

Memorandum

August 20, 2018

To: Ontario Egg & Pullet Farmers
From: Scott Graham, Chair
Subject: Summary of Housing Requirements

This is a reminder to all farmers of the housing requirements as outlined in the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Pullets and Laying Hens.

Please note this is a brief summary. For additional requirements please refer to the full version of the Code which is available online at http://www.nfacc.ca/pdfs/pullets_and_laying_hens_code_of_practice.pdf

Should you have any questions please contact Pamela Kuipers at the Board office or pamk@getcracking.ca.

PULLETS (after 8 weeks of age)

Feeders – 1.6” per bird

Waterers – access to 2 waterers; maximum 12 birds per waterer

Density:

ConventionalUsable Space

Equipment Installation After April 1, 2017

44.0 sq inch per bird

Equipment Installation Prior to April 1, 2017

Interim - flocks housed after January 1, 2020

42.0 sq inch per bird

Final - flocks housed after January 1, 2022

44.0 sq inch per bird

Single Tier (Free Run)Usable Space

All flocks after 8 weeks of age

108 sq inch per bird

Multi- Tier (Aviary)Usable Space

All flocks after 8 weeks of age

44.0 sq inch per bird

plus

9.0 sq inch per bird

litter space

Perches - required but no length per bird given

LAYERS

Feeders – 2.8” per bird

Waterers – access to 2 waterers; maximum 12 birds per waterer

Density:

Conventional

Usable Space

Flocks Housed after January 1, 2020

White Hens 67 sq. inch per bird

Brown Hens 75 sq. inch per bird

Flocks Housed after July 1, 2031

90 sq. inch per bird

Flocks Housed after July 1, 2036

- must be housed in enriched, single or multi-tier systems

Enriched

Usable Space

Equipment Installation after April 1, 2017

116.25 sq. inch per bird

including nests

of which

93.0 sq. inch

does not include the nests

Equipment Installation prior to April 1, 2017

Flocks Housed after April 1, 2018

90.0 sq. inch per bird

Flocks Housed after January 1, 2022

116.25 sq. inch per bird

including nests

of which

93.0 sq. inch

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Nest Space

Equipment Installation after April 1, 2017

10.0 sq. inch per bird

Equipment Installation prior to April 1, 2017

Flocks Housed after January 1, 2017

6.3 sq. inch per bird

Flocks Housed after January 1, 2022

10.0 sq. inch per bird

Perch Space

Equipment Installation after April 1, 2017

5.9 inch per bird

Equipment Installation prior to April 1, 2017
Flocks Housed after January 1, 2017

4.4 inch per bird

Flocks Housed after January 1, 2022

5.9 inch per bird

Foraging & Dust Bathing

Equipment Installation after April 1, 2017

4.8 sq. inch per bird

Equipment Installation prior to April 1, 2017
Flocks Housed after January 1, 2017

3.8 sq. inch per bird

Flocks Housed after January 1, 2022

4.8 sq. inch per bird

Single Tier (Free Run)

Usable Space

Equipment Installation after April 1, 2017

All Litter

294.5 sq. inch per bird

** note this does not include nest space

Combination wire, litter, slats

144.0 sq. inch per bird

** note this does not include nest space

Equipment Installation prior to April 1, 2017

Flocks Housed after January 1, 2020

- with 50% useable space as slats or wires

144.0 sq. inch per bird

if 5.9 sq. inch per bird of perch space available

or

172.8 sq. inch per bird

if 3.0 - 5.9 sq. inch per bird of perch space available

** note the above does not include nest space

Nest Space

Equipment Installation after April 1, 2017

12.9 sq. inch per bird

Equipment Installation prior to April 1, 2017

Flocks Housed after January 1, 2020

12.9 sq. inch per bird

Perch Space

Equipment Installation after April 1, 2017

5.9 inch per bird

Equipment Installation prior to April 1, 2017

Flocks Housed after January 1, 2020

3.0 inch per bird

Foraging & Dust Bathing

Equipment Installation after April 1, 2017

15% of useable space

Equipment Installation prior to April 1, 2017

Flocks Housed after January 1, 2017

- for fully slatted or where less than 15% of useable space is litter, a solid surface for litter/substrate of at least 16.0 sq. feet must be provided

Multi- Tier (Aviary)

Usable Space

Equipment Installation after April 1, 2017

144.0 sq. inch per bird

** note this does not include nest space

** combination of wire, slats, litter

Equipment Installation prior to April 1, 2017

Flocks Housed after January 1, 2020

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if 5.9 sq. inch per bird of perch space available

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Nest Space

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Equipment Installation prior to April 1, 2017

Flocks Housed after January 1, 2020

12.9 sq. inch per bird

Perch Space

Equipment Installation after April 1, 2017

5.9 inch per bird

Equipment Installation prior to April 1, 2017

Flocks Housed after January 1, 2020

3.0 inch per bird

Foraging & Dust Bathing

33% of useable space