



This is 'life' on the factory farm. A wretched, tormented existence leading only to the brutality and panic of death. Living, breathing creatures, with feelings much like our own, treated with utter indifference and neglect. And anyone who eats their dead bodies or by-products is supporting this cruelty.

If you don't think this is your problem, then you have a problem.

If you do, then do something about it ...

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Factory farming is based on profit. Farmed animals are intensively confined in order to increase the yield of meat, eggs and milk. Money and profit are all that matters. Such procedures mean immense pain and stress for the animals as their lives are reduced to the level of objects in a factory.

it's a GRAVE situation



Rotting pig. When were these pigs last checked?

pigs

Over 80 percent of pigs (who are turned into sausages, bacon and ham) start life in a windowless shed, thick with the stench of urine and feces.

On cold, bare concrete, the sow performs an endless cycle of birth. During both pregnancy and labor, she is imprisoned in small crates. Any movement is severely restricted by bars and all attempts to comfort her young are futile. Aching all over and frantic with despair, she is forced to watch, helpless, as her piglets are stolen away at three weeks. She is then immediately forced into another pregnancy.

And her piglets? Neglected and diseased, their short lives are spent in squalid, overcrowded fattening areas. At six months, they are shackled up by one leg and their throats are slit.



Mother pig in farrowing crate where she will be for weeks.

chickens

Thousands of chickens reared for meat are crammed into sheds. For speed, tiny motherless chicks are fed growth promoting drugs. This immense weight places an unbearable strain on their bodies. Many suffer heart attacks; or their legs buckle and break beneath them. Too crippled to walk, they will slowly die from dehydration and starvation. In the slaughterhouse, hanging upside down from a conveyor belt, terrified chicks often raise their heads above the electrically charged water bath used for stunning. These chickens are knifed while fully conscious. Unstunned and bleeding, they will enter the scalding tank - designed to loosen feathers - alive.



Chickens crowded into sheds

Photos: Farm Sanctuary

COWS

A dairy cow only produces milk after she gives birth to a calf. To ensure all the milk is kept for humans, the baby is torn from her side after 24 to 48 hours. The male calf is either sold to a slaughterhouse immediately for 'bob veal' or taken to a veal crate where he will be unable to turn around or lie down comfortably. The female calves will often be kept in a small hut, cage, or box; sometimes chained by the neck.



Typical dairy cow setting

hens

Egg-laying hens are kept in 'battery cages.' They are imprisoned, row upon row, five to seven hens are squeezed into a space little bigger than a microwave oven. She is unable to spread her wings or turn around. To deter frustrated pecking, the end of her sensitive beak is sliced off. This leads to blood loss and shock, it can even kill them. Forced to stand all day on wire, her feet are soon thick with ulcers. Excessive egg production drains her body of nutrients and her bones snap like dry twigs.



Photos: Campaign for Cattle Killing

Egg laying hens in battery cage

The U.S. practices 'forced molting,' where hens have food taken away for days and they are kept in darkness, in order to shock their bodies into another egg laying cycle.



Hens who lay brown eggs for health food stores

As a by-product of the egg industry, 200 million male chicks - unable to lay and too lean to be eaten - are killed every year. One day old yellow, fluffy chicks cheeping as they ride the conveyor belt to death, by being suffocated in plastic bags or gassed.



Female calf in cage

Over the past few decades, cows have been forced to produce more milk. In 1940 they averaged 2.3 tons per year; in 1999 they averaged 8.9 tons. The huge unnatural weight of her udders is an intolerable burden and can eventually cause lameness. Her udders are commonly swollen and leaking pus; this can be agonizing. Drained by physical and mental stress, she is slaughtered well short of her natural life span.