

EGG PRODUCTION AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

House Sponsor: Jefferson S. Burton

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to the confinement of egg-laying hens.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ extends the deadline for a farm owner or operator to have a cage-free housing system for an egg-laying hen in an enclosure; and
- ▶ requires the department to provide a report to the Business and Labor Interim Committee related to farm owner and operator implementation of the cage-free requirement.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

4-4a-103, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 323

4-4a-107, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 323

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **4-4a-103** is amended to read:



28 **4-4a-103. Prohibitions.**

29 Beginning on January 1, [~~2025~~] 2035, a farm owner or operator may not knowingly
30 confine an egg-laying hen in an enclosure:

31 (1) that is not a cage-free housing system; or

32 (2) that has less than the amount of usable floor space per hen as required by the 2017
33 edition of the United Egg Producers' Animal Husbandry Guidelines for U.S. Egg-Laying
34 Flocks: Guidelines for Cage-Free Housing.

35 Section 2. Section **4-4a-107** is amended to read:

36 **4-4a-107. Report.**

37 (1) The department shall provide a report on this chapter to the Business and Labor
38 Interim Committee [~~during or before the November interim meeting in 2023~~] at an interim
39 meeting in 2029 that occurs before October 31.

40 (2) The report described in Subsection (1) shall include an update on:

41 (a) [~~efforts taken~~] the progress by farm owners and operators to [~~come into~~
42 ~~compliance~~] comply with Section **4-4a-103**; and

43 (b) the retail demand for and conditions related to the sale of cage-free eggs.

44 Section 3. **Effective date.**

45 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.