowances appropriate to their behavioural requirements and organically produced feed. These practices strive to minimize stress, promote good health and prevent disease.”

The Standards place restrictions on poultry cage sizes, access to outdoors, transportation, and diet. They also prohibit a number of common practices such as dehorning, tail docking, or trimming of needle teeth in piglets. When you choose organic, you are choosing humane animal treatment and more.

Organic means:

- **The use of GE seeds or substances is not permitted**
- **Soil health is improved through crop rotation and organic matter inputs**
- **Dairy cows must receive 60% of their diet from pasture and forage**
- **Humane treatment practices encourage animal health**
- **A lower energy footprint than just local, because synthetic fertilizers aren't used**

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