

Importance of rearing environment, space and nests for laying hens in cages



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Improved welfare assessment of laying hens in cages through better knowledge and understanding of the importance of space and nests in cages



Due to the widespread interest of the general public in the treatment of animals, this project was conducted to determine the effects of floor space during rearing and adulthood of laying hens. There was no convincing evidence that reduced space and deprivation of nest boxes resulted in suffering, based on normality of biological functioning and preferences for space and nest boxes.