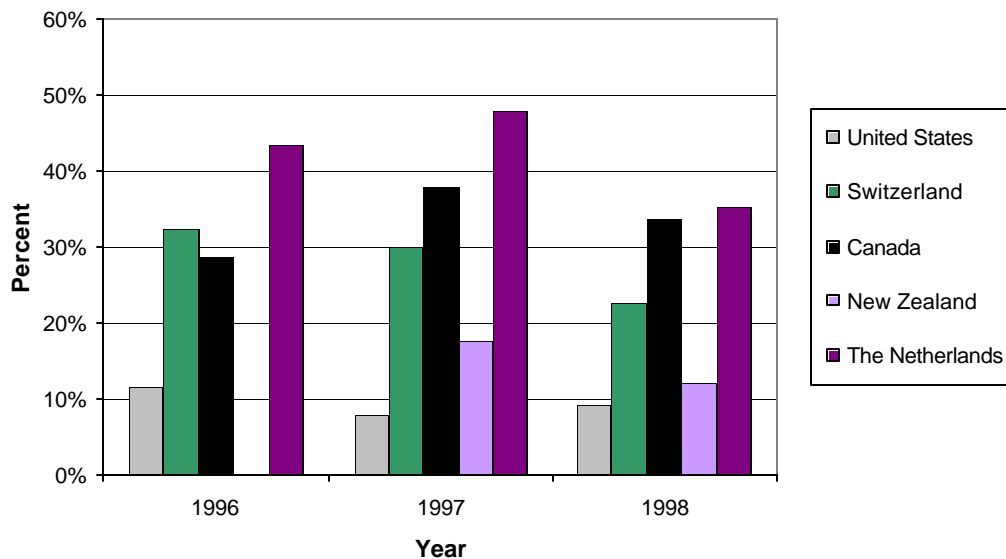


Appendix C. Comparison of category E/moderate to severe suffering as a percentage of total animals used in various countries for 1996-1998.*



*It is important to note that the reporting systems differ among these countries, which limits the comparability of the data. The countries in the above chart, with the exception of the U.S., use systems that reflect levels of pain and distress experienced by the animals. In this comparison, we took the moderate to severe pain and distress categories of other countries and compared them to column E of the USDA pain and distress classification system. Another caveat is that other countries include mice, rats and birds in their reporting systems, while the U.S. does not.

The system currently used in New Zealand was not officially adopted until 1998; however, most institutions did use this system when reporting for the year 1997. The New Zealand statistics for 1996 are not available for comparison.