Humane Society International - Canada
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ONLINE OMNIBUS RESULTS

Field dates: September 17 - 19, 2013
Total sample size: 1,007 adult Canadians (18+)

1. In Canada, almost all egg laying hens are housed in bare, wire cages known as "battery cages," which give hens less space than an average sheet of writing paper per bird. Because of animal welfare problems associated with battery cages, Canadian egg producers are researching alternative housing systems.

    If eggs from a new system were labeled as eggs from "enriched housing systems", which of the following descriptions do you feel most accurately describes this housing system:

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    9   Hens are housed in cages offering less than twice the space per bird than a battery cage, with perches and limited access to nesting areas
    13 Hens are housed in a barn with access to perches, nesting areas and scratching areas, with no outdoor access
    29 Hens are housed in a barn with access to perches, nesting areas and scratching areas, with some outdoor access
    49 I can't identify the housing system based on this label

2. If eggs from a new housing system were labeled as "Nest Laid" eggs, which of the following descriptions do you feel most accurately describes this housing system?
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    9   Hens are housed in cages offering less than twice the space per bird than a battery cage, with perches and limited access to nesting areas
    23 Hens are housed in a barn with access to perches, nesting areas and scratching areas, with no outdoor access
    26 Hens are housed in a barn with access to perches, nesting areas and scratching areas, with some outdoor access
    42 I can't identify the housing system based on this label

3. In some countries, food labels clearly indicate animal welfare standards, including whether animals were raised in cages. The Canadian government is currently revising requirements for food labeling. Would you like to see clearer labels on meat, dairy and egg products indicating how animals are treated?

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    82 Yes
    18 No