International Egg Commission

UK Country Report

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UK Egg Industry -Background (2004)

- 5th Largest producer in EU
- 30 million laying hens
- 174 eggs/capita/annum
- Lion Quality Scheme



Egg Market make-up (2004)









Influences on the Industry

- Animal Welfare (and Health)
- World Trade
- Food Safety
- The Environment



The Animal Welfare Issues

Review of Council Directive
1999/74/EC - Now 2006



Environmental Issues

- Existing units to come under Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations (IPPC) in 2007
- Significant Costs!
 - Permit
 - Annual fee
 - Making changes on farms



Animal Health Issues

- Avian Influenza
 - Westwards spread?

- Contingency Plan
- EU Proposals





Thank you

