

FAQ on Eggs at AOL

What's the matter with eggs from caged birds?

Most eggs come from hens confined in what are known as "battery cages." These barren enclosures are so restrictive that the birds can barely move, let alone engage in most natural behaviors such as nesting, foraging or even spreading their wings.

Each hen is allotted only 67 square inches of cage space, less than a standard sheet of paper, on which to live their entire lives.

Are cage-free eggs safe to eat?

Cage-free eggs are just as safe to eat as any other egg in the market. Almost every major grocery store in America sells cage-free eggs, including some that only offer eggs from cage-free hens, such as Whole Foods and Wild Oats. More and more schools, restaurants, and cafes are using cage-free eggs – all without any problems.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) praised AOL's policy as an important success in the growing trend to end one of the most abusive factory farming practices. "The nation's leading Internet service provider has also become a leader in animal welfare by ending its use of eggs from birds crammed into battery cages," commented Wayne Pacelle, President and CEO of The HSUS. "We applaud AOL's efforts to reduce animal suffering, and we encourage other corporations to follow its lead."

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