

'Building the Ideal Layer & Pullet Facility'

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- We need to set minimum standards that all producers should have to meet; showering system, changing area, separate entrance for egg truck driver (keyless lock)
- All entrance ways are secured and latched, dead bolt, or keyless
- Different control zones inside egg packing room and cooler
- Systems that have spray foam to minimize risk
- Hen care control systems, alarms and monitors; ventilation (screens on vents), feed, lighting, water (smart phone)
- Water sourcing and more testing
- Loading dock
- Enough room for easy clean up (aisles)
- Sufficient lighting, rodent control, heaters, visitor log
- Washroom outside for truck drivers
- Cooler door for egg truck driver to enter the cooler directly
- Spraying cooler floor after each pick up
- Proper lighting with switches in the right places
- Main entrance proper footwear and coveralls for all visitors; shoes for packer room separate from shoes for barn
- Materials that can be easily washed down, floor drains, chair in the washroom
- Viewing room and conventional housing
- Adequate work space; easy to clean walls; rodent proof; keeping as much electrical outside of barn; high pressure air; water filter system, enough feed/water to maintain good health, alarm systems, cameras, proper mortality disposal, chemical storage, fire extinguishers, medical
- State of the art ventilation; cooler room big enough for 8 day storage, wide aisles for pullet carts
- Office area, air conditioning (packing and laying facility), heated floors, dust removal system, security cameras inside and out, drains placed properly, card lock access monitored via computer system, separate pack room, office room for industry people, pullet and tray storage rooms, pullet lifts, misting systems – dust control, curbing inside 4" -6"
- Anti-room (closed off) for barn access (for catchers etc.), clear line (physical barrier) for bio cross – driver direct to cooler, garbage can, spray, washer, dryer, bathroom, shower, place for barn clothes and outdoor clothes
- Truss core – free from wood, easy for cleaning (plastic)
- Drains in pack rooms, cooler room and barn
- If more than 300ft long, loading facilities at both ends
- Manure drying facility
- Generator either inside barn/office or outside
- Separate loading door for bringing in pullets & 1 yr old hens
- Log book in cooler room (for driver) and at main entrance
- 4 systems: conventional, enriched colony, aviary, free run/range - all with advantages and disadvantages – it's about choice
- Separate storage room for skids/dividers/trays
- Water meter, feed bin scale
- Alarm system to smart phone for feed and ventilation