

To whom it may concern

I have grave concerns with regard to the proposed Information Standard relating to Free Range Eggs. I believe the definition is too vague and there needs to be more detailed guidance as to what the requirements 'to provide meaningful and regular access', actually entails. This guidance should provide consumers with certainty that the free range eggs they're buying have actually come from hens with access to a quality outdoor range.

The Information Standard should tighten the exceptions for providing access to the outdoor range so that access cannot be denied on a routine basis and It should include a requirement that regulators consider the following in determining what "meaningful and regular access" means:

- o Flock size and stocking densities inside the barn;
- o Size of openings relative to the number of hens;
- o Placement of physical structures and architecture inside the barn;
- o The condition of the outdoor range including providing adequate shelter, foliage and vegetation; and
- o The extent to which hens actually access the range.

Not only will the proposed Information Standard be extremely difficult to enforce, it will also fail to provide consumers with any certainty that the free range eggs they're buying have actually come from hens with access to a quality outdoor range.

Thank you for your consideration.

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