



Sourcing Our Eggs Responsibly



At Lidl, we are dedicated to offering the highest quality at the best price. This means that not only are our products taste great and available at low prices but importantly they are sourced responsibly and sustainably. This starts with our key ingredients.

Whether boiled, scrambled, as an omelette or as an ingredient, egg is an essential part of many peoples diets. We know that, in addition to the taste, the welfare and conditions in which hens are housed is important to our customers.

In the UK, two main systems are used; enriched cages and free-range, the conditions of which vary in terms on space, feeding and activity range. Lidl intends to phase out the eggs from caged hens, however we recognise the significant investment made by British egg suppliers in transitioning to enriched caged systems in 2012. We have therefore set timescales that are challenging yet realistic for the industry to achieve whilst meeting the expectations of our customers and the wider public.

What does responsible eggs sourcing mean at Lidl?

In defining what 'responsibly sourced' eggs means we follow a clear set of policies:

- **Moving to caged free –**

We are committed to working with our suppliers to phase out the sale of eggs from caged hens in our UK stores by 2025. This commitment covers both shell eggs and eggs used as an ingredient in our products. In implementing this commitment we will also work hard to ensure that any changes made within these production systems are not detrimental to the long term viability of our longstanding British egg suppliers.

- **Origin, transparency and traceability -**

All the eggs we sell are British, produced under the Lion assurance scheme and carry the British Lion mark. Producers operating under this scheme must adhere to the British Lion Code of Practice which set strict controls to ensure high levels of traceability, safety and welfare. Under the scheme each egg is consistently printed with the farming method, country of origin and a code which relates to the specific farm the egg is produced, providing our customers with the information to trace each egg back to its source.