

## PRICE·TAG

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### EGG PRICE TAG

Eggs cost \$.89 – 3.79 per dozen, with organic and free-range eggs at the higher end of this price range. What additional costs are hidden in these prices?



### EGG COST TAG FOOD MILES

Iowa, Ohio, California, Pennsylvania, and Indiana are the five largest egg producing states, and they represent about 50% of all US laying hens.



### GENETIC DIVERSITY

The Single Comb White Leghorn hen dominates today's egg industry. Many traditional breeds were found on your grandparents' farm, laying eggs in various shades of brown.

### SOCIAL COST

In conventional egg production, 4 or 5 hens are confined to an 18 by 20 inch cage. Beaks are blunted to keep them from pecking each other. Poultry industry laborers are often poorly paid. Farmers often become hired labor on their own farms as corporations increasingly own the birds and facilities.

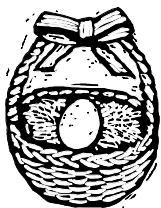
### ENVIRONMENTAL COST

The confinement facilities where most eggs are produced often generate more manure than can be spread on local fields. Spills from manure holding areas can contaminate our water. Ongoing field application can cause a build-up of toxic heavy metals found in chicken manure.



### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Buy local eggs and find out how they were produced: Were the hens fed grains free of drugs or hormones? Were they packed in cages? Did they have access to pasture in warm weather? Buy eggs directly from a farmer who will answer your questions.



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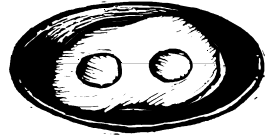
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