

To whom it may concern,

Concisely, I am writing in emphatic support of free-range egg labelling requirements that correlate with what consumers expect. By this I mean extensive freedom of movement for chickens at all times, a low ratio of chickens to square footage, and lengthy daily access to a natural environment.

Less implicit in the term, but I feel confident in saying is desired by most free-range egg consumers, is ethical and humane treatment of the animals including male chicks, and chickens that have lived beyond their laying years.

Consumers pay a premium on free-range eggs with the expectation that their money is going towards these things. Allowing producers to dilute what they offer while maintaining prices that strain grocery budgets of those who seek to be ethical consumers is an offence.

Thank you for your time,

Rob Parry