

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

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I write this submission as an individual, but there is a growing number of people that share my concerns.

Imagine life as a chicken. You are bred specifically to lay eggs. If you are born male, you are killed shortly after birth. If you are born female, you are expected to produce eggs until you die.

The use of cages represents a life full of misery until these animals are lucky enough to die. Quite literally the least we could do, as a society, is to regulate the conditions under which these animals exist so they have some semblance of a life. Of course, these regulations should go much further than stopping the use of battery cages and allow these animals to have enriched and fulfilled lives.