



Home Week Policy

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1. To achieve stability, reliability and predictability in the supply of eggs, EFO requires layer producers to place their flocks during a Home Week (HW).
2. A HW is the pre-determined and pre-approved week during which layer producers are required to place their flock in the egg production facility in respect of which EFO has fixed and allotted quota.
3. A HW is in place annually and may only be changed upon application to EFO.
4. To provide flexibility, EFO permits layer producers to place their flocks during the week immediately preceding and immediately succeeding the HW (the Exemption Weeks).
5. Layer flocks must remain in egg production for fifty-one (51) weeks from the placement date.
6. Layer producers are required to have a mandatory minimum downtime (MMD) of seven (7) days between layer flocks.
7. Layer producers may apply to EFO to extend their flock's laying period for the current production year.
8. Upon EFO approval, the layer producer is required to pay EFO a calculated amount per leviable dozen eggs to account for the pullet cost that is not incurred for production beyond fifty-two (52) weeks. This amount, which is posted on the www.getcracking.ca website, is reviewed by EFO on a regular basis and may be changed accordingly.
9. Layer producers seeking changes to a HW must complete and file with EFO online an "Application for Change in Home Week" prior to EFO issuing the associated Allotment.
10. Layer producers that place flocks outside the Exemption Weeks are subject to an over-quota levy of ten (10) cents per bird per day, calculated on the number of birds at placement multiplied by the number of days outside the Exemption Weeks.
11. A layer producer contravening the MMD and placing a flock outside of the Exemption Weeks is subject to an over-quota levy of ten (10) cents per bird per day for every day that deviates from the MMD.