

EGG CARTON LABELS							
	Caging	Debeaking allowed	Forced Molting Through Starvation Allowed	Third Party Ensuring Compliance	Food Restrictions	Access to Outdoors	Notes
All Natural	Caged	Debeaking allowed	Forced molting allowed	No	No	No	Not relevant to animal welfare
American Humane Certified	Both caged and uncaged	Debeaking allowed	No forced molting allowed	American Humane Ass'n	No	No	Small cages not great improvement on battery cages
Animal Welfare Approved	Uncaged	No debeaking allowed	No forced molting allowed	Animal Welfare Institute	No	Yes	Difficult to find in supermarkets; Ellis Family Farms, LLC, in Benton Harbor, MI, carries this certification.
Cage Free	Uncaged	Debeaking allowed	*	No	No	Generally no	
Certified Humane	Uncaged	Debeaking allowed	No forced molting allowed	Humane Farm Animal Care	No	Undefined	
Certified Organic	Uncaged	Debeaking allowed	Forced molting allowed	Yes	Organic, vegetarian, no antibiotics or pesticides	Possibly	
Farm Fresh	Caged	Debeaking allowed	Forced molting allowed	No	No	No	Not relevant to animal welfare
Fertile	Possibly uncaged	*	*	*	*	*	Hens were with a rooster
Free Range	Uncaged	Debeaking allowed	Forced molting allowed	No	No	Possibly	USDA has not defined standards for egg production; these data are "typical" conditions.
Free Roaming	Uncaged	Debeaking allowed	Forced molting allowed	No	No	Possibly	USDA has not defined standards for egg production; these data are "typical" conditions.
Omega-3 Enhanced	*	*	*	*	*	*	hens are fed flaxseed
Pasteurized	*	*	*	*	*	*	Not relevant to animal welfare; indicates that eggs were heated to kill salmonella.
United Egg Producers Certified	Caged	Debeaking allowed	No forced molting allowed	United Egg Producers	No	No	
Vegetarian Fed	*	*	*	*	Vegetarian only	*	No other restrictions

\*Grey cells indicate no data or no standards set.

NOTE: Nearly all commercial egg operations get chicks from hatcheries that kill newly hatched male chicks.