Ethical Dilemma

For the sake of efficiency and lower costs, Premium Standard Farms of Princeton, Missouri, has turned pig production into a standardized product-focused process. Slaughterhouses have done this for a hundred years--but after the anumal was dead. Doing it while the animal is alove is a relatively recent innovation. Here is how it works.

Impregnated female sows wait for 40 days in metal stalls so small they cannot turn around. After an ultrasound test, they wait 67 days in a similar stall until they give birth. Two weeks after delivering 10 or 11 piglets, the sows are moved back to breeding rooms for another cycle. After 3 years, the sow is slaughtered. Animal-welfare advovates say such confinment drives pigs crazy. Premium Standard replies that its hogs are in fact comfortable, arguing that only 1% die before Premium Standard wants them to and that their system helps reduce the cost of pork products.

DIscuss the productivity and ethical implications of this industry and these two divergent opinions

GRADING RUBRIC

(QUESTIONS, ETHICAL DILEMMA, PROBLEMS)

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