

Cows do not naturally produce milk in an ongoing way. Cows are mammals, and like all mammals, they produce milk after having a baby. The “dairy” industry forcibly impregnates cows and then takes the calves from their mothers. The calves are then turned into “dairy” cows themselves, or killed as “veal.” Under normal circumstances, cows would stay with their young and breastfeed their young for years. Cows, like all mammals, have a deep maternal drive and feel great pain at being separated from their young. They cry out and struggle and attempt to prevent their calves from being taken. Instead of breastfeeding their young, they are mechanically milked and their breastmilk is sold as “dairy.” Once they start having a low supply of milk they are forcibly impregnated again and their child is stolen again. This is repeated over and over until the cow is too old and then she is killed. “Dairy” cows may birth and lose more than ten calves in their lifetime. The “dairy” industry is an industry of mass sexual and reproductive violence carried out against billions of cows. Repeatedly forcibly impregnating someone and stealing her children over and over so that we can have her breastmilk is a horrifying form of torture. Cows are sentient beings. Cows are mammals who are biologically driven to stay close to and protect their young. The fact that cows are not human beings does not give us the right to do this to them. It is profoundly wrong. There is no way to mass produce “dairy” without this horrifying sexual and reproductive violence. Therefore, “dairy” must be abolished.