



FREE RANGE CERTIFIED

‘Windmeul Free Range Certified’ means:

- WE ADHERE TO THE 5 FREEDOMS OF FREE RANGE
 - FREEDOM FROM HUNGER AND THIRST
 - FREEDOM FROM DISCOMFORT
 - FREEDOM FROM PAIN, INJURY OR DISEASE
 - FREEDOM TO EXPRESS NORMAL BEHAVIOUR
 - FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND DISTRESS
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FURTHERMORE, WE GUARANTEE THE FOLLOWING:

- **Stock density.** Hens WILL have continuous daytime access to runs which are mainly covered with vegetation and a maximum stocking density of 2,500 birds per hectare. The hen house conditions for free range hens must comply with a maximum stocking density of 9 hens per square metre of useable area.
- **Providing tree cover.** We make sure there is adequate tree cover in the pasture for relief from the sun and rain whenever they choose.
- **Offering access to an outdoor watering system.** This is so that hens can stay out longer in the pasture and remain hydrated. The watering system also provides year-round green pastures for our hens.
- **Longer outdoor access.** What good is free range without plenty of time in the pasture? We give them access to the outdoors for longer than humane regulations require so that they can enjoy the fresh air and land as much as possible.
- **Natural Behaviour.** Hens are able to engage in natural behaviours like dust-bathing, foraging and roaming, living the way they should in fresh air and a protected environment. Hens must be provided with nest boxes. Adequate perches, Litter must be provided, accounting for one-third of the ground surface - this is used for scratching and dust bathing. Sufficient popholes of a minimum width of 2 meters.
- **Our Feed** is free from hormones and antibiotics - it is an all vegetarian diet specifically formulated for our hens.

