

# WTF Hormel?!

Rampant pork production speeds have an alarming impact on: **The Environment, Animal Welfare, Worker Safety, Inspection and Public Health.**

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## Methane

Waste lagoons for swine produce 920,000 metric tonnes of methane per year

## Ammonia

Travels by air up to 300 miles. Highly toxic to aquatic life, and a respiratory irritant to humans

### THE ENVIRONMENT

## WASTE LAGOONS

The mad rush for more pork production means more pig poop, too. A lot more. Swine waste lagoons can be as large as 7.5 acres. They emit and often overflow with toxic substances...

### Antibiotics

24.6 million lbs given to livestock annually



### Pathogens

150+ including: E. Coli, Anthrax, Salmonella, Ringworm

**Hormel**  
Fremont, NE  
**2,000,000 lbs** of pork product per week

**Hormel**  
Headquarters — Austin, MN (1.1 million-sq.-ft.)  
**19,000 hogs** processed daily

**Hormel**  
Vernon, CA  
**1,600,000 hogs** processed in a year (2004)



**20% Faster** line-speeds than normal processing plants

### EXPERIMENTAL

## PROCESSING PLANTS

These monstrous Hormel plants operate under special rules designed to maximize speed and profits — but at what cost?

**\$9.3 Billion** in revenue, 2014 (Hormel)



## Over 350 safety violations

at these three Hormel pilot plants in 2012

### ANIMAL WELFARE

## INHUMANE HANDLING

In the hustle to move swine into the processing plants, hogs can go through the butchering process fully conscious, including being scalded alive



### WORKER SAFETY

## DANGEROUS SPEEDS

The single largest factor contributing to worker injuries is the speed at which the animals are killed and processed

**62** Hard-cutting motions per minute



**30,000** Hard-cutting motions per shift

**“Food safety has gone down the drain.”**  
Former Inspector, Whistleblower Affidavit #3 for GAP/FIC

### INSPECTION & PUBLIC HEALTH

## WHAT GETS IN YOUR FOOD

Hormel inspectors have only **3 SECONDS** to view each hog carcass for signs of disease and contamination



**600+** food safety violations reported at just one of these plants from 2008-2011

**“Personally, I will not eat any products that bear the name of the company for which this meat is produced. I don't think that it is wholesome or safe to consume.”**  
Joe Ferguson, Whistleblower Affidavit #4 for GAP/FIC



## WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT THIS

Tell Hormel to put public health first and **SLOW DOWN!**

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