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the happy egg co. Applauds Agriculture Act but Calls for Higher Cage-free Standards

SAN FRANCISCO (February 25, 2014) – With President Obama signing the Agriculture Act of 2014 on February 7th, California’s Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act (Prop 2), a leading animal welfare act passed by voters in 2008, stands firm. The final Agriculture Act does not include a controversial amendment that would have nullified the state specific animal welfare requirements. Thus, egg-laying hens in California must soon be able to turn around freely, lie down, stand up, and fully extend their limbs while confined in their cages.

“the happy egg co., the only 100% ‘Free Range’ on pasture egg company certified by Humane Farm Animal Care (HFAC), applauds Congress for maintaining the Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act,” says Andrew Joret, world respected layer technical expert for the happy egg co. “We believe this is a major step in providing more humane living conditions for laying hens. However, we encourage egg farmers to go further and not just make the cages larger, but remove them all together. Hens should have daily access to roam outdoors. It is only natural.”

Free Range on pasture eggs from the happy egg co. come from hens who receive daily access to lush green pasture. “The Girls” spend their days outdoors flapping, perching, foraging and dust-bathing, and have access to plenty of clean water, nutritional feed and care from expert family farmers. Packaged in a sunshine-yellow carton made of 100 percent recycled and compostable material, the happy egg co. stands out in the egg aisle for many reasons, not least its quality and color.

Setting the gold standard for happy hens, the happy egg co. has received a Certified Humane Raised and Handled® certification from Certified Humane®, a third-party animal welfare certification program that covers everything from hens’ living conditions to their feed, and the expertise of their caregivers. Free Range on pasture eggs from the happy egg co. are conveniently available in 1,800 grocery stores across the U.S. For more information about the happy egg co., including where to buy, visit thehappyeggco.com.

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