

## LOSS OF ANIMAL LIVES BY FIRES – January 2011

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| DATE | LOCATION                        | TIME*/CAUSE  | ANIMALS INVOLVED                                |
|------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| 07   | Camino Pet Hospital, Irvine CA  | 6:30 PM – undetermined   | All 17 animals evacuated                        |
| 07   | Mt. Juliet TN                   | Evening – under investigation  | 11 horses and 1 bull died                       |
| 10   | Harrisonburg VA                 | Evening – <b>electrical short</b>  | 17,000 4-week-old chickens died                 |
| 10   | Arenzville IL                   | 1:50 AM – undetermined   | 800 hogs perished, 200 survived                 |
| 16   | Melvin IA                       | 6:30 AM – undetermined, but possible electrical since that part of barn was fully involved upon FD arrival | More than 1,800 baby pigs and several dogs died |
| 19   | Gardner ND                      | 11:44 AM – undetermined  | 3 horses and 1 cow perished                     |
| 24   | West Fargo ND                   | 9:00 AM – <b>electric heater</b>   | 3 horses evacuated                              |
| 24   | Ontario CANADA                  | 1:00 PM – <b>skid mover muffler ignited dry hay</b>  | 27 beef cattle died, but 35 were rescued        |
| 25   | Carlsbad Springs, Ottawa CANADA | 9:30 PM – possibly <b>heater used to thaw frozen pipes</b>   | 1 horse and several dogs and cats were rescued  |
| 27   | Miami FL                        | 2:30 AM – possibly an <b>electrical problem</b>  | 5 horses died                                   |
| 31   | Frederick County MD             | 7:34 PM – under investigation  | 5 sheep perished                                |

\*Time started, discovered, or reported

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|-------------|--|--|--|
| 08          | Columbia Station OH                        | Night – undetermined   | 7 pigs and several rabbits died, 2 horses and 6 alpacas were saved |
| 09          | Clermont County OH                         | 1:00 AM – under investigation  | 3 horses died  |
| 11          | The Farm at Saugerties, Town of Ulster NY  | 5:07 PM – under investigation  | 5 horses died  |
| 12          | Dubuque County IA                          | 1:40 AM – cause not released   | 40 cattle perished   |
| 13          | Ravensway Saracen Park Stables, Cypress TX | 5:00 AM – <b>ARSON</b>   | 6 horses died, 2 horses and a mule were rescued                    |
| 15          | Derby Lane Kennel, Petersburg FL           | 2:48 AM – possibly a <b>malfunctioning heating/AC unit</b> on side of building | All 46 grehounds were rescued                                      |
| 20          | Pine Dell Farm, Pleasant Hill KS           | 6:00 AM – <b>electrical</b>  | 6 horses died  |
| 23          | Ocheyedan IA                               | 6:43 AM – under investigation  | More than 300 hogs died  |
| 23          | Windham Twp, Bradford County PA            | Night – under investigation  | 100 cows died  |
| 26          | Stalwart, Sask CANADA                      | Time not reported – suspected <b>electrical problem</b>                        | 7,000 five-week-old turkeys died                                   |

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|-------------|--|---|--|
| 05          | Perryville KY                            | Midnight – undetermined   | 19 horses died   |
| 05          | Oasis Farms, Colerain Twp OH             | Early morning – <b>electrical equipment used for warming newborn foal</b> | Of 40 horses, only 16 survived; the newborn foal also died |
| 18          | St. Remi CANADA                          | Noon – <b>malfunctioning machine that ignited straw</b>                   | 125 beef cattle perished                                   |
| 23          | Hutterite Colony, Elton, Manitoba CANADA | 12:00 PM – under investigation  | 8,000 chickens died  |
| 27          | Love-A-Lot Farm, NB                      | Time not reported – <b>heat lamp fell onto hay</b>                        | “Dozens of sheep” rescued by Good Samaritan, non lost      |
| 30          | North Hampton, NH                        | Morning – <b>possibly caused by heat lamps</b>                            | Dozens of chickens were lost                               |
| 31          | Outlook Port Farm, Taber CANADA          | Night – <b>generator malfunction</b> was possible cause                   | 2,000 pigs died  |
| 31          | Northern Bruce Peninsula, Ontario CANADA | 1:00 PM – not yet determined  | 75 cattle died   |

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| DATE | LOCATION                                       | TIME*/CAUSE   | ANIMALS INVOLVED   |
|------|--|---|--|
| 04   | Cecilton MD                                    | 7:20 PM – not yet determined  | 300,000 chickens died  |
| 04   | Prince Edward Island CANADA                    | 3:00 AM – not yet determined  | 20 cattle perished   |
| 05   | Oasis Arabians, Cincinnati OH                  | 5:00 AM – not yet determined – heat lamp was in use, but possible lightning                     | 13 horses were saved, but 23 others died   |
| 09   | Bromley Park Hatcheries, Tuakau<br>NEW ZEALAND | 3:15 PM – not determined but contractors were working on electrical wiring and air conditioning | 850,000 one-day-old chicks died along with between 250,000 to 500,000 eggs due to hatch the next day |
| 09   | Gazipur BANGLADESH                             | 6:00 PM – <b>electric short circuit</b>   | 12,000 chickens killed   |
| 13   | Univ of Minnesota-Crookston campus barn        | Afternoon – <b>heat lamp fell</b> in the sheep facility   | 4 ewes and 4 lambs died, 3 lambs survived  |
| 24   | McConnelsville OH                              | Midnight – <b>ARSON, HATE CRIME</b>   | 8 horses, including a week-old colt, were killed   |

**Additional fire of note:** Rocky Mount NC – a **discarded cigarette from a passing vehicle** sparked a fire inside a horse trailer that killed 6 young Thoroughbred horses.

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|-------------|---|--|--|
| 02          | Stockbridge UK                            | 10:00 PM – under investigation                               | 4 horses, 20 pigs, many chickens died                  |
| 04          | Churubusco NY                             | 8:30 AM – under investigation                                | 40 dairy cows died                                     |
| 11          | Huntington ARK                            | 9:00 AM – possibly <b>electrical due to fan shorting out</b> | 11,000 chickens perished                               |
| 17          | Kissenger Brothers Poultry, Versailles OH | Information unavailable                                      | 83,000 chickens perished                               |
| 21          | Hanover, Manitoba CANADA                  | 2:53 AM – under investigation                                | more than 4,000 pigs died                              |
| 24          | York ME                                   | 6:00 PM – <b>lightning strike</b>                            | 6 horses and newborn kittens were rescued              |
| 30          | Custer WI                                 | Night – under investigation                                  | 13 dairy cows saved but 26 died                        |
| 31          | West Marlborough Twp PA                   | 12:30 AM – <b>possibly electrical</b>                        | 6 horses died, 5 others receiving veterinary treatment |

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|-------------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| 01          | Beauregard ALA                     | Time not reported – <b>propane heaters</b>                        | 10,000 quail died  |
| 05          | Animals Shelter, Virginia Beach VA | 10:21 AM – <b>extreme heat from outside transformer or cables</b> | 100-200 animals safely evacuated                           |
| 13          | Burtchville Twp OH                 | 6:00 PM – undetermined  | 6 horses rescued, 1 ran back in and died, 3 dogs died also |
| 14          | Sparks Egg Farm, Alberta CANADA    | Time not reported – under investigation                           | 30,000 hens perished                                       |
| 15          | Alburgh VI                         | 3:00 PM - <b>electrical</b>                                       | 100 cows safely evacuated                                  |

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| DATE | LOCATION   | TIME*/CAUSE   | ANIMALS INVOLVED   |
|------|--|---|--|
| 04   | Chatham, Ontario CANADA  | Day time – possible sparks from a grinder ignited straw | 400 pigs lost, 40 saved  |
| 22   | Manitoba CANADA  | Time not noted – under investigation                    | 12,000 chickens died   |
| 22   | Douglas Animal Hospital, Fredricton CANADA                         | 11:41 PM <b>ARSON</b>                                   | Resident cat and 3 budgies died  |
| 24   | Three Chimneys Farm, Woodford County, KY                           | Time not noted – <b>lightning strike</b>                | Two horses safely evacuated  |
| 24   | Over the Hill Farm, Clarks Summit PA                               | 6:00 PM – under investigation                           | 8 horses were saved, but 21 others perished  |
| 24   | Hutterite Colony, Calgary CANADA                                   | 2:00 PM – undetermined                                  | 600 hogs died, a few were saved  |
| 25   | Joe Egli's Hog Operation, Perth County CANADA                      | 5:00 AM – <b>possibly lightning</b>                     | 650 hogs died  |
| 25   | Samuel Martin's Farm, Perth County CANADA                          | 6:00 AM – undetermined                                  | One cow died, but 70 other cows and 5 horses were evacuated  |
| 26   | Colorado State University Equine Reproductive Lab, Fort Collins CO | 1:00 AM – under investigation                           | All horses in nearby barn were evacuated   |
| 28   | Metcalf Dairy Farm, Westville NY                                   | 4:30 AM – under investigation                           | 140 cows and 40 calves died, 150 cows were released from a 2 <sup>nd</sup> barn that started to burn |
| 30   | Nielson Farm, Nova Scotia CANADA                                   | 4:00 AM – <b>spontaneous combustion</b>                 | All but 3 cows and 3 calves were saved   |

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|-------------|---|--|--|
| 01          | Haddam CT                                       | 7:00 PM – <b>lightning strike</b>      | One horse was saved, the other had to be euthanized due to burns |
| 02          | Grand Falls Region, CANADA                      | Not reported – <b>lightning strike</b> | Most cows were saved, but 40 Angora goats perished               |
| 08          | Arlington, Snohomish County WA                  | 2:00 AM – under investigation          | 6 horses killed, 4 horses saved                                  |
| 09          | Goslin-Nix Stable, Magnolia TX                  | 6:00 AM – under investigation          | 15 horses escaped, 13 killed                                     |
| 17          | Lake Mead NV                                    | 11:21 AM – under investigation         | 1 horse and between 15-20 goats died                             |
| 29          | Royal Road Equestrian Centre, Fredricton CANADA | Early AM – under investigation         | 15 horses were saved, but 3 died                                 |

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| 08   | Rancho Los Reyes Racing Stables, Brownsville TX | Early AM – <b>SUSPICIOUS</b>   | 3 horses died   |
| 23   | Quarryville PA                                  | 9:45 AM – <b>child playing with propane torch in 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apt.</b> | 2 horses were saved, but 2 dogs died in the fire                  |
| 24   | Northgate Stables, Newton NH                    | 10:00 AM – undetermined, but started in 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor apartment        | 20 horses were evacuated, 10 others were in safe location in barn |
| 25   | Sumter SC                                       | Time not reported – <b>possibly lightning strike</b>                           | 9 horses died   |
| 27   | Wood Laithes Farm, Ardsley UK                   | 4:30 AM – undetermined but started in straw bales                              | Many of the 500 pigs and piglets were saved                       |
| 29   | Center Ring Stables, Kouts IL                   | 5:00 AM – undetermined   | 3 horses died, others were saved                                  |

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| 03          | Gadheim GERMANY   | Early AM – under investigation | 400 pigs and 80 cows perished  |
| 09          | Springfield, PEI CANADA                                   | Midnight – under investigation | 20 young cows died   |
| 15          | McHenry IL  | 3:05 PM – under investigation  | 300 chickens died  |
| 16          | North Stormont Twp, Ottawa<br>CANADA                      | 2:00 AM – ruled accidental     | 2700 pigs perished   |
| 19          | Chateaugay NY   | Midnight – undetermined        | 25 cows died   |
| 22          | Quispamsis CANADA   | 3:00 PM – undetermined         | All of the donkeys, geese and horses were rescued  |
| 30          | Compton ME  | Late PM – ruled accidental     | More than 500 sheep died   |
| 30          | Animal Kington Pet Store and Zoo,<br>Burlington County NJ | 8:45 PM – under investigation  | Mother giraffe and her calf, 3 dogs, 4 cats, and a number of parrots died.<br>About 20 puppies were rescued. |

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| 04          | Circle Four Farm, Milford UT            | 8:30 PM – <b>electrical malfunction</b> | about 2000 pigs died   |
| 06          | West Midlands UK                        | 9:25 AM – under investigation           | 3 horses died, 2 escaped   |
| 14          | Round The Bend Farm, Kettleby<br>CANADA | 10:00 PM – undetermined                 | 1500 turkeys died  |
| 15          | Clearview Twp CANADA                    | 8:00 PM – under investigation           | 65 show cows perished  |
| 18          | Foxton Raceway, North Island NZ         | 11:00 PM – <b>SUSPICIOUS</b>            | 8 horses led to safety   |
| 23          | Leeds, West Yorkshire UK                | 5:00 AM – under investigation           | Most animals were rescued but 2 sows, 16 piglets, 14 rabbits and 2 chicks died in the fire |

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| 03          | Houston TX  | 4:30 AM – under investigation                                  | 11 horses died, 4 horses were rescued                      |
| 04          | Chance Stable Equestrian Center,<br>Bowmanville, Ontario CANADA | 8:00 AM – undetermined   | a pony perished  |
| 14          | Crete NB  | 9:00 AM – <b>portable heater</b>                               | 2 dogs and 9 puppies died in barn, 6 other dogs were saved |
| 18          | Woodstead Farm, DeRuyter NY                                     | 7:00 AM – <b>electric block heater used to start a tractor</b> | 12 young calves died                                       |
| 25          | Tuscaloosa AL   | 3:00 PM – <b>electrical</b>                                    | 4 horses perished, but 2 others were rescued               |
| 26          | Bangor NY   | 1:07 AM – <b>ARSON</b>   | More than 100 cows perished                                |
| 26          | West Lancs UK   | 11:20 PM – <b>ARSON SUSPECTED</b>                              | 17 cows and calves died                                    |
| 29          | Farmington ME   | 4:00 AM – under investigation                                  | A horse and 2 cats died                                    |