Quality Outdoor Access

Early access to ample outdoor space with plentiful vegetation, shade, exercise areas, fresh air, and direct sunlight ensures the highest animal welfare.

Commitment to the Organic Label

Brands that only produce organic products make the biggest investments — in time and money — in systems that benefit us all.

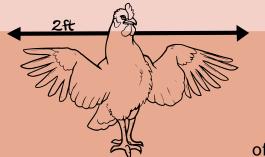


Spacing

Adequate indoor and outdoor spacing reduces stress and disease. With less crowding, birds can stretch their wings and more easily perform other natural behaviors.

Transparency

Cornucopia believes you have a right to transparency. Top brands share information with Cornucopia via a survey and cooperate with our own independent investigations.



Flock Size

Smaller flock sizes (the number of laying hens per housing structure) offer better animal welfare conditions.



Cracking Open Our Organic Egg Scorecard

What it takes to reach the top



Chicks

Ideally, organic feed is produced either on farm or from a regional or

Raising chicks on farm or buying them from certified organic hatcheries shows dedication to organic production from start to finish.

Alterations

Chickens use their beaks to interact with the world. Authentic organic farmers account for this behavior, eschewing beak trimming.



Feed Sourcing

domestic organic grower.

Add on Labels

Additional certifications, depending on the credibility of the label, can demonstrate a commitment beyond the organic standards.

Hen Housing Type

The best housing offers space for natural behaviors and legitimate access to the outdoors through adequate exits.

Enrichments

Year-round access to perches, scratching areas, deep litter, novel foodstuffs (like cabbage!), and dust bathing contribute to quality of life.



Environmental Impacts

Consistent soil and water monitoring and farming practices that support biodiversity and ecosystem benefits are hallmarks of ecologically based egg operations.