

## Article – Eggs: how the EU is keeping them safe and healthy

Decorating eggs is one of Europe's most cherished Easter traditions, but are the eggs we buy safe? The European Parliament has worked on different laws to ensure hens and their eggs are healthy. This includes a ban on the use of battery cages for hens and the use of the egg code to inform shoppers how an egg was produced. Watch our video for more information.

Some seven million tonnes of eggs are produced in the EU every year. France, Italy and Germany are the biggest producers and the main markets are Japan, Switzerland and the US.

The average European eats about 200 eggs a year. Not only are eggs rich in protein, they can also be used in anything from cosmetics to vaccines and glue.