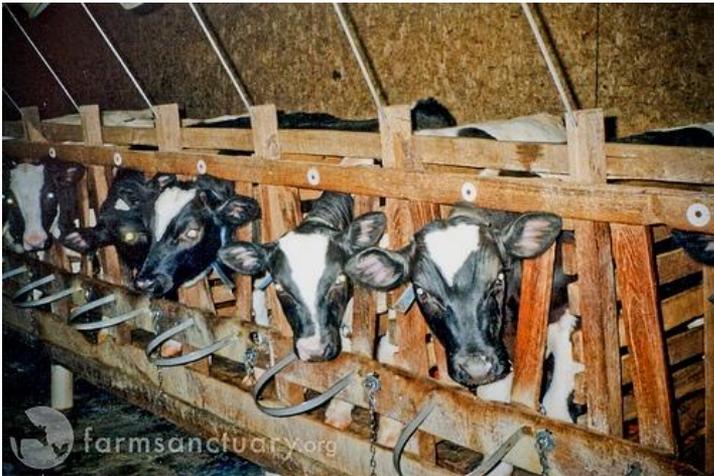


Veal

Male calves of dairy cows cannot produce milk and are not of the right stock to be raised for beef.

Soon after they are born, male calves are taken from their mothers and locked up in stalls or crates without straw or bedding. The enclosures are so small they can't stretch their legs, or lie down comfortably. They are chained by their necks to prevent them from turning around, which prevents tough muscle development and makes their flesh tender for veal. They are kept in total darkness except for feeding time.



The intensive confinement and cruel treatment of calves in veal factories represent one of the most abusive practices in agribusiness today. Veal calves are deprived of their mother's milk, fresh air, drinking water, exercise, adequate nutrition, and proper veterinary care. They are fed a synthetic diet without iron or roughage, which keeps the animals anemic in

order to make their flesh pale. The pale pink or white color is desired in the finished product for gourmet veal.

Because of such extremely unhealthy living conditions and restricted diets, calves are susceptible to pneumonia and constant diarrhea. Consequently, they must be given massive doses of antibiotics and other drugs just to keep them alive. 10-20 percent die before reaching the slaughterhouse.



To help stop veal calf abuses, don't buy or eat veal. Tell restaurant managers about veal cruelties and ask them to remove veal from their menus.