
















An Unnatural Life Span

Slaughtering animals when they are babies is standard, whether they're raised conventionally or in operations that are labeled "humane," "sustainable," "natural," "free-range," "cage-free," "heritage-bred," "grass-fed," "local," or "organic."

	Slaughter Age	vs.	Natural Life Span	
"Veal" Calves	1-24 weeks		15-20 years	
Chickens (<i>"Meat" breeds</i>)	5-7 weeks		Up to 8 years*	
Ducks	7-8 weeks		6-8 years	
Rabbits	10-12 weeks		8-12 years	
Goats	12-20 weeks		12-14 years	
Geese	15-20 weeks		8-15 years	
Turkeys	4-5 months		Up to 15 years*	
Pigs (<i>"Meat" breeds</i>)	6 months		10-12 years	
Lambs	6-8 months		12-14 years	
"Beef" Cattle	18 months		15-20 years	
Chickens (<i>Egg layers</i>)	1-2 years		Up to 8 years*	
Pigs (<i>Breeding sows</i>)	3-5 years		10-12 years	
Dairy Cows	4 years		15-20 years	

*Most chickens and turkeys are bred to grow so fast that their bodies cannot endure very long.
When not bred for consumption, chickens and turkeys can grow at a rate their bodies can sustain for many years.