

## **“Chicken”**

### **Killing Babies for Cheap Meat**

Three hundred six-to-eight-week old chicks are killed every second in the U.S. — 18,000 a minute, 1,080,000 an hour, nine billion a year...numbers that cannot represent the incomprehensible suffering.

The “parent bird industry” produces billions of fertile eggs that are hatched in industrialized crates. Hatchlings are shipped to warehouses with 30-50,000 other birds, the air thick with toxins and ammonia; nothing natural provided.

Selective breeding and genetic manipulation have resulted in bodies unable to support the birds’ unnatural growth. Broken, weak, twisted legs and heart attacks are common.



At six to eight weeks of age the birds are roughly grabbed three or four at a time and stuffed into carriers on trucks and shipped to slaughter, usually with no protection from sweltering heat or freezing rain or snow.

At the slaughterhouse, the birds are dumped onto conveyor belts where a “live hanger” grabs them and slams their legs onto hooks, hanging as many as 15 birds a minute. A live hanger can hang 5,000 birds each workday.

The conveyor belt drags their heads through electrified water, not to stun them, but only to immobilize them to better position them for the rotating neck-cutting blades.

Those who are still alive will finally die, boiled alive in scalding water designed for the final indignity, removal of all their feathers. Then they are sliced and packaged.

So much suffering for a mouthful of food.

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