

Question # in Survey	Answer categories
1. Ownership Structure	
100	Family Farm (sole proprietorship/partnership/LLC), produces all of eggs marketed
90	Farmer-owned cooperative/LLC where members produce all of eggs marketed
70	Family-owned business (sole proprietorship/partnership/LLC) with contracts/partnerships with other farmers
60	Private corporation (S-Corp/C-Corp) that produces some eggs & buys from other farmers
40	Investor-owned, public corporation, produces all of eggs
20	Investor-owned marketing firm, does not produce own eggs
0	No answer
	Other:
2. Average Flock Size	(Note: not total number of birds, but # of birds of laying age managed in each barn or flock)
100	Flocks are 500 birds or less in size (based on Animal Welfare Approved standards)
90	Flocks are 501-1,000 birds in size
80	Flocks are 1,001-3,000 birds in size
60	Flocks are 3,001-10,000 birds in size
40	Flocks are 10,000-20,000 birds in size
20	Flocks over 20,000 birds in size
0	No answer
3. Single of Double Henhouses	
100	Single
20	Double
0	No Answer
4. Other Certifications	
100	Animal Welfare Approved, Biodynamic Certified
90	Certified Naturally Grown
80	Salmon Safe, Wildlife Friendly, Predator Friendly
60	Certified Humane (HFAC), Food Alliance Certified
40	American Humane Certified (AHA), Global Animal Partnership, Certified Non-GMO

	0	UEP, none, no answer
		Other:
5. Organic Certifier		
	100	Baystate Organic Certifiers
	100	Organic Alliance International
	100	MOFGA
	100	Maryland Dept. of Agriculture
	100	Midwest Organic Services Association
	100	Montana Dept. of Agriculture
	100	Nature's International Certification Services
	100	NOFA
	100	Ohio Ecological Food and Farming Association
	100	Oklohoma Agriculture Department
	100	Organic Crop Improvement Association
	100	Stellar Certification Services
	100	Utah Dept. of Agriculture
	100	Vermont Organic Farmers
	100	Washington Dept. of Agriculture
	100	Marin Organic Certified
	100	Organic Certifiers
	100	International Certification Services
	100	EcoCert ICO
	100	A Bee Organic Certified
	85	Pennsylvania Certified Organic (PCO)
	85	California Certified Organic Farmers
	85	New Hampshire Dept. of Agriculture
	85	Natural Food Certifiers
	85	Quality Certification Services
	85	Texas Department of Agriculture
	85	Iowa Department of Agriculture
	75	Quality Assurance International

	75	Global Organic Alliance
	75	Oregon Tilth
	0	No Answer
		Other:
6. Commitment to organics		
	100	100% organic farm
	80	Company markets both organic & conventional cage-free eggs that come from organic-only or conventional-only operations
	60	Company markets only organic, even though the egg farms may have both organic and non-organic
	40	Split operations with organic and conventional cage-free eggs on same property
	20	Split operations with organic and caged conventional hens on same property
	0	No answer
7. Indoor Space per bird		
	100	greater than 1.8 square feet per bird or full outdoor access for birds
	80	1.5-1.8 square feet per bird
	50	1.2-1.49 square feet per bird
	20	less than 1.2 square feet per bird
	0	No Answer
8. Indoor enrichments		
	100	Perches, scratching areas and deep litter; or year-round pasture access also receive highest score for indoor enrichment
	80	Majority but not all farms have perches and other indoor enrichments
	60	Scratching areas and deep litter, no perches
	20	No perches, no scratching areas, and bare flooring
	0	No Answer
9. Litter Management		
	100	Litter freshened weekly and/or year-round pasture access
	80	Litter freshened often but not year-round pasture access
	60	Litter freshened annually

	30	Litter freshened after each flock is removed
	0	Litter is not freshened; No Answer
10. Natural Light		
	100	Birds have ample access to the outdoors for natural light during all daylight hours
	90	Abundant natural light is available inside the house
	80	Limited natural light available inside the house/artificial lighting does not exceed 16 hours a day
	20	Henhouse is lit exclusively by artificial light or turned on more than 16 hours a day
	0	No Answer
11. Outdoor space per bird		
	100	108 or more square feet per bird
	80	43-107 square feet per bird
	70	10-42 square feet per bird
	60	5-9.9 square feet per bird
	40	2-4.9 square feet per bird
	20	1-1.9 square feet per bird
	0	No outdoor access, No answer
12. Popholes/Exit to Outdoors		
	100	Birds kept on rotated pasture in mobile housing; or at least 1 large door for 75 birds or less
	90	One door for every 76-250 hens
	80	One door for every 251-500 hens
	70	One door for every 501-1,000 hens
	40	One door for every 1,001-3,000 hens
	20	One door for every 3,001-10,000 hens
	10	One door for over 10,000 hens
	0	No Answer
13. Outdoor Enrichments		
	100	Feed+water+shade outdoors

	80	Water+shade outdoors
	60	Shade outdoors
	0	None or No Answer
14. Outdoor space exemptions		
	100	Outdoor access year-round; birds choose to go in or out during daylight hours as they please
	90	Outdoor access year-round except during inclement weather
	70	Confined seasonally or daily with regulated hours of outdoor access
	30	Confined periodically. For what reasons?
	0	Confined all the time or no answer
15. Outdoor management system		
	100	Rotated pasture with mobile housing; moved every 1-2 days
	90	Rotated pasture moved weekly
	80	Rotated pasture with mobile housing; at least one move per month
	70	Fixed housing with rotated pasture managed for good cover (at least 75% cover), or mobile housing moved at least once per year
	60	Fixed housing with non-rotated outdoor space
	20	Fixed housing with little outdoor space, not all birds can go outside at same time
	10	Fixed housing with porches/fenced in sunrooms/winter garden without vegetation
	0	No outdoor access/no answer
16. Manure Handling System		
	100	Manure is recycled on the farm- used as fertilizer for crops and/or pasture, without causing nutrient pollution
	90	Manure is shared/sold with local farmer(s) who grow feed for our chickens
	80	Manure is properly composted and sold off-farm
	50	Contract farmers manage their own manure- some use and some sell it
	40	No manure management system; just left in piles indefinitely
	10	Manure is managed in pond/slurry system
	0	No Answer

17. Forced Molting	
100	No forced molting whatsoever
50	Some feed and water reduced during molting
10	Complete feed and water withdrawn during molting
0	No Answer
18. Beak Trimming	
100	No beak trimming/tipping ever
80	Beaks are only be tipped on day one, not fully trimmed
70	Beaks have to be trimmed prior to 10 days of age
50	No policy on beak trimming or suppliers use a variety of practices
0	No Answer
19. Laying Hen Lifespan	
100	Hens live an average of 3 years or longer, and/or die a natural death (although rare on commercial scale)
80	Hens live an average of 1.6-3 years
60	Hens live an average of 1.5 years (76-80 weeks)
40	Hens live less than 1.5 years
0	No Answer
20. Use of Spent Hens	
100	Spent hens get to continue living, die a natural death (rare on commercial scale)
100	Most spent hens are healthy enough to be sold live to people who want them for food, eggs, pets, etc
100	Most spent hens are healthy enough to be processed by farm/company for human food
80	Spent hens are processed by farm/company for pet food
70	Spent hens are processed by farm/company for fertilizer
50	Spent hens are sold to other company for processing
20	Spent hens are composted/landfilled because they are a biosecurity risk (meaning they are sick or diseased)
0	No Answer

21. Death Loss Rate	
100	Under 3% annually
80	3.1-5% annually
60	5.1-7% annually
40	6.1-8% annually
20	over 8% annually
0	Don't Know or No Answer
22. Pullets	
100	Farm breeds and incubates own chicks
80	Farm raises own pullets from chicks
70	Pullets raised by other family scale farmers nearby
60	Company raises own pullets, distributes to farmers/ or some raise own chicks while some purchase ready to lay pullets
40	Company purchases ready-to-lay pullets from outside source
0	No Answer
23. Pullet Access to Outdoors	
100	In first 6 weeks of age when they want
80	6-10 weeks of age
60	10-15 weeks of age
40	15-20 weeks of age
20	After 20 weeks of age
0	No Answer
24. Feed Produced on Farm	
100	All feed is produced on farm
80	Some grain is produced and/or milled on farm along with pasture/vegetation
75	Some feed (fodder, forages, vegetables) is produced on farm along with pasture/vegetation
50	No feed is produced on farm but birds acquire some of their dietary needs from pasture/vegetation
50	Multiple suppliers with some farms producing some or all feed, others producing no feed

	10	No feed is produced on farm nor are hens supplemented with pasture
	0	No Answer
25. Domestically Grown Feed (includes Canada)		
	100	100% of feed is grown and milled in the US/Canada
	70	We actively work to secure domestically-grown feed but can't be 100% certain
	40	Some of the feed ingredients are grown or milled outside of N. America
	0	Unknown or No answer
26. Soy in Feed (for informational purposes, no points given)		
	Yes	Laying hen feed contains soy products
	No	Laying hen feed does not contain soy products
27. Synthetic Amino Acids in Feed		
	100	No synthetic amino acids like DL Methionine are used in feed ration; alternative sources of naturally derived amino acids are utilized
	70	No more than 2lbs per ton of DL Methionine is used in feed ration
	10	More than 2lbs per ton of DL Methionine is used in feed ration
	0	Unknown or No answer
28. Disclosure		
	100	Full and open disclosure
	10 to 90	Depending on percentage of questions substantively answered
	0	No disclosure