



Thousands of ducks live in crowded and dirty conditions inside a massive barn on a Czech factory duck farm.

Czechia, 2019. Lukas Vincour / Zvirata Nejime / We Animals Media



Thousands of young ducks stand inside a barn on a Czech factory duck breeding farm.

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Mulard ducks, mature enough for force-feeding, stand inside small bare group enclosures inside foie gras production farm.

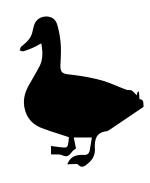
Undisclosed location, Sort-en-Chalosse, France, 2023. Pierre Parcoeur / We Animals Media

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Ducks raised for meat:

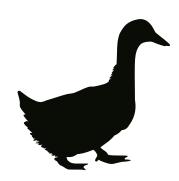
7 weeks





Ducks raised for eggs:

1.5 years.



Average Duck Life Expectancy: 10 years

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Geese raised for meat:

15 weeks



Geese raised for down:

15 weeks



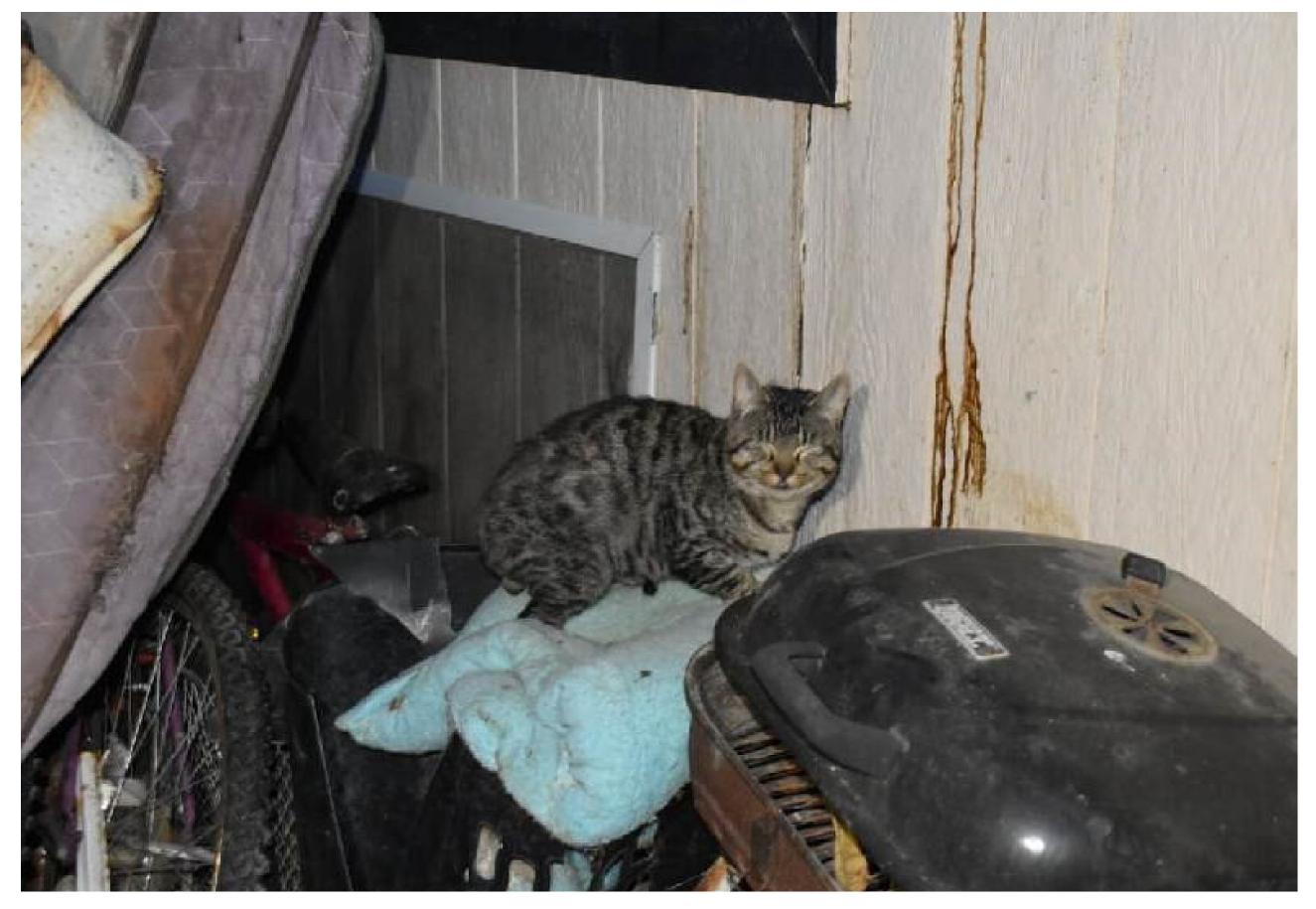
Average Goose Life Expectancy:15 years



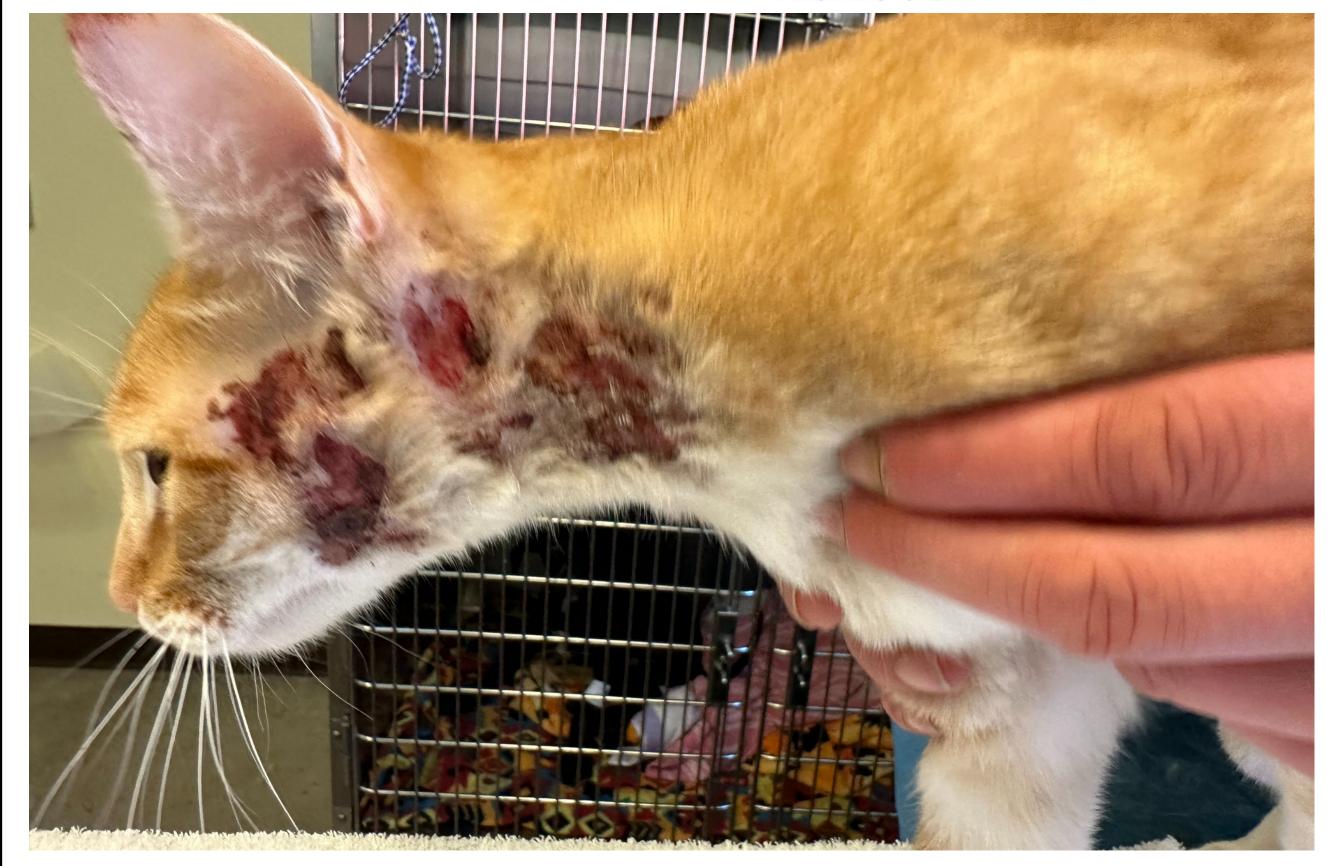
"Old" Kitty City



Photos taken during a Pasado's Safe Haven rescue at a hoarding case.



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Griffin cat:

Before photos taken at Pasado's Safe Haven after rescue.





Griffin: Before and After



Tallulah turkey, photographed during her rescue, is covered in mud and feces from her dirty, crowded living conditions.

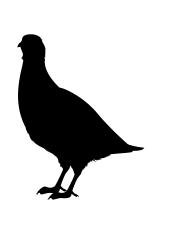
Photographed March 2018

PASADO'S SAFE HAVEN



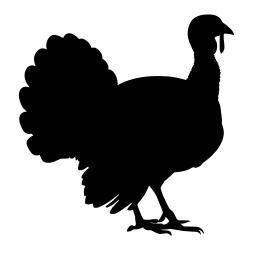
Tallulah: Before and After

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Turkey raised for meat:

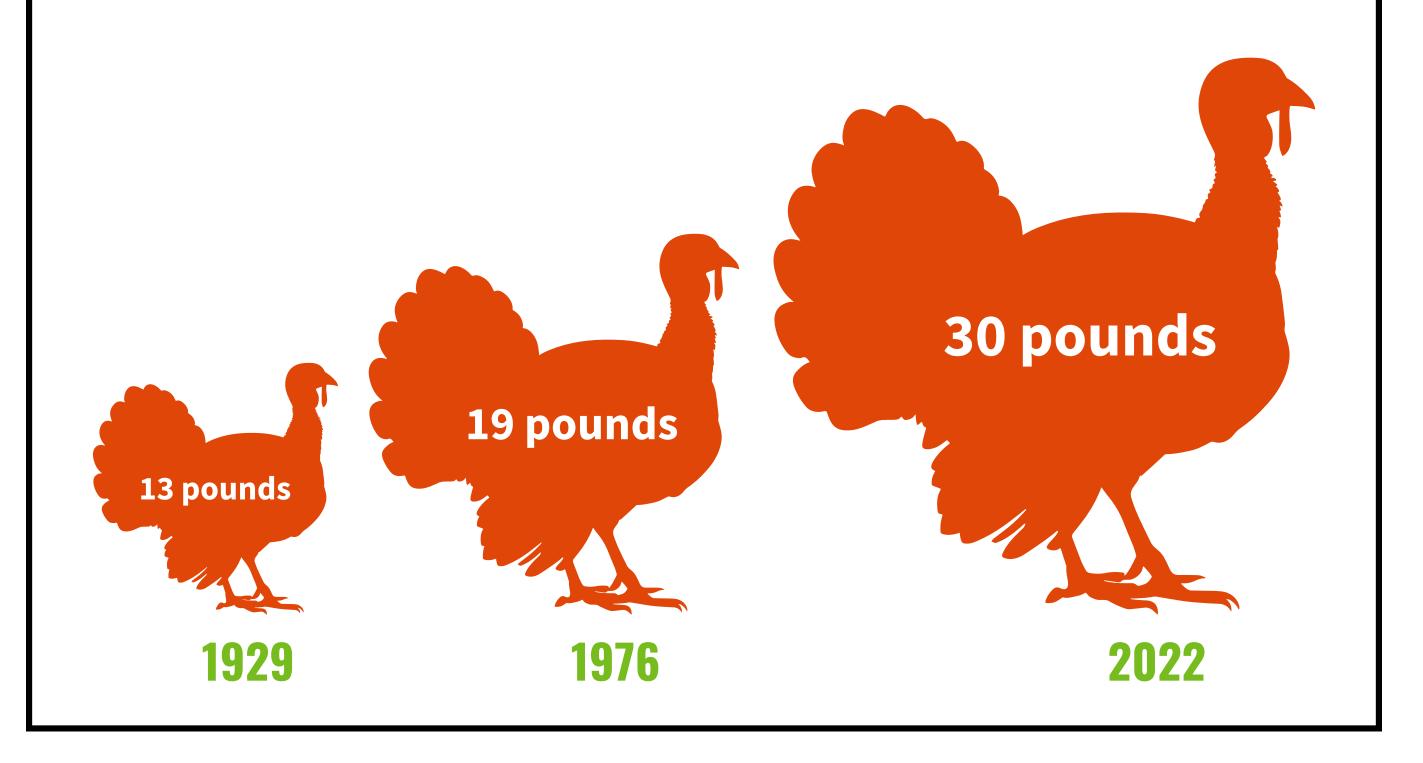
5 months



Average Turkey Life Expectancy: 10 years

UNNATURAL GROWTH

Average weight of domestic turkeys at approximately 16 weeks of age.





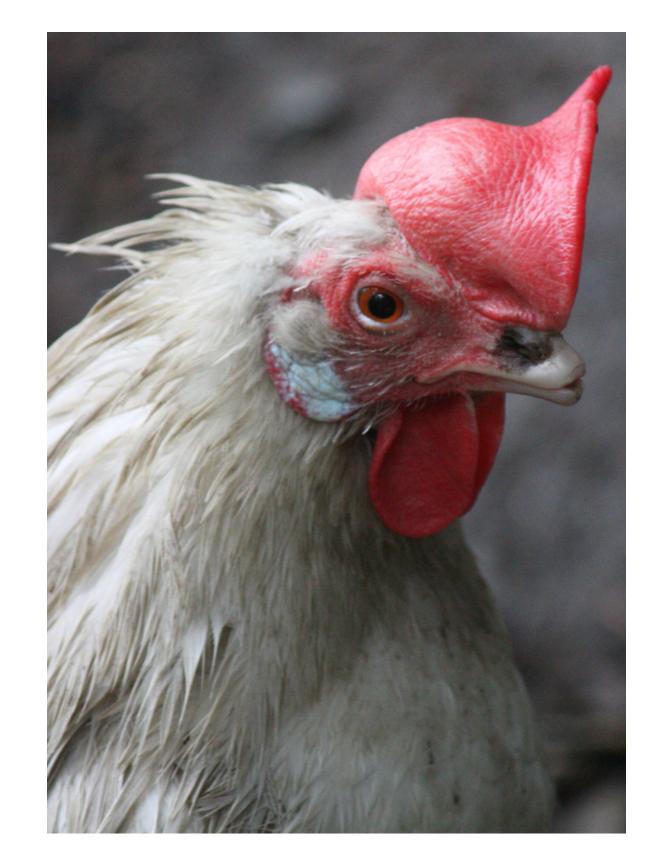
Dog Towne "Pod"

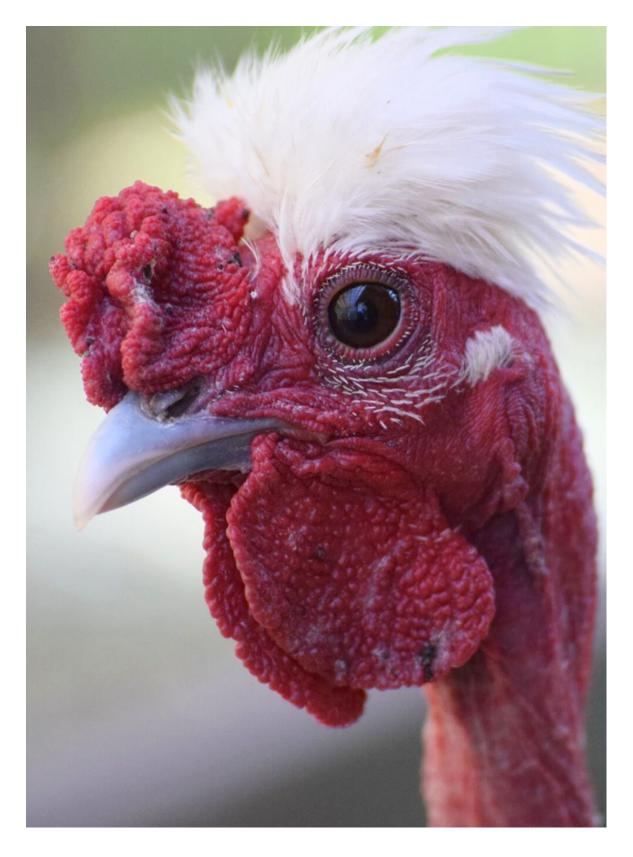


Dog Towne Personal Room



Dog Towne Personal Yard



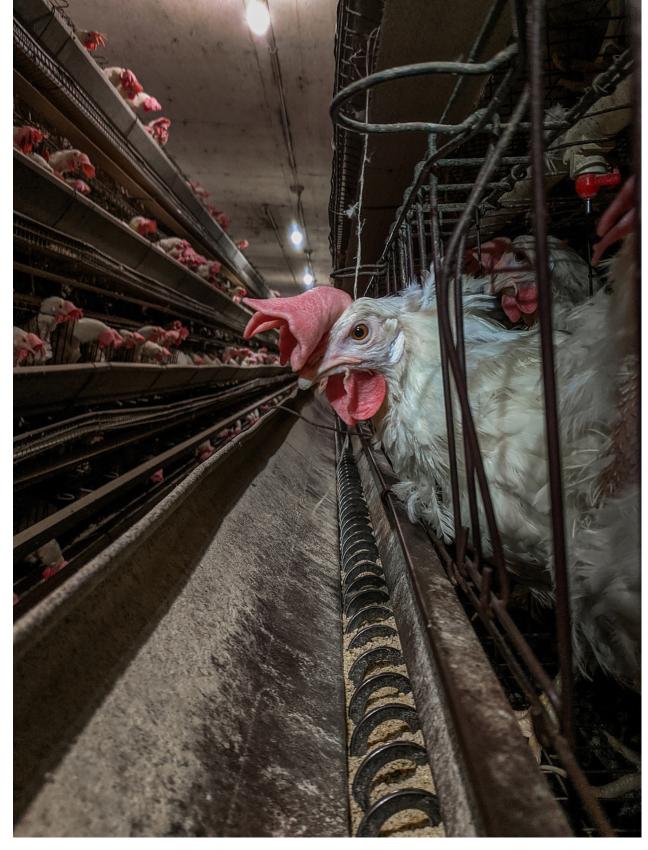


Chickens: Docked vs. Undocked Beaks



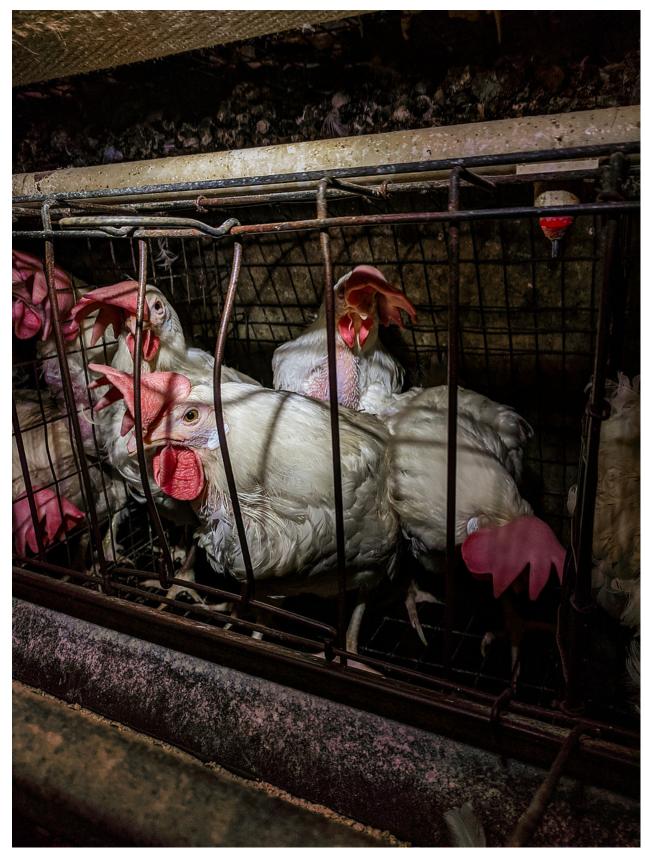
Chicks raised for meat stand crowded together on the barn floor of a small, family-run, free-range organic chicken farm.

Spain, 2010. Jo-Anne McArthur / Animal Equality / We Animals Media



A hen used for egg production looks through the vertical bars of an old and obsolete style of battery cage. Countless hens live here, crowded inside long rows of such cages.

Quebec, Canada, 2020. Existence / We Animals Media



Crowded hens used for egg production stare out through the vertical bars of a dirty and obsolete style of battery cage.

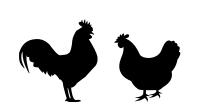
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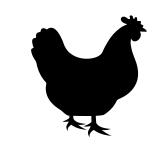
Roosters in the egg industry:

1 day.



Chickens in meat industry:

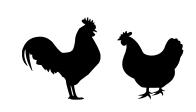
6 weeks





Hens in the egg industry:

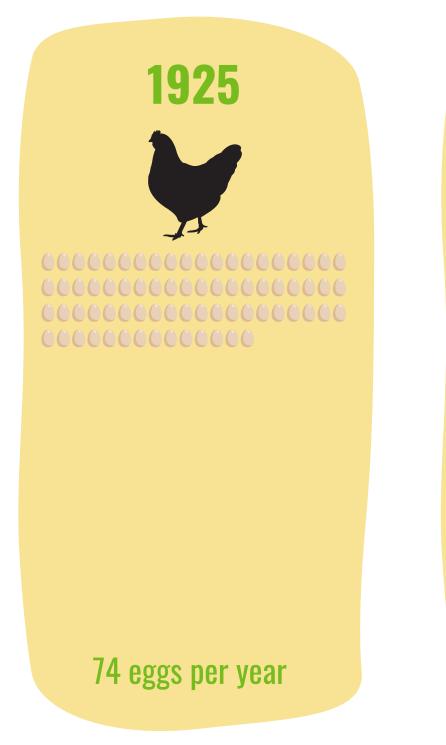
1.5 years.

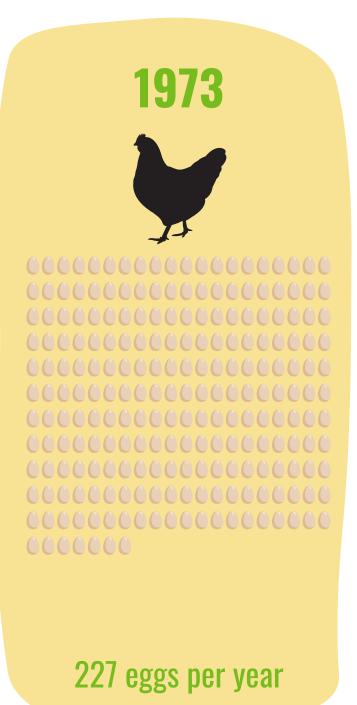


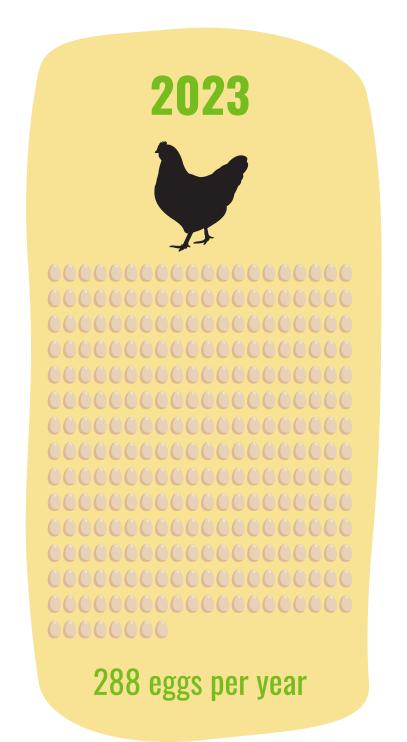
Average Chicken Life Expectancy: 10 years

UNNATURAL PRODUCTION

Average yearly number of eggs produced per laying hen in US egg farms.

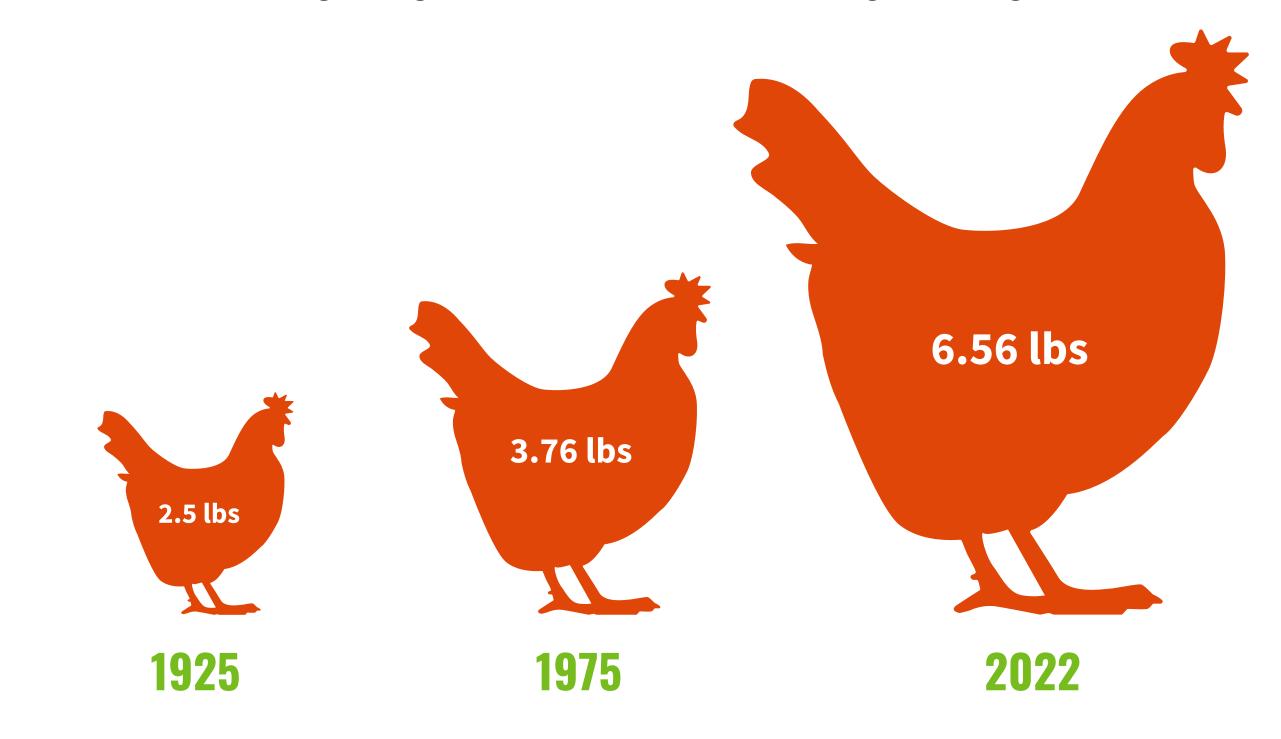


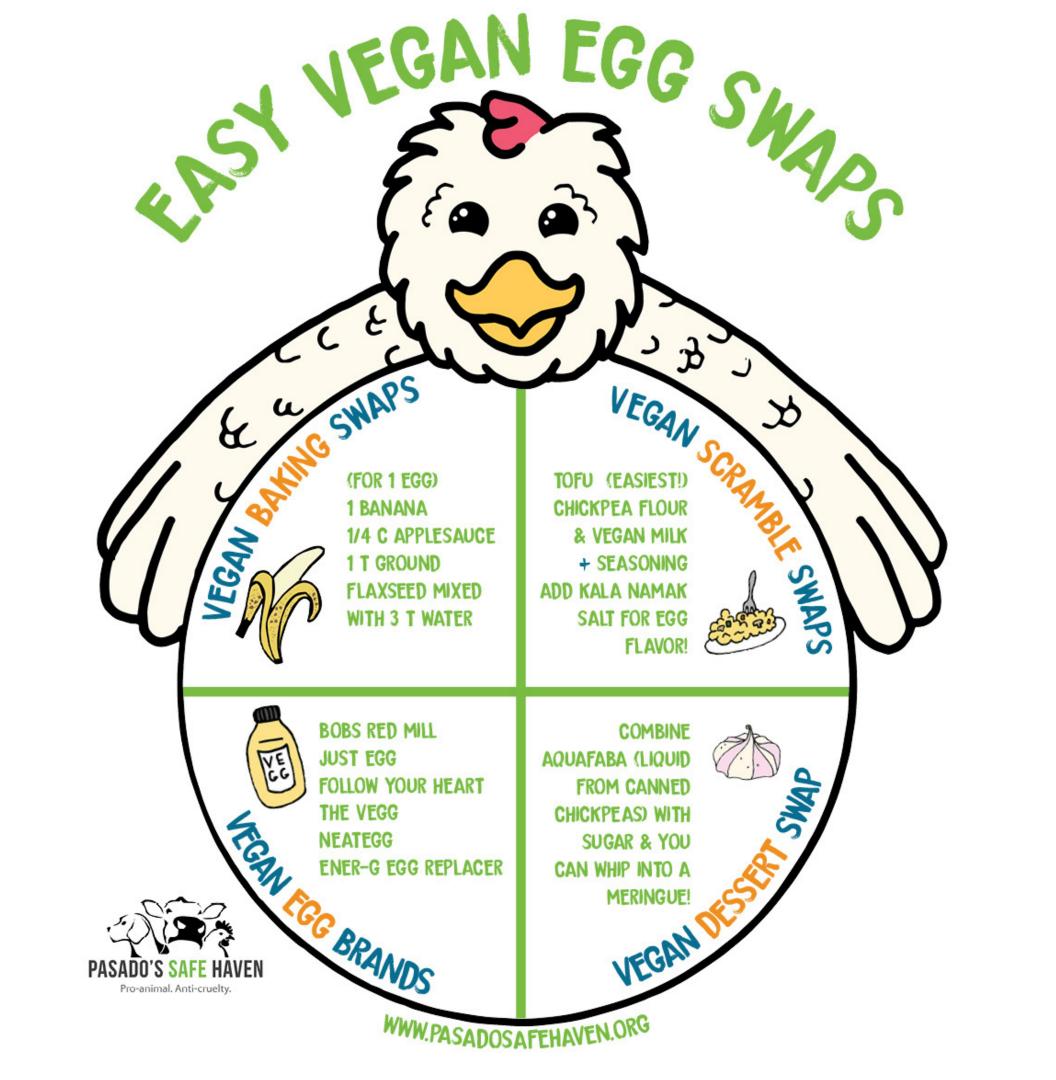


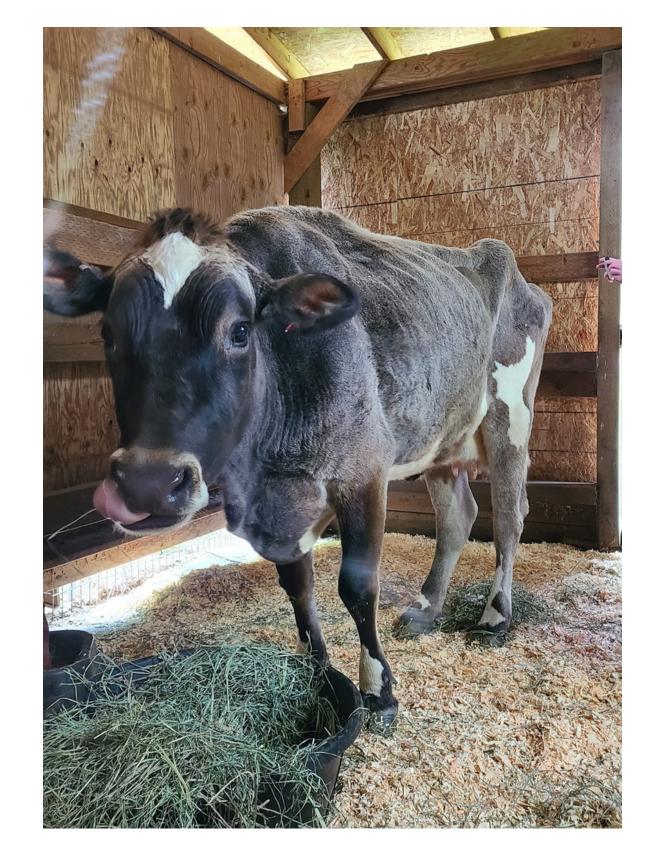


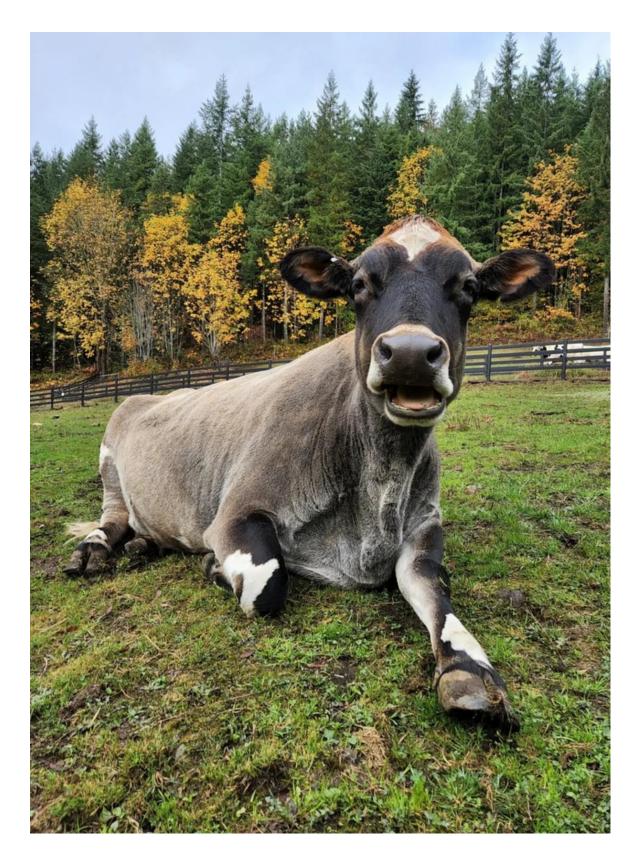
UNNATURAL GROWTH

Average weight of **domestic chickens** at age of slaughter.

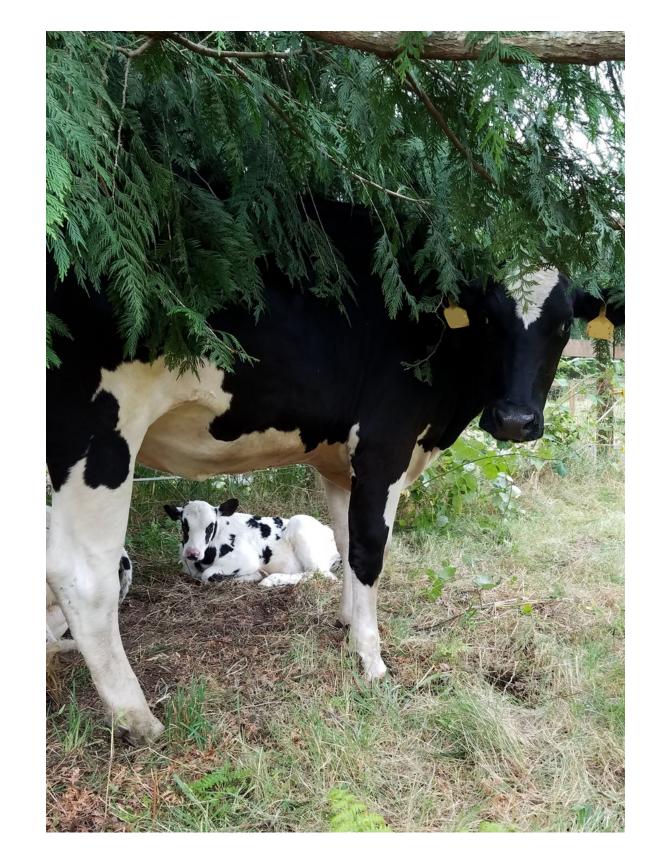


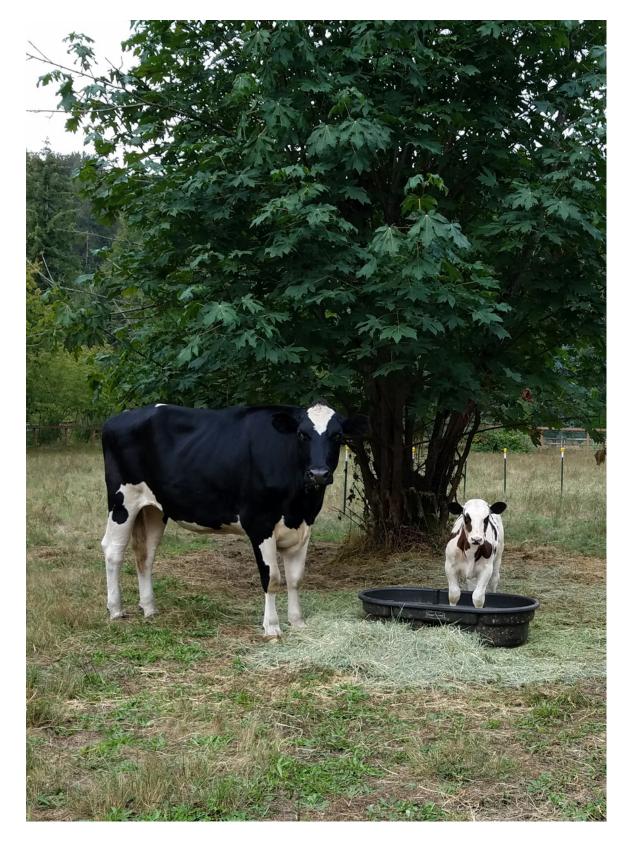






Hope: Before and After





Cow Families: Baby Journey & Aunt Belle



A cow inside a large dairy farm. The cows do not go outside.

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A young segregated calf licks a bucket that hangs on the outside of their individual pen on a Polish dairy farm.

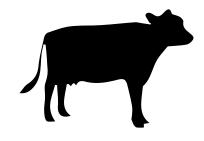
Poland, 2017. Andrew Skowron / We Animals Media

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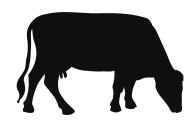
Calves raised for veal:

16 weeks



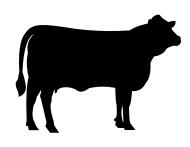
Cows in the beef industry:

1.5 years



Cows in the dairy industry:

5 years.

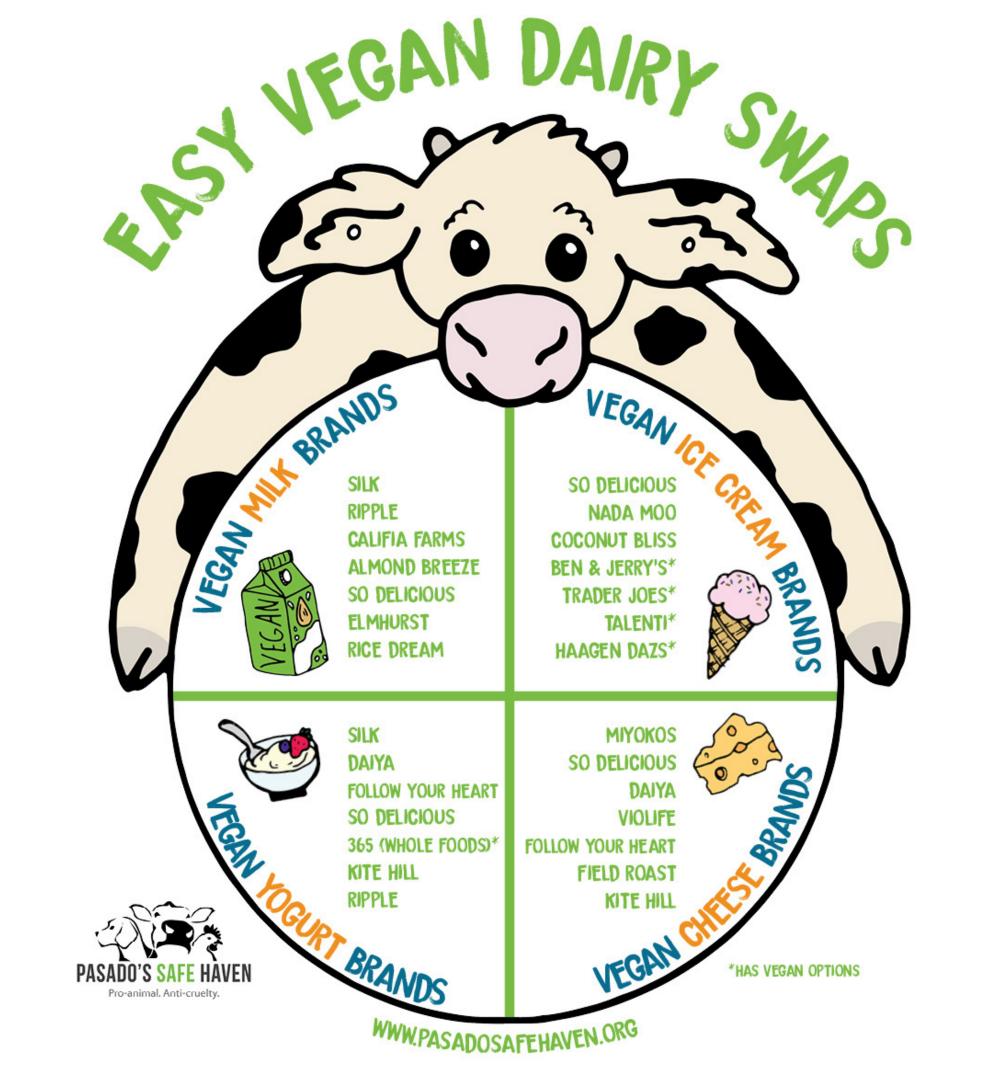


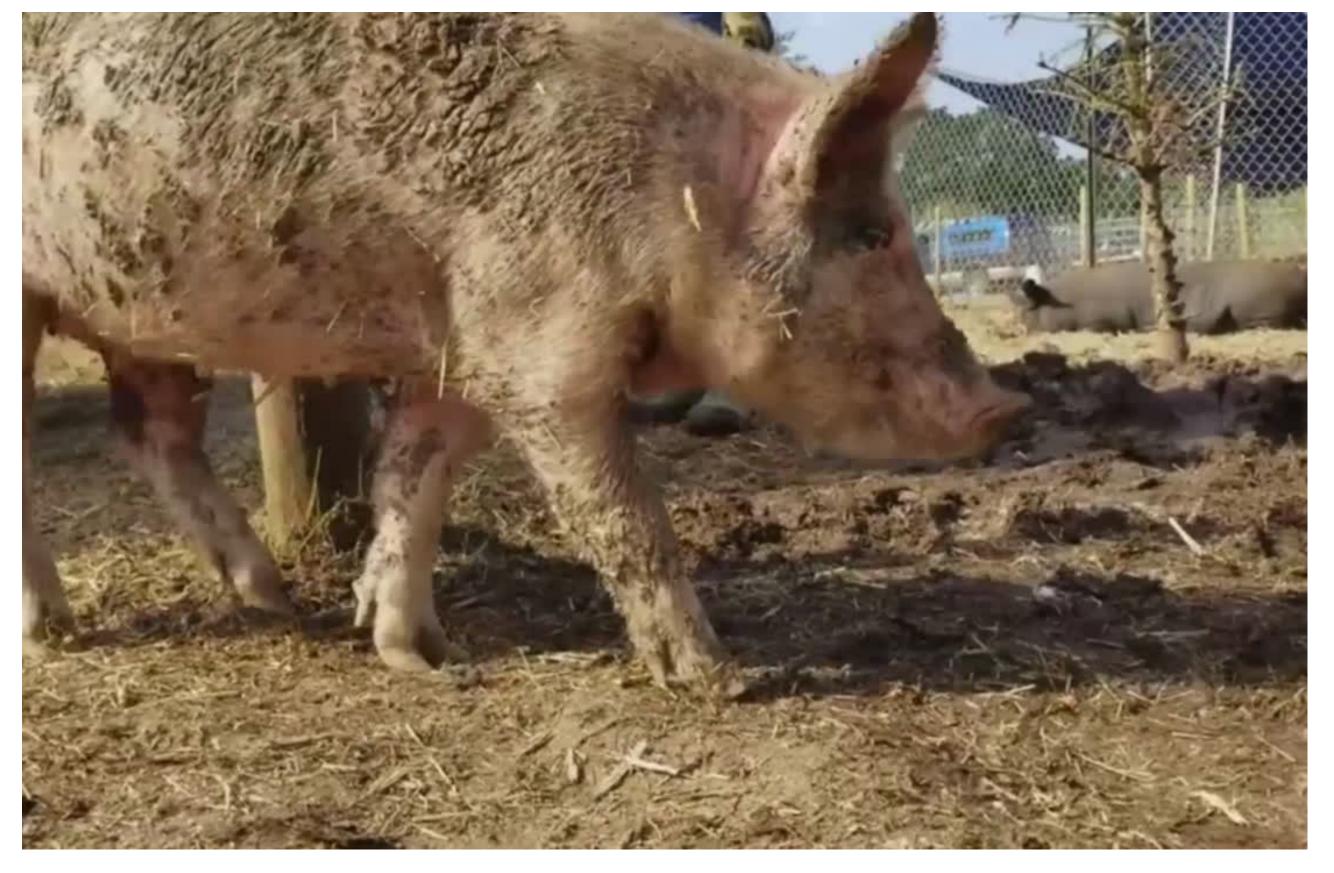
Average Cow Life Expectancy: 20 years

UNNATURAL GROWTH

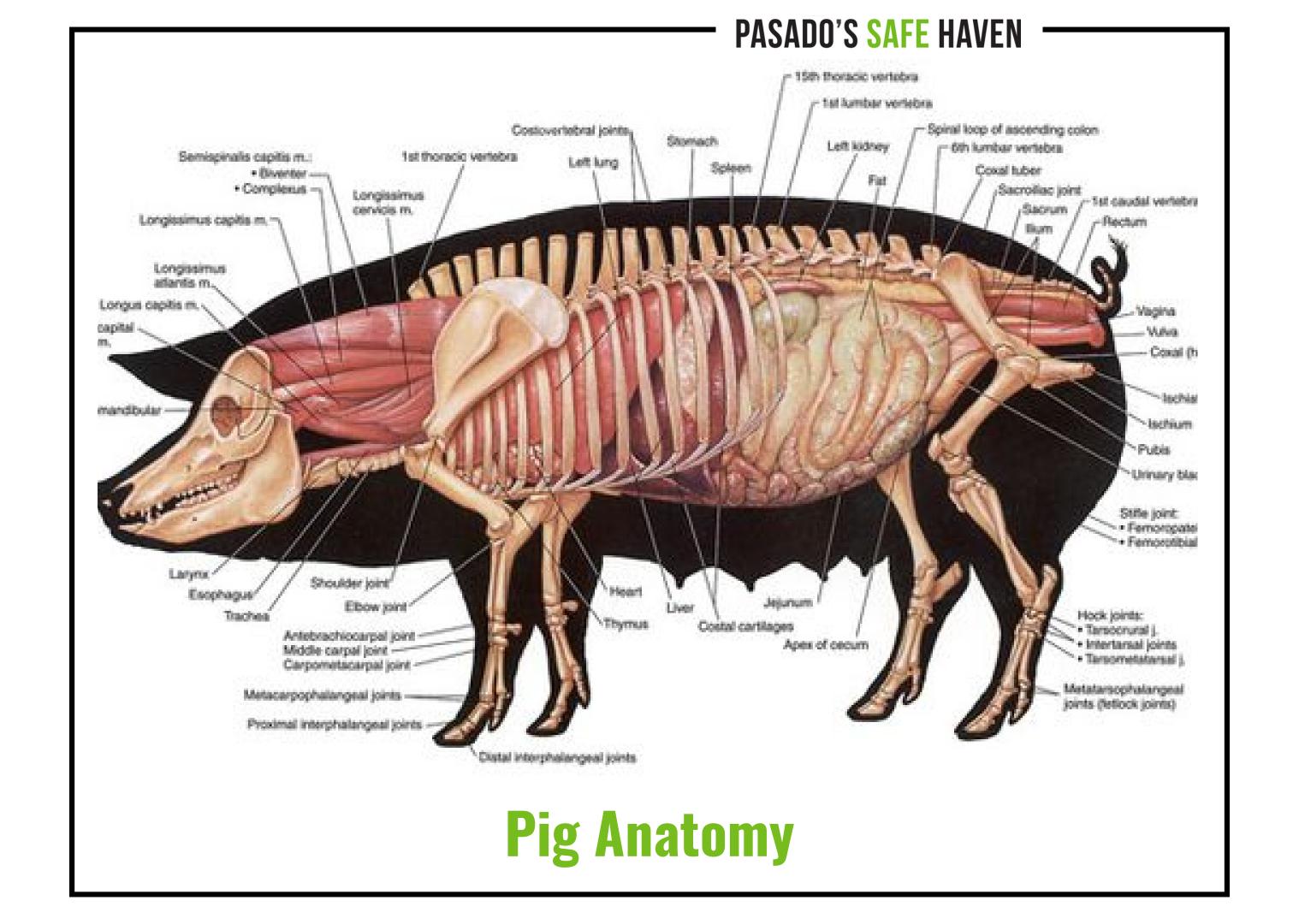
Average weight at slaughter of cows raised for beef.







Rose: Before Rescue





Weaned piglets stand crowded inside a barren pen at a large pig farm. In such facilities, they live on bare grated floors and are offered no enrichment, natural light, or outdoor access.

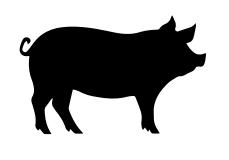
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Rows of sows live confined to gestation crates at an industrial pig farm. The bare, concrete-floored enclosures are large enough only for the sows to sit, stand and lie down, but they cannot walk or turn around. A concrete wall is their only view.

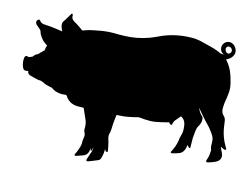
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Pigs raised for meat:

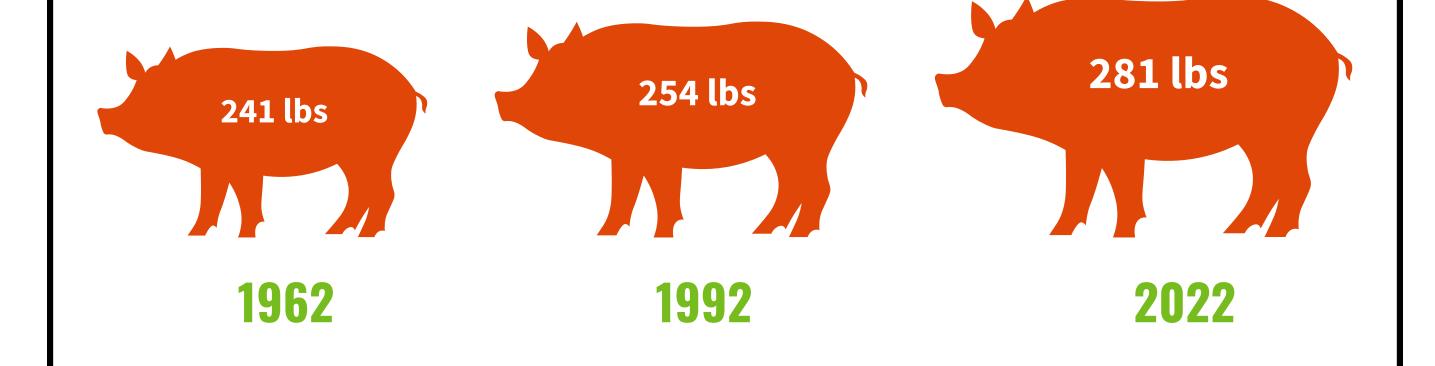
5 months

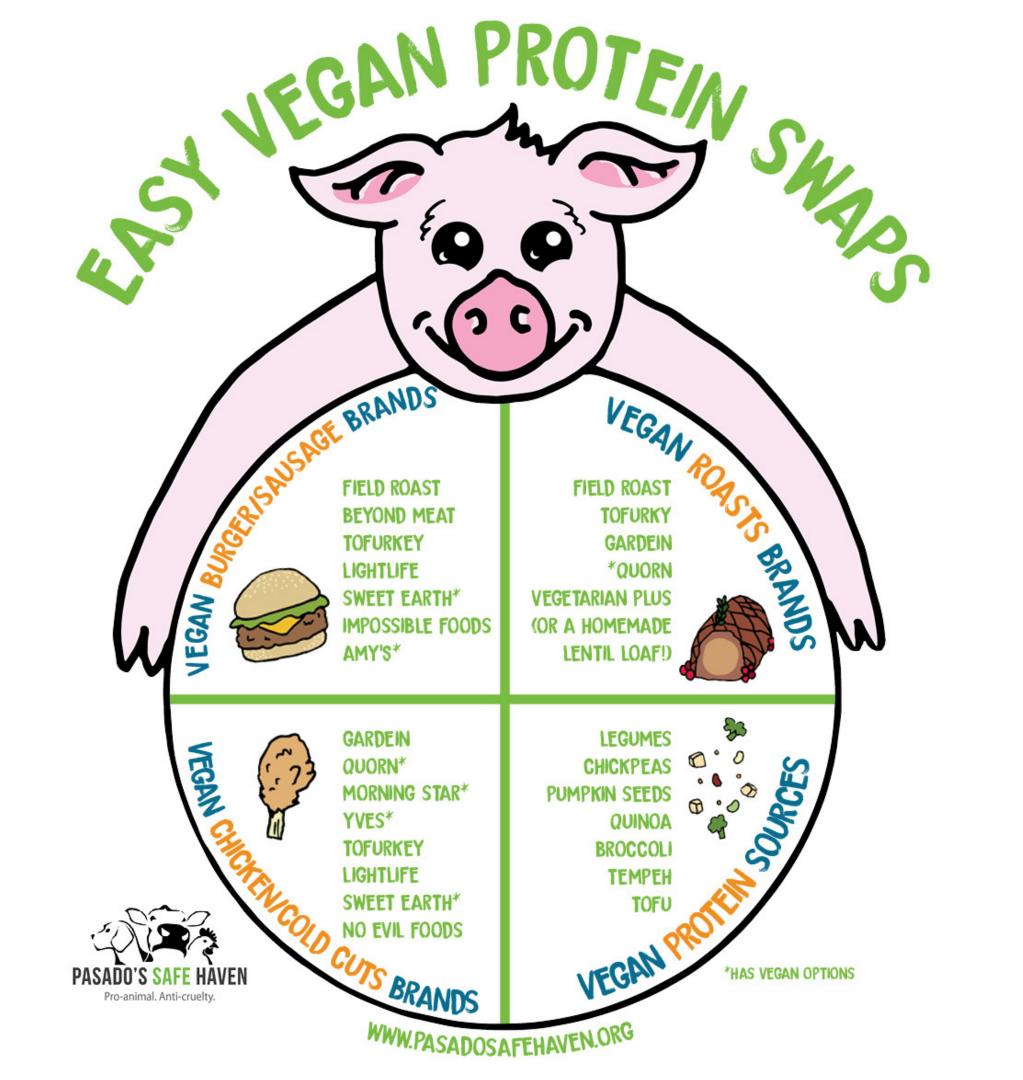


Average Pig Life Expectancy: 15 years

UNNATURAL GROWTH

Average weight at slaughter of pigs raised for pork.







Victor: Before Rescue

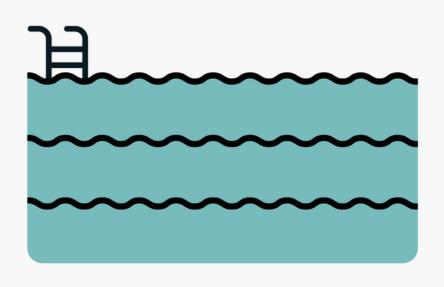


Alphabet Sheep: Before Rescue

A 30% switch to plant proteins by 2030 could...



Offset almost all aviation emissions



Save 7.5 million swimming pools worth of water a year



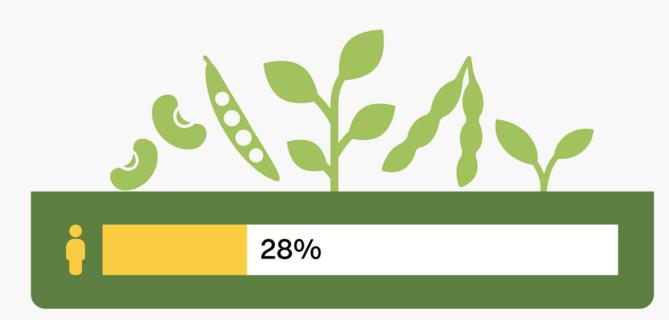
Free up an India-sized (carbon sink)

Source: Kuepper, B. (2023): Impacts of a Shift to Plant Proteins

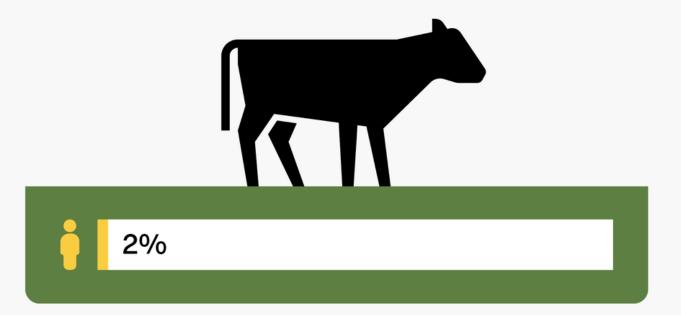
A relatively small shift from meat to plant proteins has outsized benefits for climate, nature and water.

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The world can produce 14 times more protein on the same area of land by simply switching from meat to plant alternatives



A mix of beans, peas, oats and soybeans satisfies the protein needs of 28% of the world's population in 2030



Beef satisfies the protein needs of 2% of the world's population in 2030

Source: Kuepper, B. (2023): Impacts of a Shift to Plant Proteins – Effects of a reduced meat production on GHG emissions, land, and water use

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COMPASSIONATE LABELING

As consumers, we can all make a positive di erence for animals - if we know what to look for. Use this guide to identify the labels that will help make your purchases more compassionate.



THE LEAPING BUNNY

This logo is considered the highest standard in cruelty free. Companies that show the leaping bunny logo are required to go a number of audits to prove that they do not test on animals. The leaping bunny is also the only international 'no animal testing' icon.



THE PETA BUNNY

This logo means a company has pledged to PETA that they will not test on animals. Companies must complete a questionnaire and sign a statement of assurance verifying that they do not conduct, commission, or pay for any tests on animals for ingredients, formulations, or finished products and that they pledge not to do so in the future.



CERTIFIED VEGAN

This logo means that the product is vegan, defined as containing no animal ingredients or by-products. The company must also provide signed documents proving they meet the criteria and have paid to use the certified vegan logo.



VEGAN SOCIETY

This logo means that the product and ingredients do not contain any animal product, by-product or derivative and does not involve testing by the manufacturers. Companies need to provide signed written statements by the manufacturer with documents proving they meet the criteria.



WE ALL WANT TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES

The best thing we can do to avoid contributing to the su ering of animals is to reduce or eliminate animal cruelty from our consumer choices. But remember, it's not about being perfect – it's about doing what we can!





The and AGE FREE re industry makes the following claims to promote product sales but these labels are loosely defined, unregulated, and even misleading.



Cages may be prohibited but hens are oen still raised in enclosed, windowless warehouses. These enclosures are far from what most would consider ethical, but people are misled by the 'cage free' label. Note: Chickens and turkeys raised for meat (as opposed to eggs) are not usually caged, rendering the label meaningless on those products.



FREE RANGE

A farm needs to demonstrate that the animals have "access to the outdoors" but size, quality, and duration of access to that outdoor space is unregulated. This means that conditions vary greatly and there is no way to know what this label actually means.



ANTIBIOTIC FREE

Use of antibiotics is associated with the confined and unhealthy conditions found in the animal agriculture industry. Lack of antibiotic use does not guarantee better welfare. In fact, it can cause more problems for the animals because they are not treated for the diseases that oen spread in these environments.



HORMONE FREE

Hormones are oen used in the animal agriculture industry to increase the animals' natural production or to make them grow at an unnatural rate—resulting in increased pain and suffering. Many people believe that they avoid this when they purchase food with a "hormone-free" label. However, these claims are meaningless and not approved by the USDA since all animals produce hormones naturally.



GRASS FED

Animals that are 'grass fed' are required to have pasture access during most of their growth, but feedlots, antibiotics, and hormones are allowed in their final months. This label tells us nothing about how the animal was treated—only that they were fed grass.



NATURAL

As defined by the USDA, this term only refers to how meat is processed aer slaughter, not how an animal was raised.



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How did we get here?

A History of Factory Farming

Crescent began planting crops and domesticating wild animals - the ancestors of the sheep, goats, cows, and pigs that we know today. From there, the world saw a shift from hunter-gatherer to agricultural societies.



Following Christopher Columbus' voyage, European colonists brought the people they enslaved, diseases, and farmed animals to the New World. Within decades, the animal species brought in to be used for farming were bred to became populations of millions



18th & 19th centuries

The Americas became more dependent on animal-based farming, requiring extensive use of land. The British Agricultural Revolution also began, bringing the adoption intensive crop rotation systems, making it feasible to feed and produce larger numbers



centuries

The Industrial Revolution inspired technologies used for mass production, including the industrialization of animal agriculture. Selective breeding of farmed animals started; creating sheep who grow unnaturally long wool, cows who produce more milk, turkeys who grow unnaturally large, etc. .



Use of antibiotics began in the agriculture sector in the US. The ability to drastically reduce the spread of disease in farmed animals led to higher productivity and even greater growth in animal agriculture industry.



As the industry continued to grow in the US, legislation granting federal funds further increased the level of production. Starting with the Agricultural Adjustment Act, agricultural subsidies became disproportionately allocated towards supporting animal agriculture.



By the end of the century, the annual number of animals killed for food neared 10 billion, with 99% of them raised on factory farms. The influence of factory farming had drastically changed our relationship with our food system, agricultural workers, and the animals.



As more people have become aware of the cruelties and inequities with the animal agriculture industry, organizations and individuals have mobilized to shine a light on the dark realities of industrialized farming and advocate for legal and systemic change.



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