

Environment

Over the last 50 years, UEP has led the industry in advancements in egg production. Every aspect of the production process, from cultivating feed to raising laying hens, has led to a reduced environmental footprint.

- A 71% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.
- About 1/3 less water and 1/2 the amount of feed are required to produce a dozen eggs today versus in the 1960s.
- Hens are producing 27% more eggs and living longer.

EGG FARMERS REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Today's hens are producing more eggs and living longer due to better health, nutrition and living environments; yet at the same time egg farms use fewer resources and produce less waste.



**26% LESS
DAILY FEED**



**32% LESS
WATER**



**71% FEWER
GREENHOUSE
GAS EMISSIONS**

United Egg Association

Recognizing the need for representation for other organizations affiliated with egg production, UEP formed the United Egg Association (UEA) in 1983.

UEA serves as a national trade association representing three distinct segments of the U.S. egg industry — further processors, allied members, and producers and packers.

Other Notable UEP Milestones

- Sponsored legislation to create the American Egg Board (AEB) to promote the benefits of eggs.
- Established the Egg Nutrition Center, a credible research, science and education division of AEB.
- Supported various research initiatives including the Coalition for Sustainable Egg Supply.
- Established two committees for continuous improvement in animal welfare, a producer committee (1982) and the independent Scientific Advisory Committee (1999).
- Led in defining standards for hen well-being with the launch of UEP Certified (2002) and UEP Certified Cage-Free (2006).
- Led the industry through the 2015 Avian Influenza crisis, to minimize disease spread and support recovery.

UEP continues to work diligently to advance high standards for egg safety, environmental responsibility and hen well-being while producing a nutritious, affordable supply of eggs.

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Leadership by Egg Farmers for Egg Farmers



Sally Krouse, 6th generation egg farmer

Egg Farmers of America®
Representing more than 90% of
all eggs sold in the U.S.

The Voice of America's Egg Farmers

Over 50 Years of Leadership

Established in 1968, United Egg Producers (UEP) has worked at the direction of its farmer-members to deliver the best possible environment for egg farms to prosper while supplying high-quality eggs.

UEP's members are family-owned egg farms throughout the United States. Many of these farms are now in the third, fourth, fifth or even sixth generation of family ownership and leadership.

The egg industry contributes \$29.2 billion to the U.S. economy, providing 112,470 jobs and \$6.3 billion in wages, and paying \$2.3 billion in government revenue.



Egg Farmers' Voices in D.C.

UEP provides a unified voice for egg farmers regarding legislative and regulatory issues. Cornerstone Government Affairs works on lobbying and legislative activities, while the Watson Green firm handles agency and regulatory activities. Bayard Ridge Consulting provides expertise on environmental and conservation issues.

Egg farmers and allied industry stakeholders fund EGGPAC to support legislators who share common interests with family egg farms.

Egg Safety

UEP provides leadership and guidance to help egg producers supply a safe, quality product.

Farmer-members are committed to producing safe eggs and maintaining compliance with all government regulatory programs. UEP works with government agencies, poultry scientists, veterinarians and industry experts to reduce the risk of Salmonella enteritidis (SE) and other harmful foodborne bacteria. UEP maintains the top consumer egg safety website, eggsafety.org, which provides comprehensive egg safety information, videos and answers to a variety of common questions.



Biosecurity

Biosecurity includes comprehensive on-farm measures that keep hens healthy and prevent disease from entering the farm and spreading between flocks.

UEP collaborates with the USDA, state agencies, veterinarians and animal scientists to incorporate new learnings into guidance and training materials. UEP will continue to provide leadership in this critical area and our members remain focused on continuous improvement in biosecurity practices.

UEP Certified Program

UEP Certified guidelines are standards for hen well-being for conventional and cage-free housing, backed by decades of research and recommendations from an independent Scientific Advisory Committee.

Hen Care in UEP Certified

In cage and cage-free housing, farms that are UEP Certified meet or exceed best practices for hen care and well-being.



Today, more than 85 percent of eggs produced in the U.S. come from farms that voluntarily participate in UEP Certified, choosing to open their farms to independent auditors.

Labor

Labor is an important issue for UEP and egg producers of all sizes. The egg industry accounts for 112,470 jobs and \$6.3 billion in wages to families throughout the country. Egg farms depend on a reliable, year-round workforce and comply with all state and federal requirements to verify the legal status of their employees.