



Free range hens

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Caged hens

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As of 1 January 2012 conventional 'barren' battery cages are banned throughout Europe. However, it is still permitted to keep hens in so-called 'enriched' cages (above). These are still battery cages. They provide just 50cm² of extra usable space per bird compared to old conventional cages, with limited provisions for a scratching area, nesting area and perches. The RSPCA is calling for all caged systems to be banned and replaced with well-managed alternative systems, such as free-range and barn.



Dairy cow

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Meat chickens

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The RSPCA believes that all chickens, whether reared in indoor or free-range systems, should have sufficient space and facilities and appropriate lighting to allow the birds to exercise freely and carry out natural behaviours, such as perching, ground pecking and foraging



Ducks

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As ducks are waterfowl, the RSPCA believes that they should be provided with access to open water sources that can be managed hygienically and enable them to fulfil their water-related behaviours



Pigs

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This photograph shows an outdoor sow and her litter. In the UK, approximately 30 per cent of sows are kept outdoors and give birth in individual farrowing arcs, with straw on the floor for comfort, insulation and building a nest



Sheep

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Atlantic salmon

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This photograph is of a mature wild salmon, the same species that is commercially farmed. The RSPCA believes that fish have the capacity to feel pain and suffer and that their welfare should be prioritised at all stages of their life cycle



Turkeys

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The RSPCA believes that all turkeys, whether reared in indoor or free-range systems, should have sufficient space, environmental enrichment and appropriate lighting to allow the birds to exercise freely and carry out natural behaviours, such as perching and foraging