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

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I'm sure the majority of human animals have no understanding of the lack of understanding of animals' intelligence and sensitivity. If humans could imagine being the recipients of many of the cruel practices we thoughtlessly force animals to endure things would be altered in favour of the domestic animals we overpower with our clever intelligence. Imagine living your whole life enclosed in a tiny space which is uncomfortable and cramped. Reminds me of the cruelty inflicted on Arabian women who displease the powers that be in that medieval country. So it's also that medieval thinking to shut up our animals that we wish to benefit from. I would think we should have moved beyond that way of treating animals and appreciate what they give us, and so reward them with the conditions they require for a healthy and happy life. And that doesn't just mean hens.