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Turkeys live like this for 3 to 6 months with no room to move, no fresh air, no quiet, no flight. Then they are trucked to slaughterhouses—in all kinds of weather with no protections—where they are hung up by their legs, have their throats slit so they bleed out. Then they are dunked into scalding water for feather removal—some conscious when they reach the water, some not. Their flesh is then "processed" to become turkey dinners, deli slices, pot pies or broth.

Modern turkeys are genetically manipulated so they are too heavy and misshapen to reproduce. Males are brutally "milked" of their semen. Their semen is forcefully injected via hypodermic syringes into restrained females.

Free-range raised turkeys? Whatever advantages there may be for free-range turkeys, all turkeys raised to be food end up at the same slaughterhouses.

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