

# Lidl commits to 100% free range eggs by end of 2024

Supermarket discounter [Lidl](#) has committed to stocking only 100% free range eggs by the end of 2024 in a move that it said would reinforce the retailer's "commitment to the welfare and conditions" in which hens are housed.

Martin Kottbauer, chief trading officer at Lidl, said: "[We know that, in addition to the taste, the welfare and conditions in which hens are housed is important to our customers.](#)"

"As part of its commitment to championing British produce, 100% of Lidl GB's fresh shell eggs are sourced from British suppliers and are produced under the British Lion Mark."

The initiative – that Lidl said is the first from a discounter in Britain – [will support the supermarket's existing pledge to work with suppliers to phase out the sale of eggs from caged hens in stores by 2025.](#)

It also means that, by the end of 2024, all of Lidl GB's fresh shell eggs will also be RSPCA Assured.

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Kottbauer added: “As the supermarket transitions to selling only free range eggs it is working closely with its egg suppliers and has introduced longer-term contracts to help ensure that they have security and certainty needed to invest for the future.”

At the end of last month, Lidl became the [highest paying supermarket in Britain after it announced pay rises for all its store and warehouse employees.](#)

Entry-level hourly pay rates at the retailer have increased to £11.95 from £11.30 in London, while wages have risen to £10.90 from £10.10 across the rest of the UK. Those working nightshifts will receive a £3 per hour premium instead of the usual £2 per hour.