

EU Plans to Propose Legislation to Ban Caged Farming

The European Commission said it plans to propose legislation that will phase out caged animal farming. A citizens' petition for the ban of caged animal farming collected more than a million signatures.

The commission plans to propose legislation in 2023 to phase out and ban caged farming by 2027. Rabbits, young hen, quail, ducks, and geese would be included in the legislation. Currently laying hens, sows, and calves already have rules regarding cages.

The EU has some of the worlds highest animal welfare standards but more than 90% of the EU's farmed rabbits were kept in cages and half of laying hens were kept in cages.

Farmers will be able to receive EU subsidies to help them upgrade to new animal farming systems, the Commission said. EU countries can also apply for money from the bloc's 800 billion euro (\$951 billion) COVID-19 recovery fund to help with the transition.

Caged animal farming must end in EU, European Commission says

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