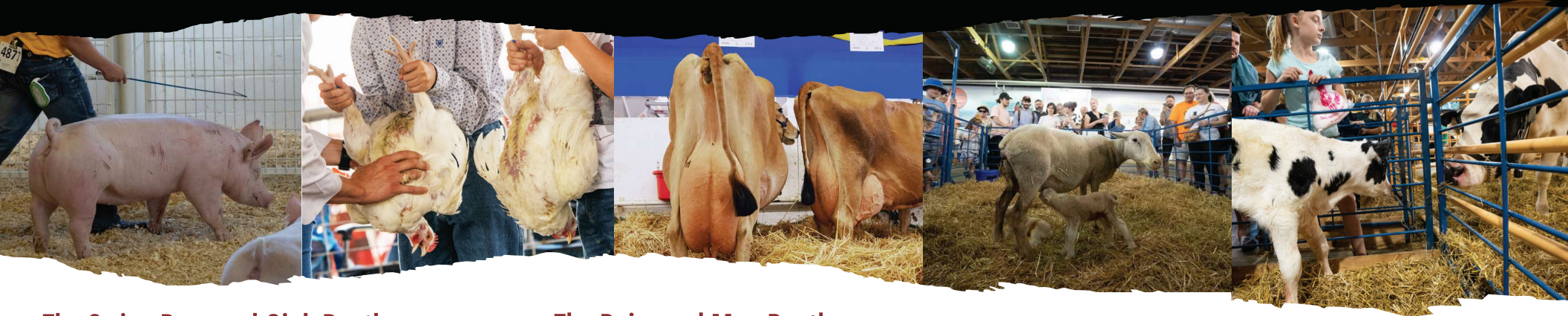


Think about what you've seen today at the fair. Now try to see it through the eyes of the animals...



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

Animal Rights Coalition:

MNFairWatch@animalrightscoalition.com

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.

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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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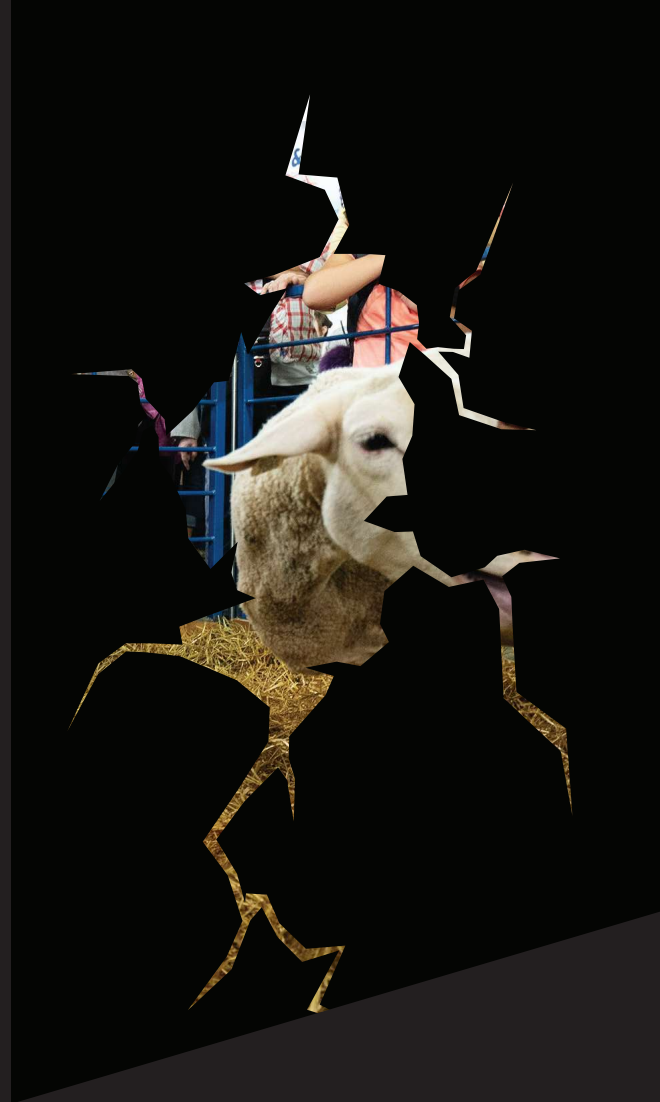
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