

Cage-Free Eggs 2025



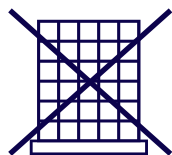
We are supporting the industry wide movement to cage free eggs to improve animal welfare. This means enriched colony caged eggs will no longer be available at the end of 2025 so you'll need to tell us which type of egg you prefer to transition to.

Cage-free egg options include:

Free range eggs - have the same indoor areas as barn, but can also go outdoors, scratch for bugs and exercise and play freely.

Barn eggs - raised indoors only but without cages and more space. They can flap their wings, dust bathe and peck - all natural behaviours for birds which improve their welfare.

What are the welfare benefits of cage-free eggs for hens?



No cage



More space per m²



Able to perch



Litter Available

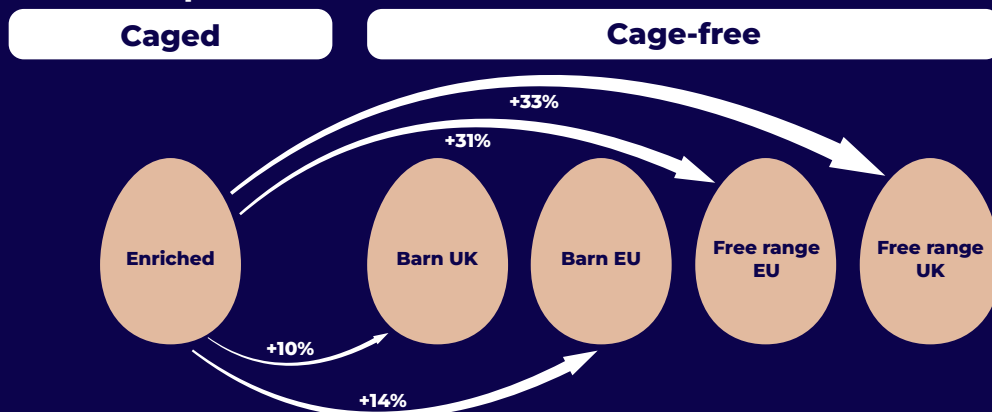


Can express natural behaviours

Comparison between types of eggs

	Enriched	EU Barn	UK Barn	EU Free Range	UK Free Range
Cage Free	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provenance	UK Lion Code	Not UK Lion code but we still ensure high food safety	UK Lion Code	Not UK Lion code but we still ensure high food safety	UK Lion Code
Food Miles	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low
Price	Least Cost	Medium Cost	Medium Cost	Highest Cost	Highest Cost
Availability	Reducing	High	Low but increasing	High	Medium - due to impacts of Avian flu
Stocking Density	13 birds/m ²	9 birds/m ²	9 birds/m ²	9 birds/m ²	9 birds/m ²
Outdoor Access	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Enrichment/Pecking objects	No	No	Yes	No but can go outside in daytime	Yes
Beak Trimming	Yes	Partially banned	Yes	Partially banned	Yes

Cost Comparison (Sept 2024 - market is currently fluctuating widely)



Cage free egg options

- 1: UK free range eggs
- 2: EU free range eggs
- 3: UK barn eggs
- 4: EU barn eggs

What next?

Let your account manager know what type of egg you will be looking for in 2025