

Animal Polling



Online sample of 1000 respondents fielded over web panels on January 21 and weighted to education, gender, race, respondent quality, and 2020 election results. The margin of error is +/- 4.8

When animals are raised for meat in the US, there are some common practices that many consider inhumane. Which comes closest to your view: (N=617)

	All	D	I
Consumer should only buy products from companies with more humane practices	22	23	22
Consumers should not eat meat.....	5	5	5
Meat companies should develop technological alternatives to the inhumane practices.....	28	28	29
Governments should ban inhumane practices	31	33	28
I disagree that common practices are inhumane	14	12	17

In the US pork industry, male pigs are generally castrated with a knife without anesthetic, since uncastrated pigs sometimes develop a strong, unpleasant odor known as "boar taint" in their meat. Which comes closest to your view: (N=617)

	All	D	I
Consumers should only buy eggs from companies that don't do it	9	6	13
Consumers should stop eating pork.....	11	11	11
Meat companies should develop technology to remove boar taint via giving the pigs a shot	47	48	44
Governments should ban it	21	28	12
This practice is acceptable and should continue.....	13	7	19

In the US seafood industry, fish are often slaughtered in inhumane ways, such as via an ice bath or through suffocation. Which comes closest to your view: (N=617)

	All	D	I
Consumers should only buy fish from companies that slaughter fish humanely.....	12	12	13
Consumers should stop eating fish	4	4	5
Seafood companies should develop technologies that allow for the humane slaughter of fish	39	43	35
Governments should ban inhumane slaughter practices.....	23	25	20
Current practices are acceptable and should continue	21	16	28

Below are a series of practices common on animal farms. For each, say whether you think the practice is acceptable or unacceptable: Cutting the tails of newborn pigs (N=617)

	All	D	I
Acceptable.....	28	20	39
Not Acceptable	72	80	61

Below are a series of practices common on animal farms. For each, say whether you think the practice is acceptable or unacceptable: Physically castrating pigs without anesthetic (N=617)

	All	D	I
Acceptable.....	16	9	25
Not Acceptable	84	91	75

Below are a series of practices common on animal farms. For each, say whether you think the practice is acceptable or unacceptable: Keeping pigs in tight cages for weeks where they cannot turn around (N=617)

	All	D	I
Acceptable.....	12	10	15
Not Acceptable	88	90	85

Below are a series of practices common on animal farms. For each, say whether you think the practice is acceptable or unacceptable: Keeping chickens in cages about as tight a standard sheet of paper (N=617)

	All	D	I
Acceptable.....	14	10	18
Not Acceptable	86	90	82

Below are a series of practices common on animal farms. For each, say whether you think the practice is acceptable or unacceptable: Killing newborn male chicks with a meat grinder because they cannot lay eggs (N=617)

	All	D	I
Acceptable.....	13	11	15
Not Acceptable	87	89	85

Below are a series of practices common on animal farms. For each, say whether you think the practice is acceptable or unacceptable: Cutting off the beaks of newborn chicks so they don't peck at each other on the farm (N=617)

	All	D	I
Acceptable.....	22	15	31
Not Acceptable	78	85	69

Below are a series of practices common on animal farms. For each, say whether you think the practice is acceptable or unacceptable: Breeding chickens so they put on weight so quickly they often break their own legs (N=617)

	All	D	I
Acceptable.....	17	14	21
Not Acceptable	83	86	79

Below are a series of practices common on animal farms. For each, say whether you think the practice is acceptable or unacceptable: Slaughtering fish by freezing them to death (N=617)

	All	D	I
Acceptable.....	34	30	40
Not Acceptable	66	70	60

Below are a series of practices common on animal farms. For each, say whether you think the practice is acceptable or unacceptable: Suffocating them by removing them from water (N=617)

	All	D	I
Acceptable.....	27	18	37
Not Acceptable	73	82	63

Below are some ways that technologies could be used in animal farming. For each, say whether you think it is a good use of technology or a bad use of technology Using gene editing to create pigs that never develop boar taint (Boar taint refers to a strong, unpleasant odor that develops in the meat of uncastrated pigs. In the US pork industry, this has led to male pigs being castrated with a knife) (N=617)

	All	D	I
Good use of technology	69	69	69
Bad use of technology	31	31	31

Below are some ways that technologies could be used in animal farming. For each, say whether you think it is a good use of technology or a bad use of technology Developing a way to remove boar taint via a shot, rather than through castration with a knife (N=617)

	All	D	I
Good use of technology	81	84	77
Bad use of technology	19	16	23

Below are some ways that technologies could be used in animal farming. For each, say whether you think it is a good use of technology or a bad use of technology Using AI and computer vision to detect whether animals are being slaughtered humanely (N=617)

	All	D	I
Good use of technology	74	77	71
Bad use of technology	26	23	29

Below are some ways that technologies could be used in animal farming. For each, say whether you think it is a good use of technology or a bad use of technology Using AI and computer vision to monitor the weights of each animal so they can be sent to slaughter at the optimal time (N=617)

	All	D	I
Good use of technology	74	73	76
Bad use of technology	26	27	24

In the US poultry industry, chicks are generally hatched at a “hatchery,” and then transported to the farm where they’ll be raised. For each of the following, say whether you think it is a good use of technology or a bad use of technology: Developing technology to hatch eggs on the farm, so that live chicks don’t have to be transported long distances (N=617)

	All	D	I
Good use of technology	84	85	82
Bad use of technology	16	15	18

In the US poultry industry, chicks are generally hatched at a “hatchery,” and then transported to the farm where they’ll be raised. For each of the following, say whether you think it is a good use of technology or a bad use of technology: Developing technology to hatch eggs on the farm, so that chicks can start gaining weight as quickly as possible (N=617)

	All	D	I
Good use of technology	63	65	61
Bad use of technology	37	35	39

In the US poultry industry, chicks are generally hatched at a “hatchery,” and then transported to the farm where they’ll be raised. For each of the following, say whether you think it is a good use of technology or a bad use of technology: Developing technology to hatch eggs on the farm, so that chicks are not exposed to disease during transportation (N=617)

	All	D	I
Good use of technology	87	88	85
Bad use of technology	13	12	15