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

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The world is clearly moving away from battery cages for egg production. It's been banned in the EU, will be gone in NZ by 2022, and California is leading the way in the USA.

We do have to make ethical decisions about where our food comes from, and while opinions range from strict veganism through to eating whatever we feel like, there needs to be an appropriate balance between animal rights and human need. While the egg industry will always result in the deaths of male chicks, eggs are a readily available source of essential proteins.

Banning battery cages is a sensible first step to reducing the overall cruelty in the industry, and as has been done in other jurisdictions, should be done with an appropriate lead time to enable the industry and the consumers to adapt.