



Organic eggs - factsheet

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

In order for the eggs to be classed as organic, hens must be fed an organically produced diet and ranged on organic land.

Organic hens must be free range, which means that they must be allowed continuous daytime access to open-air runs which are mainly covered with vegetation and with a maximum stocking density of 2,500 birds per hectare.

The hen house conditions for organic hens are set by the EU Organic Regulations and stipulate a maximum stocking density of 6 hens per square metre of useable area and a maximum flock size of 3,000 birds. Hens must be provided with nest boxes. Adequate perches, providing 18 centimetres of perch per hen, must also be provided. Litter must be provided, accounting for one-third of the ground surface - this is used for scratching and dust bathing.

The higher standards governing flocks producing British Lion organic eggs include the provision of outdoor shading, additional pop-holes, open for 8 hours daily to allow access to the outside; and a maximum range area stocking density of up to 2,000 birds per hectare.

In addition, all British Lion eggs are produced to the highest standards of food safety.

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