

CAGE FREE SYSTEMS- LAYING HENS

Fit For Purpose

Provide a good quality of life

★ Cage-free pullet rearing
Synchronicity between rearing and laying systems

Include dark brooders



★ More space

Max. 9 hens/m², preferably 7 hens/m²

★ Functional areas

- Day and night quarters
- Well positioned perches and ramps
- Dustbathing & pecking substrates
- Include separate activity areas



★ Water and feed

- Nipple drinkers for better litter management and less cannibalism
- Mashed food to reduce feather pecking

★ Free range

- Good coverage - artificial/natural
- Provide shade and shelter



★ Animal welfare indicators

Mortality, incidence of feather pecking, feather cover, keel bone fractures and flock behaviour.

Fit For Future

Meeting consumer expectation

★ Commitments on policy

- Pledge to be cage free by 2025
- Build a roadmap for implementation with your suppliers

★ Traceability

- Map your supply chain
- Whole eggs and ingredient



★ Communication



- Bring consumers on the journey
- Report progress publicly
- Clear and transparent labelling, including method of production

★ Pricing strategy

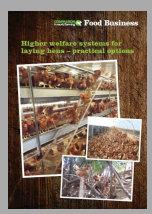
- Match supply volume with demand
- Stepwise approach

★ Sustainability

- Integrate your animal welfare policy with your wider sustainability agenda



See:



Higher welfare systems for laying hens - practical options



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<http://www.rondeeleieren.nl/>

" The best way to predict your future is to create it "

<https://www.compassioninfoodbusiness.com/resources/laying-hens/>

