



Barn eggs - factsheet

Barn eggs come from hens kept inside in large barns within which they can roam freely.

All barn egg production is governed by EU legislation and there are additional standards for British Lion eggs which ensure that hens producing barn eggs in the UK are kept under the highest welfare standards.

The hen house conditions for barn hens are set by the EU Welfare of Laying Hens legislation and stipulate a maximum stocking density of 9 hens per square metre of useable area. Hens must be provided with nest boxes. Adequate perches, providing 15 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.

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

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