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Dear Sir;

The April 1998 petition to ban forced molting should be granted immediately.

Forced molting is the primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs.

FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that injure human health. Forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune system.

Starvation is cruel. Cruelty and Contamination are linked.

FDA must do more than put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons. C164

Very truly yours,
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