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

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The plight of chickens raised for meat has been a public issue for many years. Some would say we have made improvements in the welfare of these animals but in my view there is a long way to go. Some of the practices are barbaric and must be stopped. Throwing live male chicks into mincing machines because they are superfluous to profit, keeping egg laying females in tiny cages without the opportunity to use their natural instincts to roam and scratch the earth. Hens past their usefulness when egg production slows are killed in a torturous manner. All of this happens in a society that is growing more obese and sedentary and wasteful.

Humans can be arrogant and ill informed in relation to other animals who share our world. We also have a great capacity for change and compassion. Please help !!