



## **General questions**

1. What problems can you identify in this story? Are solutions presented?
2. In what way might this story be relevant in your community?

## **Further exploration**

1. Many meat packers and other essential supply chain workers are from immigrant communities already facing other consequences of poverty. How might those compound the toll of the pandemic?
2. The food supply chain in the U.S. is efficient, but if one piece slows, it causes massive disruption. Should we consider alternative supply chain models? What might that look like?
3. Pork farmers wanted the plants to reopen as soon as possible to prevent the euthanization of millions of hogs and costing millions of dollars. That cost was weighed against the health risk of the workers who would have to return to the plant being exposed to COVID-19. Does one demand outweigh the other? Why or why not?