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

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There simply has to be a better way than caged egg farming. My daughter has taken in many battery hens over the years and enabled them to live the remainder of their lives on the grass, in the sun, in the rain and in the dirt where they are supposed to be. Surely we can come up with another way to farm eggs. I have seen the state of these little hens when they come out of the cages - beaks chopped down, missing most of their feathers, underfed and sick. To see these little birds come back to life and absolutely flourish is such a joy. They are tough too, most of them living far beyond their life expectancy with good food and freedom. We must stop this barbaric practice as soon as possible. I know some people can only afford to buy the cage eggs and I don't know how we can overcome this. Someone far smarter than me may have the answer. Perhaps if enough farms took on the practice of free-range surely the price could come down. I hope and pray this industry is soon a thing of the past.