

CANNIBALISM AT COSTCO



Animal rights network Direct Action Everywhere (DxE) investigated a cage-free Costco Wholesale egg supplier and found conditions every bit as ghastly as at caged facilities, including numerous violations of Costco's animal welfare standards.

Across multiple visits to Pleasant Valley Farms in Farmington, CA, DxE documented on video:

- 1) Extreme crowding, with some hens covered in feces, and some trampling others that were unable to move.
- 2) Dead and rotting chicken bodies on the floor among the living hens. Some were being cannibalised by other hens
- 3) Hens with bloody vents from other hens pecking them. One dead bird's vent was devoured, and her head had been torn off.

Costco claims it is committed to "five freedoms." That is, the freedom to be free from: fear and distress; discomfort; thirst and hunger; pain, injury and disease; and, finally, the freedom to exhibit normal behavior.

Based on DxE's investigation, hens at the Costco egg supplier experience none of the five freedoms.

While Costco has pledged eventually to sell only cage-free eggs, studies show there's nothing humane about cage-free environments.

Mortality rates are 2-3x higher in cage-free facilities. Physiological measures of stress are higher or equivalent. Environmental conditions are significantly worse. In a 2015 report on hen housing by the Coalition for Sustainable Egg Supply (CSES), a group of scientists found that air quality in cage-free facilities was 8-10x worse than other systems.

The only way to ensure humane treatment of hens is to stop using them. Join the movement to liberate animals from violence and captivity today.



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