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

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the egg industry is inherently cruel..hens mostly kept in appalling conditions, forced to lay eggs till they are "burnt out",losing their lives early to become meat, pet food, fertilizer.

Several decades ago chicken was expensive, a luxury...due to our greed, chickens are mass produced, fed antibiotics to put up with the stress of unnatural lives ...all so we can eat cheap food..the repercussions are endless..issues are our health, obesity, not to mention issues of ethics, animal welfare, animal cruelty.

If we do eat eggs and chicken meat, the animals should at least have the best, most natural lives possible before being slaughtered for our benefit. A natural life for a hen would at least involve living cage free, access to sun, dirt, space;

the public is increasingly aware of these issues and , I believe,would be willing to pay a little more for certified free range eggs, cruelty free farms, best practice...