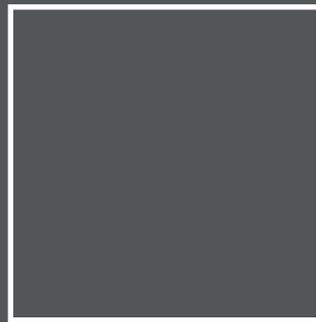


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Dignity means the inherent worth of the animal that must be respected when dealing with it. If any strain imposed on the animal cannot be justified by overriding interests, this constitutes a disregard for the animal's dignity. Strain is deemed to be present in particular if pain, suffering or harm is inflicted on the animal, if it is exposed to anxiety or humiliation, if there is major interference with its appearance or its abilities or if it is excessively instrumentalised ^[1]

Milk is a white, cloudy emulsion of proteins, lactose and milk fat in water. Humans have been using milk of many domesticated animals as food, especially as a beverage, for around 10'000 years. It is formed in the mammary glands of mammals, which use it to feed their newborns.^[2]

Water consumption is around 738 liters per liter of milk^[3] and 5288 liters per kilogram of cheese.^[4]









Average annual lactation per cow

1998: 5'500 litres

2019: 6'972 litres



In embryo transfer (ET), the suckler cow is given three hormone injections within three weeks before fertilization. The change in the hormone level ensures an increase in the number of eggs produced in the fallopian tube, which are fertilized in the third week by the ET-team using previously obtained semen.

The resulting embryos are then rinsed out of the cow's uterus, counted and cooled to -196°C on site.







The bird's egg of the domestic hen is used biologically to produce her offspring. As an agricultural product, it is used by humans as food.^[5]

Today's hens lay about 320 eggs in a year. Until the middle of the last century, there were 118 eggs per hen.^[6]





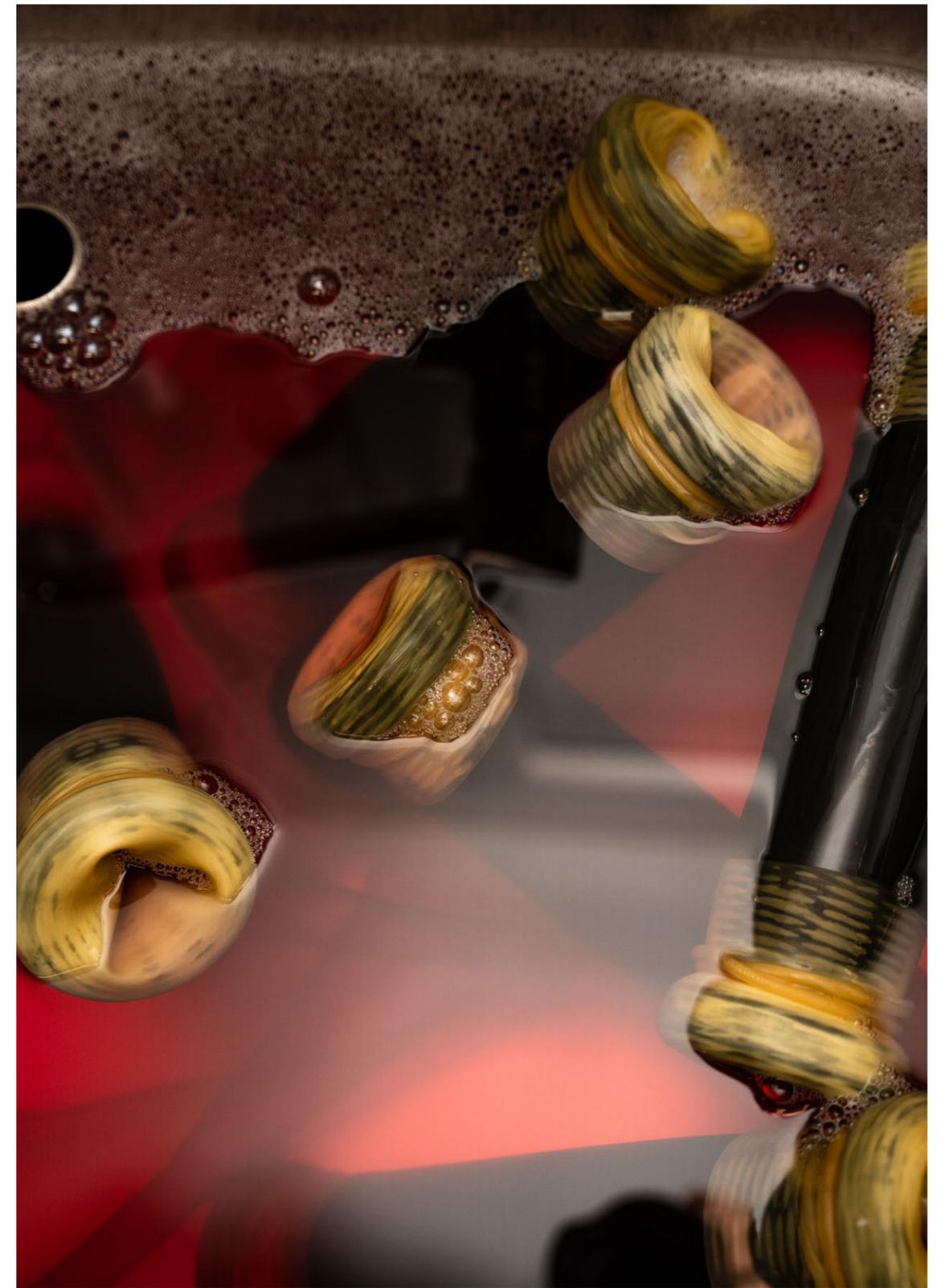




Livestock farming occupies 83% of the world's arable land and provides 18% of global caloric needs. ^[7]

We could feed another 3.5 billion people if we consumed the feed ourselves. ^[8]















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By realizing the extent of industrialized livestock farming, after 23 years of blind enjoyment, I decided to ditch animal products. I would like to critically question this decision with my work and get to know the people who have found their calling in animal agriculture. In this work I would like to share my findings and give space to the people who showed me their everyday life, their commitment and activism on the farm and the meadow.

I am convinced that we need to radically rethink how we deal with our environment. That we should include everyone, especially those who have found their calling in the livestock industry. That only if we have a fact based, collective understanding of the conditions, we'll be able to share a future among and with animals in this world. I hope that we realize, that every living being should be valued and that we share our planet with everyone, animals and humans alike.

Picture to the left shows me, our dog and a newborn calf 1998.

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