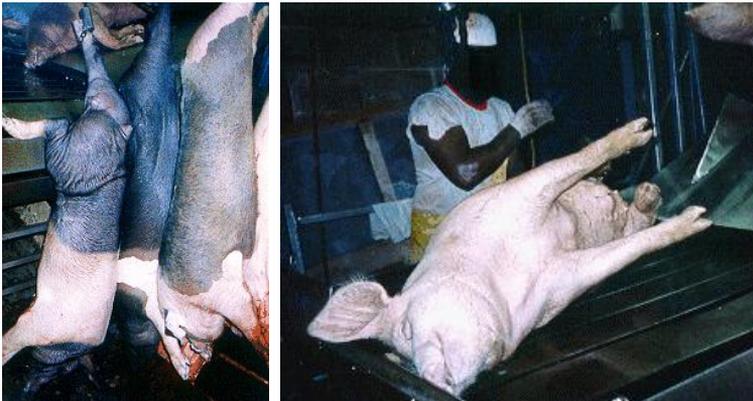


## Slaughter

10 billion per year in the U.S. killed for food consumption. To meet the demands of the Standard American Diet, 1,000,000 animals are slaughtered every hour in the U.S.

Slaughterhouses are massive factories where as many as 24,000 animals a day are killed and processed. Workers are required to kill as many as 1,100 animals an hour and resort to brutal animal handling techniques to keep the line running smoothly and maintain their jobs. One minute of downtime costs \$500 in lost revenue. The pressure to maximize profits at the plants is such that plant managers deliberately keep the voltage low on stunning devices to avoid burning meat, resulting in animals who are still alive as they are processed through the line. The slaughter line does not stop for anything - not for injured workers, not for contaminated meat, and least of all not for slow or injured animals.



High-speed disassembly lines give workers only a few seconds to stun or bleed an animal; when they miss,

live animals continue down the line for scalding, beheading, or gutting. Cattle are frequently skinned and dismembered while still alive and conscious. Live pigs are routinely immersed and dragged through vats of scalding water.

Most people would be shocked, and frankly disgusted, to discover that with amazing frequency these animals are literally tortured to death.

Buying meat subsidizes these atrocities. The only solution is to not buy animal products.