

Global Food Partners and Netherlands Agro and Food Technology Centre China Collaborate to Create Ecosystem to Advance Cage-Free Egg Production in China

Global Food Partners (GFP), a multinational consulting firm specialising in cage-free egg production, and the Netherlands Agro and Food Technology Centre in China (NAFTC China), a leading central platform for developing and promoting Sino-Dutch agriculture and trade, through Sino-Dutch cooperation and innovation, have announced a collaboration to establish and promote a new cage-free egg training centre and model farm in China.

The goal of the training centre and model farm is to optimise the management of cage-free laying hens under Chinese conditions and showcase best practice cage-free farming practices. The centre will bring together egg producers and other industry stakeholders to improve the long-term sustainability and competitiveness of the cage-free egg industry in China and across Asia. This model farm will be open to farmers, veterinarians, researchers, students, and all others who are interested in the latest insights in cage-free management. On-farm training on animal management, egg production and animal welfare will be provided to those interested in developing their skills.

Ms Ina Enting, Director of NAFTC China, stated: “We are looking forward to working with GFP, and contributing Dutch knowledge and technology to the realization of the cage-free laying hen project in China. Dutch companies in the poultry industry have decades of experience with alternative housing for laying hens. They are therefore of great value in making strides in cage-free housing and the future of the Chinese poultry chain.”

Jayasimha Nuggehalli, GFP’s Chief Operating Officer and Co-Founder, stated, “We’re very happy to work with NAFTC China to create an ecosystem in which cage-free production can thrive and prosper in China. Through this partnership, we’ll be able to effectively support the Chinese egg industry in its transition to cage-free production as it adapts to meet growing local demand for cage-free eggs”.

As part of the training centre, GFP and NAFTC China will establish an industry consortium, to create an ecosystem that supports cage-free egg production in China. The two organisations invite industry stakeholders to join the consortium. The model farms will showcase consortium members’ services and products; partners will benefit from ongoing publicity, exposure and access to industry networks and potential customers, including poultry businesses and retail and hospitality corporations. Consortium partners will also have access to the farm as a training base for in-company training for advisors, technicians and researchers, as appropriate.

Industry partners may represent one or more of the following categories. Categories include but are not limited to the following list. Please contact us for further information.

- Facility construction or retrofitting
- Housing equipment
- Litter and enrichment materials
- Birds
- Feed
- Ventilation systems
- Lighting systems
- Veterinary products and services
- Maintenance equipment
- Fencing and biosecurity
- Pest control
- Health and productivity monitoring systems
- Certification schemes
- Food & hospitality businesses (to source eggs produced at model farm)
- Cage-free egg producers to host interns and offer industry training opportunities

If you are interested in learning more about this project and joining the consortium, please [attend our live online seminar](#) on the 17th of March at 11:00 am CET/ 18:00 China. We will provide further detailed information through the live streaming introduction and Q & A sessions.

Register by scanning the QR code below



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