



## Eggs from caged hens - factsheet

All egg production is governed by EU legislation and there are additional standards for British Lion eggs.

- Typically a laying cage system consists of a series of at least three tiers of cages, which have sloping mesh floors, to allow the eggs to roll forward out of the reach of the birds to await collection.

- New EU legislation has meant that, since 2002, only installation of larger enriched cages has been allowed and these will completely replace conventional cages by 2012. These provide a nest, perching space and a scratching area. In the UK these are much larger 'colony' cages housing between 40 and 80 birds, giving the hens more room to move around.

- In all laying cage systems, hens have regular access to feed, which is supplied in troughs at the front of the cage, and water. Cage units also have a carefully controlled environment, so that temperature and ventilation are optimal for the birds' needs.

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