

# Can You Tell The Difference?



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"Cage-Free"/"Free-Range" hens come from the same hatcheries as battery-caged hens where all of their male brothers are killed, shortly after hatching, by suffocation or maceration (being crushed and ground up alive). The hens themselves endure the same bodily manipulations and mutilations as battery-caged hens. They all ultimately end up in the same slaughterhouses when their egg production declines, no matter where the egg production facility is, or how idyllic its “visible to the public” face looks, its egg-laying hens are obtained from the same hatcheries that kill all of the baby roosters at only one day old.

If the "free-range" farm hatches its own chicks, then, in order to make a profit, it still has to kill all of its baby roosters, and all of its “spent” hens. If all of the roosters and “spent” hens were allowed to live out their lives (chickens can live well over a decade), then that farm would soon have thousands of roosters and "spent" hens to care for. The lifelong care of all of those “unproductive” birds, would cut severely into any profits made by selling the eggs of younger hens.

**In order to make a profit, the numbers simply don't add up unless the inevitable killing of roosters and “spent” hens is occurring.**

**“Free-Range” Eggs Are NOT a Humane Alternative**

**There Is Only One Humane Alternative**  
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