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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in regard to your inquiry into ways to limit salmonella in laying hens. Please consider the fact that conditions conducive to salmonella are rampant throughout the egg industry. The close confinement of hens, and especially the inhumane practice of forced molting, contribute to high incidences of salmonella.

I recommend that you consider making policies that limit the use of forced molting in laying hens. Not only is it inhumane to starve the chickens to induce molting, it also lowers the immune response. More genetic tinkering and/or antibiotics are not the answers.

As a lacto-ovo-vegetarian (one who eats eggs and dairy products), I consider this issue extremely important. Eggs have comprised an important part of my diet. However, I have decided that I will no longer buy eggs and support an industry that is so overwhelmingly concerned with profits over the health of both chickens and humans. Until something is done to limit such abuses, the egg industry can consider my business lost.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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