

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

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I would like to state my preference for having all chickens free-range, rather than in a cage. After taking in several rescue hens from battery farms it is now very difficult to imagine our hens being caged. They are such busy creatures, rarely stopping, always looking for worms or eating bugs, or whatever - generally taking care of business in the yard. Clearly they are not made for being in cages.

Please outlaw the battery hen model of producing eggs, so that all egg producers are on a level footing and no hens need to suffer in the process.

There is clearly a market for free-range eggs, so there is simply no need to have battery hens. Surely the only purpose the battery model serves is making better profits for producers and providing consumers with budget eggs.

Please take this step towards making this industry have a conscience towards the animals it profits from - animals that are sentient.