



Corn Growers Association, Annual Meeting: The Egg Bill

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Who is Konos, Inc.?

Since 1946, we've been a family owned and operated Michigan egg producer, and have supplied farm-fresh eggs to markets all around the world. All our eggs are laid by hens on our farm. We are United Egg Producers Certified which means we care about the welfare of our hens and follow responsible production methods. We hope you enjoy our eggs as much as we do!



Why does this presentation matter
to the corn farmers of Michigan?

Michigan egg producers will no
longer need the *20 million bushels*
of corn produced by Michigan corn
farmers.

Federal Legislation for the Egg Industry

HR 3798/S 3239, an amendment to the Egg Products Inspection Act.

Also known as The Egg Bill.

The Egg Bill

- Represents a historic agreement between the Humane Society of the United States and the United Egg Producers.
- Codifies the enriched colony housing for the entire country, guaranteeing three things:
 1. The most progressive and humane way to house egg laying hens
 2. Increased food safety
 3. Enhances interstate commerce

What is Enriched Colony Housing?

- **Scratch Pads:**
Hens natural behavior includes scratching with their feet. These pads allow them to do that!
- **Perches:**
When hens can perch, it relieves stress. The less stress, the better!
- **Nest Curtains:**
This gives the hens privacy when they are laying eggs.
- **Space per Hen:**
This system will give the hens space to stand up, lie down, open their wings, and perch. It will increase the amount of space per hen by almost 100%.

HR 3798...is the MOST progressive and humane way to house egg laying hens.

- Scratch pads, Nest Boxes, and Perches, plus almost twice as much room.
- Increases egg production because the birds are healthier.
- Decreases bird mortality because the birds are able to exhibit their natural behaviors.

HR 3798...will increase food safety

- Birds that come from enclosed systems, like the Enriched Colony Housing are the least likely to transmit Salmonella and other diseases to the consumer.
- The Enriched Colony Housing eliminates and separates the birds from the things that transmit Salmonella.

REMEMBER THIS...

Michigan egg producers will no longer need the *20 million bushels* of corn produced by Michigan corn farmers.

We need YOUR support!

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