The EU Egg Sector - 'Challenges and opportunities'

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Who are we?

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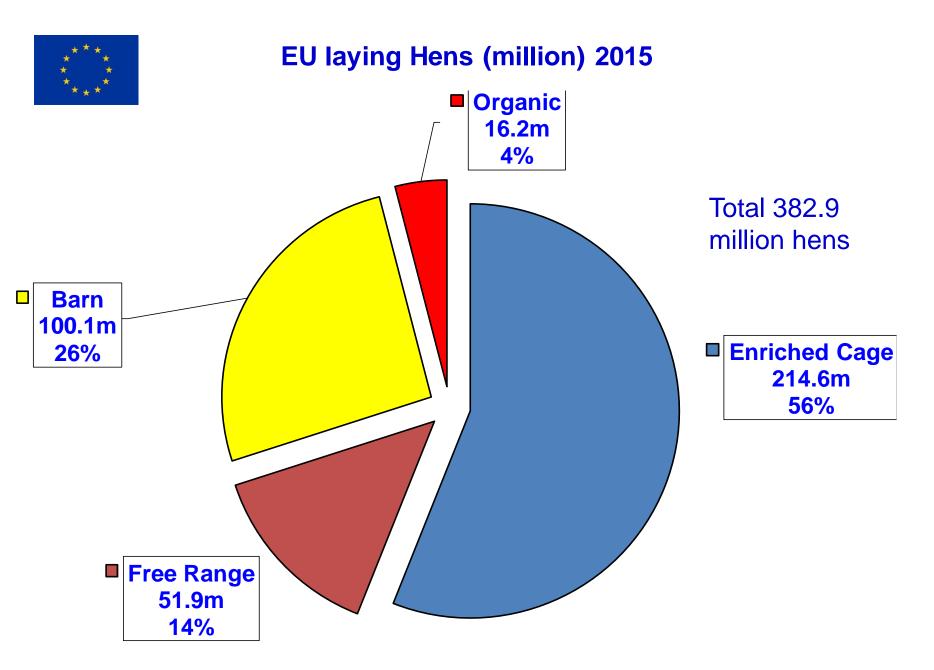
(European Union of Wholesale with Eggs, Egg Products and Poultry and Game)

- Made up of 3 organisations
 - European Egg Packers and Traders Association
 - European Egg Processors Association
 - European Poultry and Game Association

EU Egg Industry

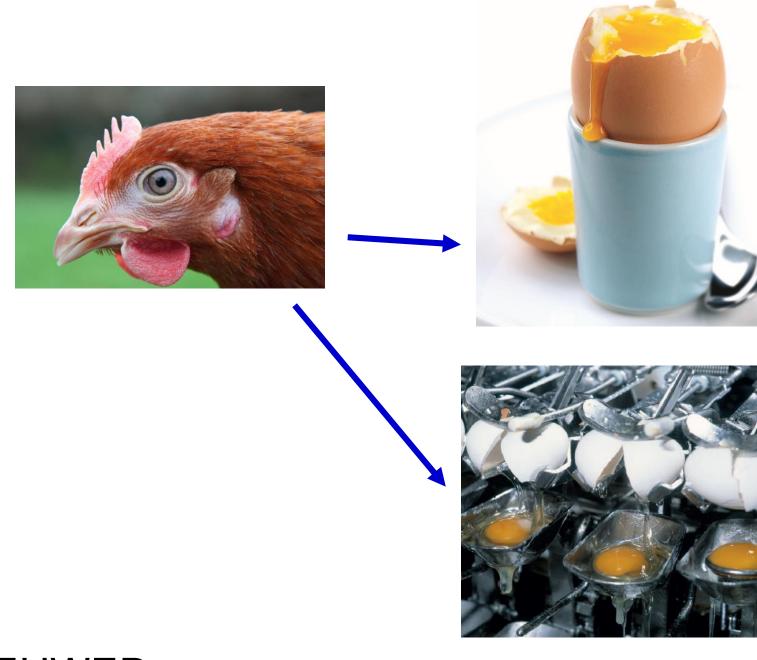
- World's second largest egg producer and a net exporter of eggs and egg products
 - Eggs for consumption 6.754 Million tonnes
- Successful
- Unsupported
- · Efficient
- Innovative
- Reactive to consumer demand
 - Barn, Free Range, Organic, Enriched Cage
- Responsible
 - Food safety, traceability, animal welfare, environmental protection







Source: EUWEP (from EC data)





Competitiveness of the EU egg sector

International comparison base year 2013

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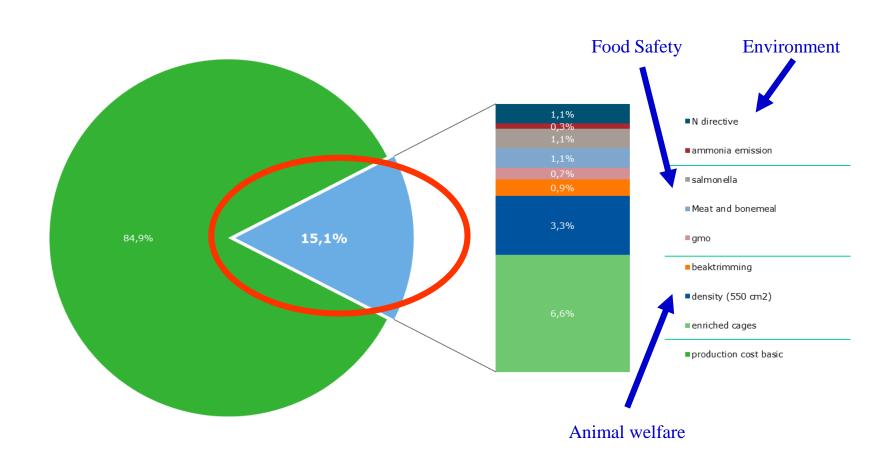
Report commissioned by EUWEP

- Produced by
 Agricultural Economics
 Research Institute
 (LEI), The Netherlands
- Independent Research
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 Wageningen University
 and Research Centre)

This report updates the reports published in 2003, 2005 and 2012

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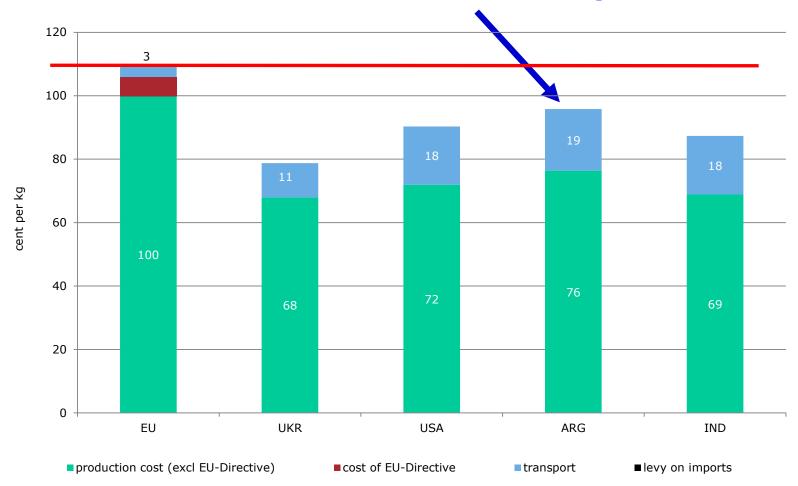
EU legislation in 2012: production costs of eggs





Offer price Shell eggs Germany 2013 (Eurocents/kg), scenario 4 (zero import tariff & -10% exchange rate)

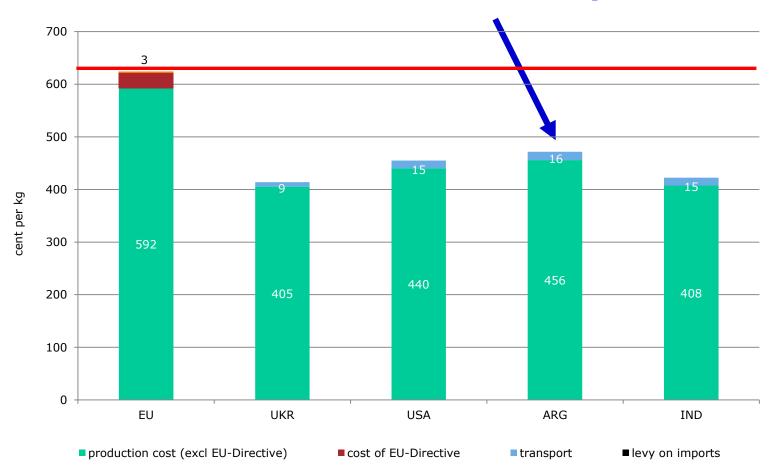
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Offer price whole egg powder Germany 2013 (Eurocents/kg), scenario 4 (zero import tariff & -10% exchange rate)

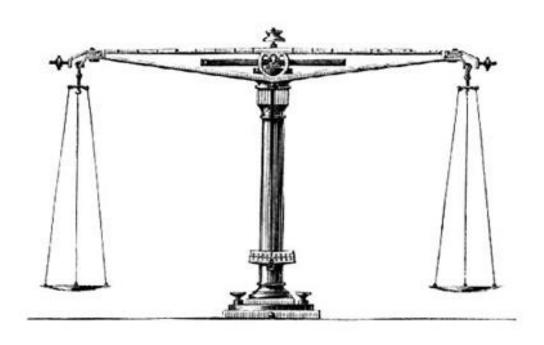
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Free trade

Fair trade



Production cost in EU due to public concern

Import levies/ Quotas

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What do we need?

- EU citizens expect high standards
- Egg sector has legitimate concerns
- Need Animal Welfare standards to be included in all bilateral trade negotiations
- Therefore, all imports to meet EU's high standards on;
 - Animal Welfare
 - Food safety
 - Environmental protection
- This is 'fair trade'

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Thank you for your attention

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