Supermarket Pork	"Pig-Happy Pork"
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Raised: Inside a confinement building. High density.	Raised: Outdoors. Very low density.
Economics: Corporate contract. Non-sustainable margins. Subsidized.	Economics: Independent Family Farm. Sustainable margins. No subsidies.
Method of Confinement: Very small indoor pen.	Method of Confinement: Outdoor field fencing.
Percentage of lifetime spent on concrete: 100%	Percentage of lifetime spent on concrete: 0%.
Manure Management: Pigs are forced to eat and sleep on slotted concrete floors directly above the manure pit for hundreds and even thousands of pigs. Manure builds- up in the dark and wet pit making conditions favorable for pathogens. Extremes of nature or human error lead to fish kills, non-point pollution and aquifer contamination.	Manure Management: Pigs live on bedding pack and outdoor paddock. Given this choice, pigs will not foul the area in which they eat and sleep. Manure is dispersed amongst wood chips and soil and is readily dried by the sun. Proper carbon and nitrogen ratios in concert with low volume eliminate potential for disasters.
Odor: Severe enough to create health concerns, litigation and legislation.	Odor: Generally undetectable. If passers-by couldn't see pigs, they wouldn't know the farm raised pigs.
Lighting & Ventilation: Artificial. Fossil-fuel dependent. Some producers keep pigs in darkness to minimize tail-biting and other stress-induced behavior.	Lighting & Ventilation: Natural sunlight. No fossil-fuel required.
Ability to act pig-like: None, due to strict confinement on concrete in dark building.	Ability to act pig-like: Pigs can root, roll, run, rub, scratch and wallow.
Antibiotics: Antibiotics administered in feed from birth to slaughter.	Antibiotics: None.
Diet: (As listed on typical feedbag) Antibiotics, grain products, plant protein products, processed grain by-products, animal protein products, animal fat preserved with ethoxyquin, dicalcium phosphate, sucrose, salt, calcium carbonate, animal plasma, choline chloride, copper sulfate, chromium tripicolinate, ferrous sulfate, artificial flavoring, dried yucca shidigera extract, calcium pantothenate, menadione dimethylpyrimidinol, bisulfite (source of vitamin K), L-carnitine, biotin, DL-methionine, vitamin E supplement, vitamin A, supplement, propionic acid (a preservative), acetic acid (a preservative), sorbic acid (a preservative), benzoic acid (a preservative), mono-and di-esters of 1,2 propanediol, ferrous carbonate, hydrated ammonium phosphate, zinc amino acid complex, manganous oxide propyl benzoate, manganese amino acid complex, vitamin D-3 supplement, propyl acetate, copper amino acid complex, calcium iodate, BHA, cobalt glucoheptonate, magnesium oxide, sodium selenite.	Diet: Certified Organic grains, forage, fresh air, sunshine.
Source of animal protein by-products fed to pigs: Derived from slaughter house wastes from beef, hog, sheep and poultry packing plants. Some examples include rendered offal, hooves, bones, feathers, blood, etc. No distinction made between animal species leading to the probability that cannibalism is introduced into the feeding program.	Source of animal protein by-products: No animal by products
Shipping for slaughter: Often transported to transfer stations where held overnight in extremely crowded and dirty conditions. Transport to large corporate packing plant is often hundreds of miles. High stress.	Shipping for slaughter: Transported directly from our farm to small, family owned meat service. Never mixed with animals from other farms. Lower stress.
Slaughter: Thousands of hogs slaughtered continuously on high speed automated line every day. Tasks are specialized, repetitive and dangerous leading to high turnover.	Slaughter: Family-owned meat service processes 30-50 hogs once a week utilizing skilled employees.
Enhanced Pork: Processors "enhance" pork products by injecting solutions of sodium tripolyphosphate and water. Some packers inject pork to gain up to 20% in weight. Processors claim these solutions create tender meat and are preferred by consumers. Regardless, consumers pay by the pound for pork containing up to 20% water and sodium tripolyphosphate.	Enhanced Pork: Your pork will not be injected with water, sodium tripolyphosphate or anything else. Your pork will be tender and flavorful not because of water and chemicals, but because the animal's diet and environment were superior in every regard.
You Pay For: Pork, water, chemical brinesolution.	You Pay For: Pork.
Society Pays For: Government subsidies; environmental damage; cultural degradation; fossil-fuel dependence; livestock siting litigation; Healthcare concerns.	Society Pays For: Nothing. When we raise pigs in a sustainable paradigm, our end products are pork and compost. You get the former. Our fields get the latter. "Pork is Pork"?? There is a big difference! Your taste buds will confirm this!

Knowledge... Peace-of Mind... Perhaps the most important ingredients of all.