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

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In today's society human life is valued but animal life is not. When I was a little girl we had chickens that roamed free and only went into their pens "willingly" at night for their own protection. They were happy and the eggs they produced were a vital source of our diet.

I believe it is important that we treat them with respect as they are valued and their eggs are eaten by humans in our daily life. However if we continue with our barbaric act of keeping them in battery cages it obviously states that we society don't care about them. If an animal is treated cruelly they will not respond in any way that is positive as their health both mental and physically is severely damaged.

A chicken kept in a battery cage I believe will produce an inferior product.

We should value chickens who don't have a voice and we as a people should consider this and stop battery cages.