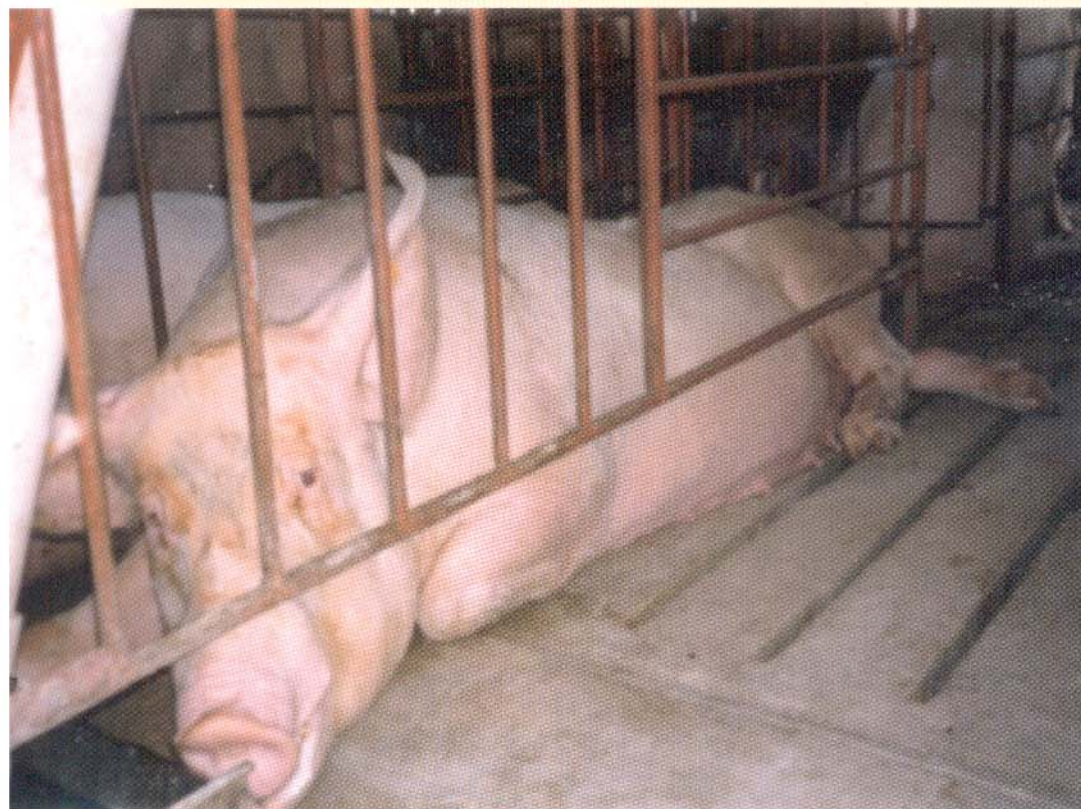


Minnesota's own...

Defending Farm Animals, Inc.



In Minnesota hundreds of thousands of female breeding pigs live in small crates for most of their lives.



Injured dairy Holstein waits for packing house pickup. S. St. Paul, MN



Thousands of hens freeze to death awaiting slaughter (-20° F)
Butterfield, MN

Minnesotans pride themselves in a rich tradition of family farming and a quality of life unique to the Midwest. Traditional family farmers care for their animals as their own. Unfortunately, the reality is that most food animals are "grown" in factory-like facilities. The animals have been reduced to machines with no value beyond their cash worth. The family farmer is not treated much better either...they too are trapped in a web of greed and domination by gigantic agri-businesses. Many Minnesota farm animals suffer...



Downed cow left outside awaiting slaughter (-18° F) South St. Paul, MN

Many of these DFA photos exposing animal suffering are included in a MN government technical document on animal welfare, husbandry, and scientific recommendations. Please contact your elected officials and ask them to support stronger laws and enforcement of existing laws for animals.

Please call our governor about these documented abuses at 651.296.3391

This unwanted downed cow was unable to walk into the Minnesota slaughter auction. She was dumped on a pile of dead animals at the end of the day. The temperature was -20° F. After suffering for hours she was found frozen to death.



Downers - animals too sick, weak, or injured to walk - are often dragged and bulldozed to slaughter, or left to die



A mother sheep left freezing and dying from a prolapsed uterus, after giving birth at the stockyards.
South St. Paul, MN

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Disabled cow just sold and loaded onto a truck. South St. Paul, MN



Breeding pigs are confined in small crates.



Many factory farm animals suffer from filthy conditions. Millions of pigs and piglets die annually from stressful conditions and disease in the USA. One US corporation had 420,000 hogs die in 1997.



Injured and frozen sow shot repeatedly.



Minnesota ranks 3rd in the nation in "Pork Production." Pigs follow primates and dolphins in intelligence and suffer from lack of movement, and from intensive confinement. Thousands of Minnesota breeding sows spend their miserable lives imprisoned like this, unable to walk or turn around. About nine million pigs are killed annually in Minnesota; much of the "pork" is exported. Some cruel and painful animal husbandry practices have been banned in other countries such as Sweden and England.

With automated food, water, and waste removal these sows are grown like vegetables in a greenhouse. Even industry magazines instruct producers to "... forget the hog is an animal and view it as an efficient meat machine..."

National Hog Farmer
July, 1995 page 34



Sows are as smart as dogs and suffer in Minnesota.



Confined sow with piglets in a large Minnesota factory farm.



Have you ever wondered how an egg can cost only a few cents? Millions of Minnesota hens live their entire lives crammed in battery cages. The battery cages are placed in huge arrays where conveyer belts deliver feed and carry eggs away. After intensive egg laying the hens are considered "spent." They are then packed into trucks and shipped to a slaughterhouse. This is the first exposure to sun and outside temperatures in many of their lives.



Dairy cows sent to slaughter are usually those who are no longer able to produce sufficient milk. While waiting for slaughter some cows give birth. Some of these calves are cast aside and left to die. *South St. Paul, MN*

"Exposing Animal Suffering"

Our weekly TV Series on the use and abuse of animals - **Metro-wide Saturdays Ch 6, 11:30 p.m.**
Minneapolis - Wed. Ch 16, 10 p.m./ St. Paul - Tues. Ch. 15, 11 p.m.



Millions of dead farm animals are ground up and boiled for use in a wide range of human products and animal food.



Pigs being slaughtered fully conscious at ethnic slaughterhouse in Hugo, MN.



Ineffectively stunned pig vocalizing and thrashing while being slaughtered at a MN farmer's "custom slaughterhouse."



A load of animals that did not survive to be auctioned. *South St. Paul, MN*

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