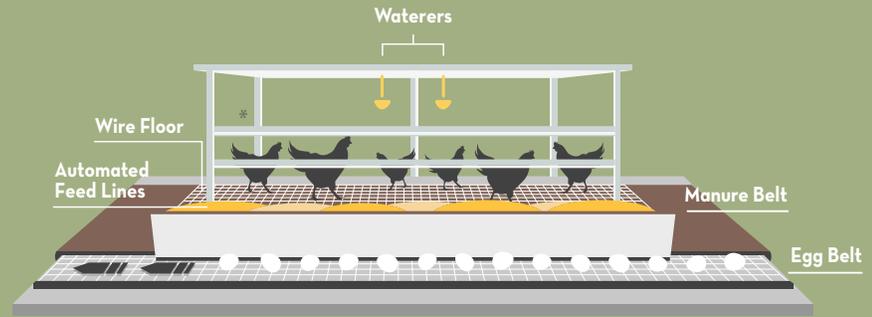


CONVENTIONAL CAGE

Hens are housed inside climate-controlled barns in stacked rows of cages. Each cage gives birds daily access to water and food. The cage has wire mesh floors that allow manure to drop through to a belt below – this keeps manure away from the birds, as well as their eggs, food and water. When a hen lays an egg, it gently rolls off the slightly sloped mesh flooring onto an egg-collection belt. The belt moves the egg to be checked for imperfections, cleaned and packaged.

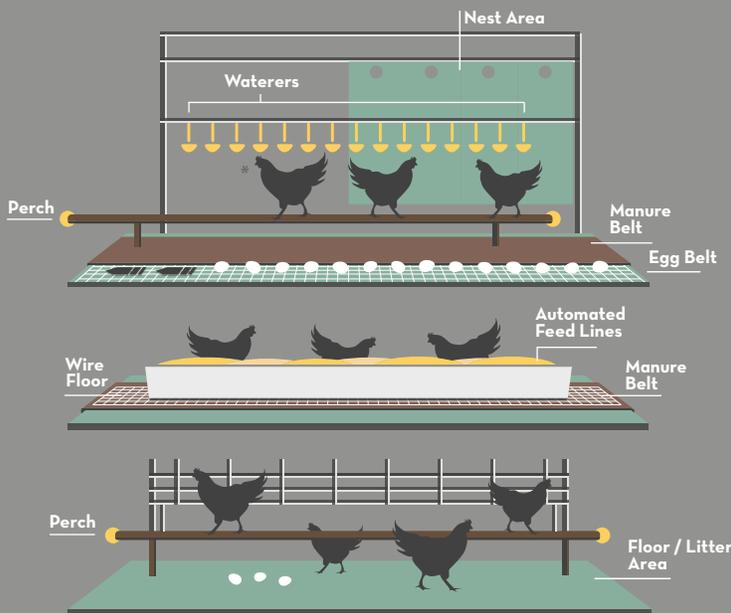


67-86
Sq. In. / hen




Multilevel rows

6-7
Hens / cage



CAGE-FREE AVIARY

Hens are housed inside climate-controlled barns and allowed to roam freely in defined sectors of the building, with constant access to food and water. There is an open floor space as well as multiple levels for hens to display natural behaviors, like perching, scratching, dust bathing and nesting. Manure belts help keep manure away from birds, as well as their eggs, food and water, though some litter is left on the floor. When a hen lays an egg, it may do so in the nest box, where it then gently rolls off the slightly sloped wire mesh floor onto an egg-collection belt. The belt moves the egg to be checked for imperfections, cleaned and packaged. Eggs can also be laid in the litter, or elsewhere in the barn. When eggs aren't laid in the nest box, they must be collected by hand and placed on the egg-collection belt.

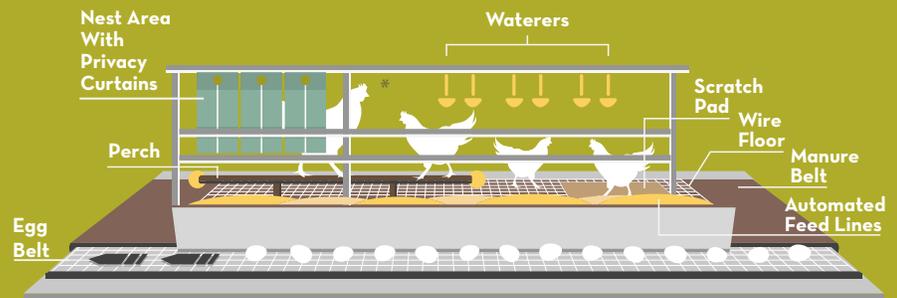
144
Sq. In. / hen




Multilevel rows

ENRICHED COLONY

Hens are housed inside climate-controlled barns in stacked rows of enclosures, with daily access to water and food. Each enclosure has wire mesh floors that allow manure to drop through to a belt below - just as with the conventional cage, this keeps manure away from the birds, as well as their eggs, food and water. There is enough space for each hen to stand, sit, turn around and extend her wings. Each enriched colony allows for natural behaviors, like perching, scratching, dust bathing and nesting. Nesting hens also have access to privacy curtains, which provide hens with privacy during nesting. When a hen lays an egg, the egg gently rolls off the slightly sloped mesh flooring onto an egg-collection belt. The belt moves the egg to be checked for imperfections, cleaned and packaged.



60
Hens / cage



116
Sq. In. / hen




Multilevel rows