



Mortality Allowance Policy

INTRODUCTION:

The industry average for mortality runs from 4% - 6%.

The impact of mortality on a single flock “one flock per year” operation [referred to as “all in and all out facility”] is greater than the impact on a multi-age / multi-barn facility.

EXPLANATION:

When birds die in an “all in and all out facility”, the producer (and the egg industry) loses full utilization of his/her quota for the entire lay period of the flock.

When birds die in a multi-age / multi-barn facility, the producer adds the amount of lost birds from the previous flock to the next flock when it is placed.

Producer & Industry Losses or Unproductive System or Inefficiencies

All producers (and the system) lose ‘full’ utilization of his/her quota as a result of mortality.

However, producers with multi-age facilities lose full utilization for a shorter period of time, and are able to capture utilization over the course of multiple placements.

Egg Farmers of Ontario (EFO) is required to remit on a weekly basis, a fixed levy to Egg Farmers of Canada (EFC), based on EFO’s allocation to its producers.

Even when the system loses birds due to mortality, EFO remits the fixed levy to EFC.

Subsequently, the egg industry loses twice:

1. there are fewer eggs in the system;
2. levy is paid without birds in the barn.

PRINCIPLE:

To equalize the impact of mortality on all producers and the egg industry, EFO’s Mortality Allowance Policy permits producers with an “all in and all out facility” the ability to place an additional 1% for mortality allowance with the quota’s production allotment, when the barn is being filled; only once per flock placed.

COMPLIANCE:

In accordance with EFO’s Mortality Allowance Policy, EFO’s Inspectors will factor in the 1% mortality allowance with the producer’s quota allotment for ‘all in and all out facilities’ when the Inspectors perform the flock count at the 23 week period. If a producer’s facility is deemed over quota by EFO’s Inspector, penalties and possible quota reduction/cancellation will apply, as set out in EFO’s Flock Count Policy.