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Cage-Free Campus

Across the country, a growing number of college and university students are learning about the cruelties endured by egg-laying hens confined in battery cages-and they're taking that knowledge to their campus dining services and making a difference.

The HSUS's Cage-Free Campus campaign brings together students and their schools' dining services to discontinue their use of eggs from caged birds. As of March 2008, nearly 350 schools across the country





have created policies to either eliminate or reduce their use of battery eggs. These significant and tangible successes have resulted in tens of thousands of fewer hens suffering in battery cages.

Of course, "cage-free" doesn't necessarily mean "cruelty-free," but it does mean that the birds have better lives than those confined in cages so small they can't even spread their wings. Banning battery cages helps reduce animal suffering and is a good step in the right direction.

With each victory, the Cage-Free Campus Campaign gains momentum, as individuals from coast to coast read about the plight of caged laying hens and what a difference each one of us can make. Dozens of articles have been published in campus newspapers, as well as leading dailies including USA Today, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, and Des Moines Register.

It's surprisingly simple to get your school to ban battery eggs from its cafeteria. Contact Josh Balk at jbalk@hsus.org or 301-721-6419 and he'll work with you so your school will be the next to join the list of cage-free campuses.

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