

Factory Farming Faqs - Pigs & birds

Pigs - Pigs are generally considered to be the fourth most intelligent animal after dolphins & whales, apes and humans and the most intelligent domesticated animal. Breeding sows are kept constantly impregnated and spend their gestation period in spaces not even large enough to turn around in. They are genetically altered through a diet laced with hormones to make them grow larger and faster. The result is that their body weight is too large for their bone structure and they are constantly in pain. Breeding sows must nurse their young through bars and are often strapped to the floor. They have been known to exhibit stress induced behaviors such as bar biting, chewing off each other's tails and banging their heads on iron bars. They may also go into a stress induced psychosis or even break their own legs trying to escape. Due to dust, irritating fumes, toxic gases and bacteria build up in over crowded warehouses without the cleaning effects of sun light, rain and fresh air, most factory farmed pigs have respiratory distress (which also effects workers). It has been estimated that 70 to 90 percent of all factory farmed pigs have pneumonia.

Slaughter - Prior to slaughter they are hung by upside down before their throats are slit and they slowly bleed to death. North Carolina is the second largest pork producing state in the country, next to Iowa. The population of pigs in NC exceeds the human population. The Smithfield processing plant in NC slaughters 30,000 pigs a day.

Birds - About 90% of all animals slaughtered for food in the US are birds. Chickens beaks are removed with a hot blade and the toes of turkeys are cut off to keep them from scratching or pecking each other in their battery cages. Laying hens are sometimes starved into "forced molting" to increase egg production. Male chicks are simply stuffed into plastic bags to suffocate (about 280 million a year) because they are considered useless for either egg or fry/boiler production. About 90 percent of factory farmed chickens have Leukosis (chicken cancer). Fowl, including chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese are not protected under any laws regarding farm animals (including humane slaughter).

Slaughter - Violence and depravity breeds the same. Slaughter house atrocities documented by undercover workers include: Shoving fists up the vaginas of helpless birds shackled upside down; slamming birds against walls and floors; breaking legs and wings of live birds being crammed into transport cages and throwing conscious birds (who have survived slaughter) into boiling water.

Calcium deficiency usually does not arise from too little calcium but from too much protein. A diet high in meat will therefore increase excretion of calcium.

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I have provided all kinds of grain and all kinds of fruit for you to eat, for the wild animals I have provided grass and leafy plants. Genesis 1:29

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