

FREE RANGE EGG LABELLING

1. The welfare of the hens must be paramount in any consideration of density stocking.
2. There should be a mandatory national standard for eggs labeled “free range”
 - a. A maximum of 1500 hens per hectare should be allowed if the “free range” label is applied.
 - b. When confined at night only low density stocking should apply to sheds.
 - c. Beak trimming should not be necessary in a low-stocking environment and should be banned.
 - d. Information relating to density stocking etc should be displayed on the outside of egg cartons.
 - e. Hens should be provided with outdoor shelter.

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