



Quota Credit Policy

as amended January 1, 2017

INTRODUCTION:

The Ontario Quota Credit Program is available to qualifying producers whose flocks are out of production due to renovation, unutilized quota transferred through the Ontario Quota Transfer System (QTS), or other circumstances as determined by the Board. Ontario's Quota Credit Program will run in conjunction with the National Quota Credit Program (renovation only).

PRINCIPLE:

The program allows producers to recover lost production by allocating additional birds that may be placed at a later date. The issuances of quota credits are subject to the discretion of the Board with respect to the hen utilization figure. The Board reserves the right to discontinue EFO's Quota Credit program at any time.

CRITERIA:

EFO's Quota Credit Policy is monitored and operates under the following criteria:

Renovation

- Producers who are building / renovating a barn and will have existing Production Quota out of production, may apply for a renovation quota credit.
- Producers must be out of production a minimum of fourteen [14] days [the first seven days are not eligible]. See example below.
- Producers applying for the renovation credit must comply with the Home Week Policy, the producer must remain within their Home Week.
- Accumulated Renovation Quota Credits are limited to the amount of quota out of production during the qualifying period.
- In order to participate in the Renovation Quota Credit program each producer will be required to submit a Quota Credit application a minimum of 30 days prior to the commencement of the quota credit period.

Unutilized QTS Quota Credit

- Units of quota acquired on the QTS may qualify for Quota Credits.
- The Quota Credit Program is available to producers who do not meet the current housing density requirements or when housing dates do not align with the effective dates of the transfer.
- Quota Credits earned through the QTS cannot exceed the Producer's Total Production Quota.

General

- The calculation of the Quota Credit ends and Per Bird levy charges begin when the (replacement) turns nineteen [19] weeks of age.
- Quota Credits will be calculated on Production Quota only (programs will not be included).
- Producers may accumulate quota credits and use at their discretion; quota credits are not required to be used within a certain time.
- Quota Credits must be utilized at Flock placement.
- Quota credits must be placed as outlined in the EFO Housing Density Policy.
- If Quota Credit birds are in production longer than originally applied for, then the difference between the original credit calculation and the actual credit calculation will be applied as a deduction (reverse quota credit) on the next flock placement. If there is a balance remaining on the Quota Credit, the difference will be deducted from the total remaining credits.
- Inspectors will visit the barn(s) to assess the beginning and ending of a qualifying period.



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Examples Calculation of Renovation Quota Credit:

Example # 1

Producer is out of production from April 1 – May 30

# of Disposed Birds [Disposal receipt]	Less Program Birds			# of Days Empty [less 7 days]		# of days in flock cycle where birds will be placed	Number of Quota Credit Birds
21,248	4,014	=17,234	X	52	÷	365	2,455

Example # 2

Producer is out of production from April 1 – April 20

# of Disposed Birds [Disposal receipt]	Less Program Birds			# of Days Empty [less 7 days]		# of days in flock cycle where birds will be placed	Number of Quota Credit Birds
21,248	4,014	= 17,234	X	12	÷	365	567

COMPLIANCE:

Any quota holder who is in good standing may apply to the Board for this program. To be in good standing a quota holder 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 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.

Quota Credit application forms are available to download through the EFO website at www.eggfarmersofontario.ca or may be submitted online at <https://eforms.getcracking.ca>