



THE GOOD EGG AWARDS

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OVER ONE BILLION EGGS TO BE CAGE FREE AS 70 TOP EUROPEAN COMPANIES ABANDON THE BATTERY CAGE

At celebrations at the Eiffel Tower 70 top European companies from 17 countries received Good Egg Awards from Compassion in World Farming for committing to source only cage-free (barn, free-range or organic) eggs.

These 70 companies currently use altogether over one billion eggs a year: their new policy will save millions of hens from a life of suffering in the cruel battery cage.

The Good Egg Awards were developed by Compassion in World Farming to celebrate the commitment of companies that are setting free millions of hens. This year's European winners include the famous French chef Guy Martin, Lidl in Germany, Calvé mayonnaise in Spain and twelve Italian city councils (full list below).

Previous winners of Compassion in World Farming's Good Egg Awards, now in their third year, include McDonald's Europe, Unilever, the catering of Google Europe and the European Parliament. To date, Good Egg Awards' winners have released over 25 million hens from cages every year due to their cage-free egg policies or commitments to stop sourcing their eggs from cage systems.

Compassion in World Farming's Food Business Director, Steve McIvor, says: 'Our spread of winners this year really demonstrates that Europe's food industry is taking this issue seriously. We've got companies from all corners of Europe and from all sectors of

the food industry making a move to cage-free eggs, including the catering operations of public bodies, hospitals and universities.

'They are clearly responding to what they think European consumers want and are doing what's best for the future of their business.'

The growing consumer trend for more ethically produced eggs means European companies have a clear opportunity to lead the way in animal welfare standards, ahead of the 2012 ban on barren battery cages. The ban will still allow so-called 'enriched cages', which compromise laying hen welfare. That's why the Good Egg Awards celebrate companies who are choosing cage-free eggs from suppliers who have higher farm animal welfare standards.

Nicola Caramaschi, Director of Quality, Safety and Environment at Autogrill Italy, multinational catering and retail company, the world's largest in the travel dining sector, commented: "For Autogrill adopting responsible behaviour means proactive action. Sustainability means respecting people, protecting the environment and promoting animal welfare. We are very proud that we anticipated the EU 2012 ban on battery cages. It is with great pleasure that we receive a Good Egg Award as a sign of our commitment."

Currently more than two thirds of Europe's hens are kept in battery cages, but some countries' national figures, such as Spain and Czech Republic, rise to 95 per cent. France, host country of the award ceremony, currently houses 88 per cent of its laying hen flock in cages.

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Notes to the Editors

- Statistics on egg production in battery cages vs. alternative systems per European country are available
- Photos and broadcast quality footage of hens in battery cage, barn or free-range systems are available
- A scientific briefing on the welfare of laying hens is available
- More information about the Good Egg Awards including information about award winners, quotes and statistics can be found on www.thegoodeggawards.com

List of European Good Egg Award winners

Company	Country	Number of eggs
AKH General Hospital of Vienna	Austria	665,710
Kuratorium Wiener Pensionisten-Wohnhäuser	Austria	2,676,382
MPREIS	Austria	15,600,000
Hofer	Austria	estimate 90 million
Taubenkobel	Austria	
Hanner Mayerling	Austria	37,000
Konditorei Blaschke	Austria	
Autogrill Belux	Belgium	420000
Carrefour Belgium	Belgium	100 million
Prima	Belgium	3 million
Lidl Belgium	Belgium	
Champion	Belgium	670500
Country Life	Czech Rep	31,710
IRMA	Denmark	8,877,718
Amora	France	85 million
La Mere Poulard	France	450000
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Basilic Restauration	France	
Guy Martin	France	3255 = 1500 plus 20 ltrs white; 5 ltrs yolk
Botanic	France	93880
Griesson - de Beukelaer	Germany	60,000,000
Gutshof Ei	Germany	600,000
ovofit	Germany	1,200,000
Coop	Germany	39,000,000
tegut	Germany	35,325,831
Globus	Germany	90,000,000
real,-	Germany	270,000,000
Dorint Hotels & Resorts	Germany	2,114,000
University of Karlsruhe	Germany	177,436
Aramark	Germany	2,846,463
Dr. Oetker	Germany	estimate 1 million
Lidl	Germany	estimate 350 million
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg	Germany	
University of Witten-Herdecke	Germany	65,000
University of Düsseldorf	Germany	100,000
University of Cologne	Germany	269,800
State parliament of Baden-Württemberg	Germany	
MKG Hamburg	Germany	2,000
Gergely Food Kft	Hungary	2,808,000
Premier Bakeries	Ireland	2.6 million

Bertagni 1882	Italy	2,376,000
La Campofilone	Italy	15,000,000
Ikea Italy	Italy	180,000
Autogrill Italy	Italy	684,020
Ravenna City Council	Italy	155,608
Casalecchio di Reno City Council	Italy	120,176
San Lazzaro di Savena City Council	Italy	26,000 pcs
Gorizia City Council	Italy	15,000
Bentivoglio City Council	Italy	15,787
Sarsina City Council	Italy	
Castrocaro Terme City Council	Italy	8,000
Cesena City Council	Italy	118,128
Imola City Council	Italy	87,294
Casalgrande	Italy	17,060
Rimini	Italy	75,840
Bologna	Italy	509,080
Hilcona	Liechtenstein	29,276,000
Jumbo (ingredient)	Netherlands	11 million
Remia	Netherlands	35 million
Godt Brod	Norway	30,000
Vege Instytut	Poland	48,000
Cozinha Divina, Quinta Dos Frades and Chakall	Portugal	2400
Companhia Das Sandes	Portugal	1.5 million
Hotel KAMILA ****	Slovakia	6240
Walker s.r.o.	Slovakia	260,000
Calve	Spain	
Hiestand Schweiz AG	Switzerland	6,446,000
	Total	1,182,691,318