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**INQUIRY INTO USE OF BATTERY CAGES FOR HENS IN
THE EGG PRODUCTION INDUSTRY**

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The idea that animals are a commodity that have no rights and it acceptable to treat them cruelly abhors me. Battery cage egg farming epitomises this despicable notion. Where money is concerned it seems that any amount of cruelty is acceptable. I challenge you to show me one person who can go into an egg battery and not feel appalled. Even to the point that perfectly healthy animals are disposed of at a set age as a routine. I have cared for 3 rescue chickens from an egg battery since August 2018 and to my surprise, they still produce eggs at an alarming rate. My little girls are such characters and to think that most of their cell mates that served humans their entire life would have come to an awful end really makes me sad. Surely we are better than this.