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HENS In 1999, the European Union Council Directive banned the conventional battery cage in the EU from 2012. In their 1996 report, the European Commission's Scientific Veterinary Committee (SVC) condemned the battery cage because of its small size and its barrenness. The battery cage had inherent severe disadvantages for the welfare of hens. The EU Directive allows enriched or "furnished" cages to be used. Under the directive, enriched cages must be at least 45 cm high and must provide each hen with at least 750 cm² of space; 600 cm² of this must be "usable area", the other 150 cm² is for a nest-box. The cage must also contain litter, perches and "claw-shortening devices". PIGS From 1 January 2013 all holdings must keep sows and gilts (young sow) in groups starting from four weeks post service to one week prior to farrowing, provide permanent access to manipulable material and sufficient quantity of bulky or high-fibre food as well as high-energy food. The use of tethers for sows is banned since 1 January 2006. All holdings should already comply with the general provisions for rearing pigs. In particular, attention should be paid to the following: - Pigs should have permanent access to sufficient quantity of material to enable proper investigation and manipulation activities, such as straw, hay, wood, sawdust, mushroom compost, peat or a mixture of such, which does not compromise the health of the animals. - Neither tail-docking nor reduction of corner teeth must be carried out routinely but only when there is evidence that injures to the sows' teats or to other pigs' ears or tails have occurred. Before carrying out these procedures, other measures shall be taken to prevent tail-biting and other vices, taking into account environment and stocking densities. For this reason, inadequate environmental conditions or management systems must be changed.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Credits and title	00:00:20
10:00:20	1. Enriched Cages	00:02:21
10:00:20	Title	00:00:05
10:00:25	Exterior view of the farm with enriched cages (3 shots)	00:00:19
10:00:44	Pan on the enriched cages full of 'ISA Brown' hens	00:00:12
10:00:56	Wide shot of enriched cages (3 shots)	00:00:15
10:01:11	Close up on red hens	00:00:05
10:01:16	Brown hens feeding (4 shots)	00:00:18
10:01:35	Farmer opening the cage and checking drinking material	00:00:06
10:01:42	Farmer checking the file	00:00:04
10:01:46	Close up on brown hen	00:00:05

10:01:51	Close up on eggs	00:00:05
10:01:56	Eggs on the conveyor belt (3 shots)	00:00:15
10:02:11	Eggs on the machine (2 shots)	00:00:10
10:02:21	Worker sorting the eggs	00:00:05
10:02:26	Eggs being sorted and tagged by a machine (3 shots)	00:00:15
10:02:41	2. Old Cages	00:00:55
10:02:41	Title	00:00:05
10:02:46	Wide shot on old cages	00:00:05
10:02:51	Pan on old cages	00:00:09
10:03:00	Old damaged cages	00:00:05
10:03:05	Old bird feeder	00:00:05
10:03:10	Old bike used to collect eggs	00:00:05
10:03:15	General shots of old cages (3 shots)	00:00:16
10:03:32	Tools in front of cages	00:00:05
10:03:37	3. Aviary	00:03:25
10:03:37	Title	00:00:05
10:03:42	Exterior view of the farm (2 shots)	00:00:08
10:03:51	Farmer entering the building	00:00:05
10:03:56	Farmer entering the aviary	00:00:04
10:04:01	Farmer collecting an egg	00:00:07
10:04:08	Farmer opening the box where eggs are stored	00:00:07
10:04:15	Farmer taking an egg	00:00:03
10:04:19	Farmer putting the egg in the right place	00:00:05
10:04:24	Pan on the aviary full of 'Dekalb White' hens (2 shots)	00:00:19
10:04:43	Close up of white hens	00:00:05
10:04:48	Wide shot of white hens on their perch	00:00:05
10:04:53	White hens drinking (2 shots)	00:00:10
10:05:03	White hens feeding (2 shots)	00:00:10
10:05:13	White hens around the heat lamp	00:00:05
10:05:19	General shots of white hens in their cage (2 shots)	00:00:10
10:05:29	Eggs on a conveyor belt (3 shots)	00:00:15

10:05:44	Worker sorting the eggs (3 shots)	00:00:15
10:05:59	Eggs being sorted and tagged by a machine (2 shots)	00:00:10
10:06:09	Pan shot on the aviary full of 'Lohmann Brown' hens	00:00:10
10:06:20	Wide shot of brown hens in the aviary	00:00:05
10:06:25	Close up of red hens	00:00:05
10:06:30	Brown hens drinking (2 shots)	00:00:10
10:06:40	Brown hen on its perch	00:00:05
10:06:45	Brown hens feeding (2 shots)	00:00:10
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