

Eggs

Additional information for tool box

What means Floor management?

- On one square meter have to live 9 hens, (4 m² - 36 hens)
- The farmer keeps in one stable 6000 animals
- Just a third of the stable is deep litter scratching area
- The hens have higher perches but there is no daylight and no possibility to go outside.
- The Farmer gives medications, such as antibiotics, hormones and synthetic yolk colourants in feed or drinking water.
- Laying hens are routinely beak-trimmed, that they are not injured by pecking each other.
- The chickens lay in one year one egg a day.
- Because of the whole situation the birds are much stressed and often suffer from osteoporosis.
- They will be slaughtered after 12 month egg production.”

Organic systems are based on clear restrictions of:

- only organic feed and free from genetic engineering
- No synthetic yolk colourants
- No in-feed or in-water medications
- No synthetic amino acids or other food additives
- chickens have free-range of 4 m² per hen
- not routinely beak-trimmed

Here are some rules for organic henhouses:

- lower stocking density and smaller group sizes
- maximum of 3000 hens per house
- roosts to sit for the animals
- windows to let daylight inside”

