

Think about what you've seen today at the fair. Now try to see it through the eyes of the animals...



### The Swine Barn and Oink Booth

At the Oink Booth, the Minnesota Pork Board offers their version of a 360° look inside a Minnesota pig farm. But here's what they won't show you:

Within the first 24 hours of each piglet's life and all without anesthetics, farm workers will:

- Notch and tattoo their ears
- Cut their needle teeth
- Chop off their tails
- Castrate the male piglets

And then at just six months old, they will be sent to slaughter.

### 4-H and FFA Shows and Judging Contests

Excessive force is often used to force a scared and reluctant animal to walk around the judging arena.

- Some handlers dig their fingers and nails into the sensitive septum of dairy cows, or slap them repeatedly in the face.
- These cows are forced to go an entire day without being milked to give their udders the largest appearance possible.

### The Dairy and Moo Booth

The fair wants you to know all about "the wonderful world of cows"—except for the parts that aren't so wonderful.

- Calves are immediately taken away from their mothers after birth—which produces grief reactions in both mother and calf.
- Dairy cows routinely undergo dehorning and tail docking while fully conscious and without pain relief.
- Cows being forced to hold milk in their overfull udders for the Agrilympics Celebrity Milking Contest and Hand Milking by the public.

### The Miracle of Birth Center

During the fair, approximately 200 newborn calves, lambs, and piglets are born at the Birth Center for the entertainment of fair goers.

- Pregnant mothers are forced to give birth in a setting that is noisy, unfamiliar, and stressful.
- Babies are handled by adults and children while crying for their mothers.

In 2019, eleven people contracted E. coli at the Birth Center; a 4-year old boy's resulting kidney damage led to a pending lawsuit.

### How to Help Animal Suffering at the Minnesota State Fair

1. If you see animals being mistreated, report it immediately. Document with photos and/or video and send to the following contacts:

#### MN State Fair Officials:

[guestservices@mnstatefair.org](mailto:guestservices@mnstatefair.org)

#### Animal Rights Coalition:

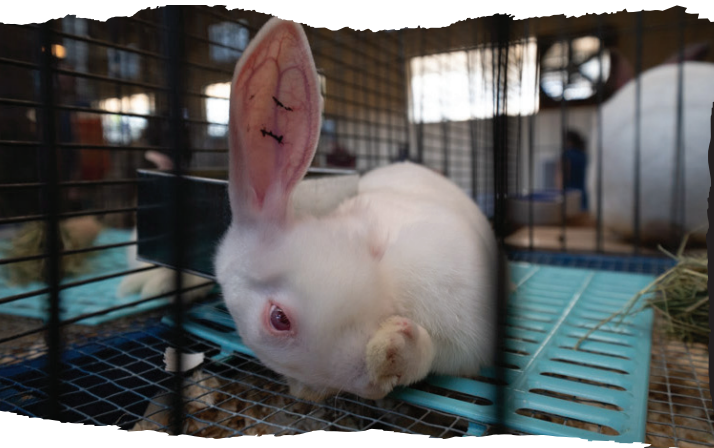
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2. Contact the Minnesota State Fair with polite feedback.
3. Educate yourself and others by starting a conversation about the hidden suffering of animals at the state fair.
4. Volunteer with the Animal Rights Coalition. Check our FB page for schedule or email [info@animalrightscoalition.com](mailto:info@animalrightscoalition.com).

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The Minnesota State Fair claims to bring transparency to animal agricultural practices. Instead, it presents a highly sanitized version of the lives of animals at the fair.



Whether being shown for 4-H contests or in so-called educational exhibits, people say they come to the fair see and touch the animals, especially the cute babies. But behind all that cuteness is fear, pain, and suffering.



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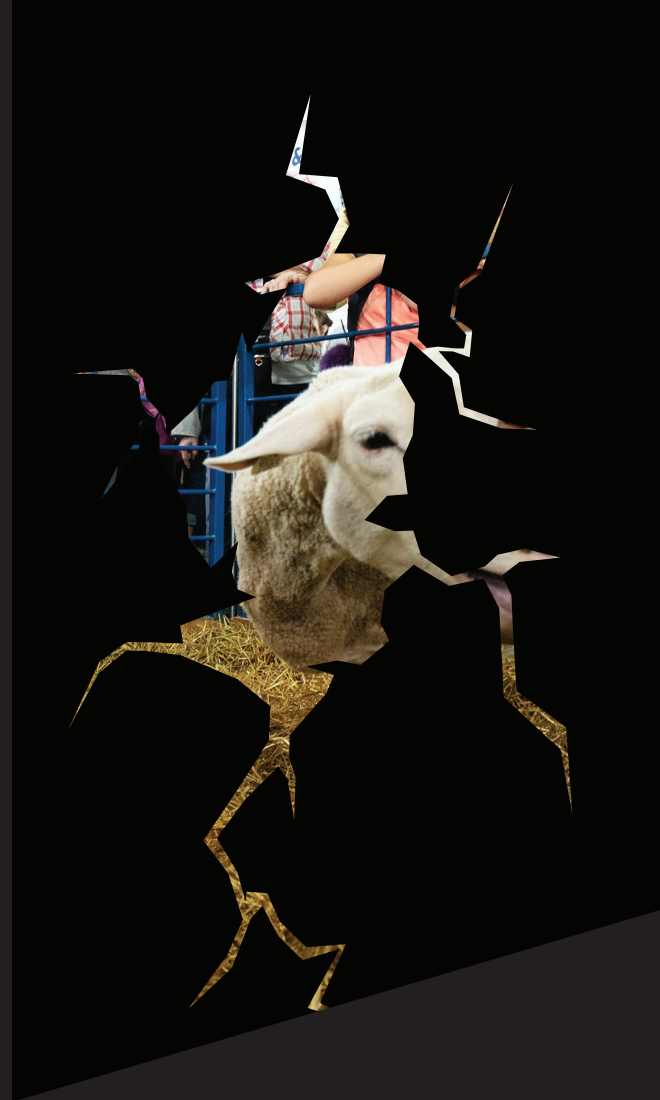
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