

TALKING POINTS 1

GENERAL FACTS ON EGG FARMING IN AUSTRALIA

- Australian egg farmers produce 19 million eggs daily to feed Aussie families - from a national flock of 21 million hens
- This equates to a \$1.8 billion injection into Australia's economy
- 98% of egg farmers are from family-run farms
- The egg industry provides many jobs and makes an important economic contribution to our nation
- There are three main egg production systems in Australia: (cage, barn and free range)
- All three farming methods are needed so that customers have a choice in both the type and cost of eggs they purchase and eat
- Egg Farmers of Australia is the national voice and lobbying organisation for egg farmers across the country
- We advocate on key policy issues affecting our industry, and promote egg production by providing transparent information to the public
- Egg farmers care about animal welfare and that is why farmers have agreed that the forthcoming *Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines* will be mandatory (note: these standard are still in the hands of the Federal Government)