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Public comments on reducing egg borne disease

Factory farming practices negatively impact on the health of laying hens.

The practice of forced molting promotes disease because it destroys the starving hens' immune systems.

The FDA has the jurisdiction to ban farm practices that directly or indirectly affect human health. Forced molting is a primary cause of infectious disease in hens, eggs and the human consumers of eggs.

The FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting.

Please grant this petition.

Sincerely,

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