

Shanxi Agricultural University and Global Food Partners to Build Cage-free Model Farm and Training Centre in China

First-of-its-kind Centre will provide training to industry in sustainable, best-practice cage-free egg production and management



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(Shanxi, China) Today, at a ceremony held at the Shanxi Agricultural University campus, Global Food Partners (GFP) and Shanxi Agricultural University (SAU) signed a partnership agreement to build the first cage-free training centre and model farm in China, the world's largest egg producing country.

As consumer demand for cage-free eggs increases in China, egg producers have expressed a need for more training and technical support to transition to or optimise their cage-free production systems. Global Food Partners and Shanxi Agricultural University are teaming up to most effectively support the Chinese egg industry during this transition and assist with capacity building.

First-of-its-kind in China, this centre will give producers the training they need to ensure sustainability, including good welfare practices and a competitive business advantage. The centre will provide practical training in best practices in cage-free

management, offer a research and development centre and serve farmers, auditors, veterinarians and other industry stakeholders regionwide. The farm will retrofit a cage facility and will act as a model for those farmers looking to transition from cage to cage free.

At the ceremony, Liu Wenzhong, Dean of College of Agricultural Standardization of Shanxi Agricultural University, stated: "This project will demonstrate best practices in cage-free egg production and showcase good management for cage-free farms. Additionally, we will provide cage-free egg production trainings, provide a communication channel for stakeholders and help cage-free farms increase their profits. We hope that this project will promote the collaboration between industry, academia and research, form cage-free egg production standards and promote the sustainable development of cage-free egg production."

Jayasimha Nuggehalli, Chief Operating Officer of Global Food Partners, stated: "We're thrilled to partner with Shanxi Agricultural University on the country's first cage-free training centre – together we are building a cage-free ecosystem in China that will allow producers to successfully navigate the transition to cage-free eggs and bring together relevant stakeholders to ensure long-term success, sustainability, and profitability."

At the event, GFP and SAU also launched new "Best Practice Guidelines" for cage-free egg production in China. The Guidelines outline recommendations for best practices in cage-free egg production, including for biosecurity, hen welfare and management, and disease control. The Guidelines can be accessed [here](#).

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About Global Food Partners

Global Food Partners is a Singapore-based consulting company whose mission is to work with food businesses and egg producers to successfully transition to higher welfare cage-free egg sourcing and production in China and across Asia.

About Shanxi Agricultural University

Shanxi Agricultural University (Shanxi Academy of Agricultural Sciences) is a famous agricultural university in China. It is one of the excellent universities for undergraduate teaching evaluation conducted by the Ministry of Education. It has been co-sponsored by the Shanxi Provincial Government and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

