“Pink Slime” is a meat by-product used as a food additive to ground beef and beef-based processed meats, as a filler, or to reduce the overall fat content of ground beef.

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Dairy cows are intensively confined in factory farms and lead desperately unhappy lives. They are slaughtered when they can no longer produce enough milk to be worth their feed.

Nearly all cows used for dairy in the U.S. are eventually slaughtered at an average of less than 5 years of age for human consumption. In a natural setting, a cow can live more than 20 years.

This animal, who has spent her life indoors, typically on hard, abrasive concrete floors and frequently connected to a milking apparatus, now experiences an end to her short life. After living such a life, her flesh is not premium, and so it is used for hamburger, soups, dog and cat food and “Pink Slime” (see sidebar).

Transportation to the slaughterhouse is taxing on their already worn-out bodies, and cows are sometimes unable to walk to the kill floor, thus engaging a variety of inhumane processes to move them along.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Try the Impossible Burger at Burger King, The Beyond Meat Burger at Carl’s Jr. or Hardee’s. Plant-based burgers are sold at Costco (Impossible and Beyond Meat) and are sold at most other markets.

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