

# ORGANIC VALLEY



Family of Farms

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## Know the difference between USDA Organic and “cage free” eggs

- Only USDA Organic eggs are certified by a third-party agency to comply with strict organic production methods and organic standards of humane treatment, including that birds are *always uncaged* with access to the outdoors.
- There are no enforceable federal standards associated with “cage free.”



A rigorously managed and 3rd party certified USDA program, The National Organic Program.



Birds are raised on the floor, but not in cages. “Cage free” birds are kept indoors.

**Cage-free eggs**

Basic “standard” eggs

**Conventionally produced eggs**

## Trust Certified Organic

	<b>USDA Organic</b>	<b>Cage-free eggs</b>	<b>Conventionally produced eggs</b>
All feed is certified organic? <small>(Keeping cropland free from pesticides, herbicides or synthetic fertilizers)</small>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
GMO-free feed?	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Antibiotic free?	<b>YES</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>NO</b>
Access to the outdoors?	<b>YES</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>NO</b>
Access to natural sunlight in barns?	<b>YES</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>NO</b>
Adequate space for natural behavior?	<b>YES</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>NO</b>
Forced molting?*	<b>NO</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>YES</b>
Ecologically friendly and sustainable farming practices?	<b>YES</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>NO</b>
100% vegetarian diet?	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>

\*Triggering a molt response from a hen through feed withdrawal, water withdrawal or dramatically cutting their photostimulation or through a combination of these factors.

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