



Trader Notice No. 05 of 2023

14 April 2023

To: Free Range Egg Producers
Egg Packing Centres
Irish Egg Association
Bord Bia
Teagasc Poultry Advisor
Irish Farmers Association

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) Information Notice on the Marketing of Free-Range Eggs after the Avian Influenza Precautionary Confinement of Birds is lifted on 18 April 2023.

- This notice is to clarify the requirements for the labelling of “Free Range Eggs” from the 18th of April 2023 when the requirement to confine/house poultry and other birds as a precautionary measure against avian influenza will be lifted.
- Eggs laid from 18 April in Free Range systems where flocks are allowed access to the range will no longer require over labelling as “Barn Eggs”.
- Eggs laid, up to and including 17 April, will require over labelling as explained in trader notice No 2 of 2023.

<https://assets.gov.ie/247074/82be1849-b6c4-4639-8e0e-63af122244f5.pdf>

Notes:

- Avian Influenza (Biosecurity measures) Regulation 2022 remains in force.
- All flock owners are legally required to maintain best practice biosecurity measures.
- All flock owners intending to allow birds to have outdoor access from 18 April 2023, must take action now to ensure areas conform to best biosecurity practices.
- Farmers are urged to remain vigilant and maintain strict biosecurity.

More on Avian Influenza at www.gov.ie/birdflu

Further Information: If you require any further information, please email feedenquiries@agriculture.gov.ie or phone 01- 5058884.

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