

From California Senate Food and Agriculture Committee, 2009:

In November 2008, California passed Proposition 2 with 63.5 percent of the vote. Proposition 2 specifies that on January 1, 2015, calves for veal, egg-laying hens, and pregnant pigs be confined only in ways that allow these animals to lie down, stand up, fully extend their limbs and turn around freely. The proposition provides exceptions for transportation, rodeos, fairs, 4-H programs, lawful slaughter, research and veterinary purposes. Failure to comply with the proposition can be punished with misdemeanor penalties, including a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment in jail for up to 180 days.

Currently, California is the fifth largest egg-producing state in the nation with more than 19 million egg-laying hens. Iowa is the largest producer with over 52 million egg laying hens in the state.