



Home Week Policy

as amended February 2017

INTRODUCTION:

Egg Farmers of Ontario [EFO] egg quota holders [producers] are responsible for supplying the highest quality eggs to the marketplace. To accomplish this, effective January 1, 2017, EFO implemented a Home Week Policy. A producer who has followed the criteria may qualify to place a home week allowance of 1% of their production allotment at flock placement.

PRINCIPLE:

A producer's home week will be the designated week that fowl quota [19 week old birds] will be placed each year from January 1, 2017 forward. In an effort to offer flexibility, the week prior to and the week after the designated home week are considered the producer's exemption weeks.

CRITERIA:

1. In order to qualify for the 1% home week allowance, a producer must place the 19 week old birds within their designated home week or alternately their exemption weeks. Example: If the producer's designated home week is week three [3], all future replacement flocks are required to be placed in week three [3] or alternatively can be placed in week two [2] or week four [4].
2. Producers who do not place within their designated home week and/or exemption week, will be deemed as over quota and will be subject to sanctions as determined by the Board, which may include a levy on the disposed flock of [$\$0.25$ per bird X # of days* X total # of birds at the 23 week count] and the producer will not qualify for the 1% allowance on the replacement flock.
3. In order to qualify for the home week allowance, the producer must have completed and submitted a Replacement Layer Order Report [Form GR-EPPI-3.9]. This form must be filed with the Board office at least *thirty (30) business days* prior to the placement of the day old chicks into the pullet facility.
4. Producers who place the 1% allowance who have not submitted a Replacement Layer Order Report, or have moved outside of their designated home week or exemption weeks, will be subject to the conditions of the Flock Count Policy on the allowance placement.
5. The home week allowance flock must be housed according to EFO's Housing Density Policy. The Home Week Policy allowance birds will be allocated to each flock and cannot be carried over and used at a later date. This program is flock specific and can only be used in the qualifying flock.
6. The home week allowance will be calculated using the producer's production allotment placed within the flock and is subject to per bird levy.
7. Any change from a producer's designated home week requires approval. Please complete a Request for Home Week Exemption form or contact the Board office.

[*Days calculation: placement date (19 week old hens) outside of the designated home week and/or exemption week, using the respective Sunday date of the home week and/or exemption week].

Example of additional levy charge:

Producer's Home Week Ending:	Week #5, Saturday February 3, 2018
Exemption Week Ending A:	Week #4, Saturday January 27, 2018
Exemption Week Ending B:	Week #6, Saturday February 10, 2018



HOME WEEK POLICY CONTINUED

Producer Flock Placements:

Flock # 1 2017 Home Week #5	Flock # 1 23 Week Count	Flock # 2 2018 Replacement Flock	Number of Days in Excess Week #6 - Exemption Week B
Placement February 3, 2017	5,125 Birds	Placement Week #8 February 20, 2018	February 11 – 19 9 days

Levy Charge: $\$0.25 \times 5,125 \times 9 \text{ days} = \$11,531.25$

COMPLIANCE:

Any producer in good standing may qualify for the home week allowance. To be in good standing a producer must be in conformity with all EFO Regulations, Policies, Orders and Directions, including housing density. Producers must have all the paperwork filed at the EFO office as outlined in the EFO General Regulations; and be up-to-date with all licence fees, levies and any other amounts owing to EFO.

SANCTIONS:

The Board may cancel or reduce, refuse to increase, refuse to loan, fix, and allot quota to any person for any reason that the Board considers proper. Additional or alternative sanctions may apply under EFO's Quota Policy; Section 25 [Sanctions], Section 26 [Quality Standards], Section 27 [On Farm Food Safety] and Section 28 [Housing Density]. Indirect methods to circumvent EFO's policies will not be permitted and where identified may result in an appropriate reduction or cancellation of quota.