



# Flock Allotment Policy

as amended October 2023

## **PURPOSE:**

1. This policy sets out the basis on which Egg Farmers of Ontario (EFO) makes flock allotments, determining the number of laying hens (fowl) that may be placed within a layer production facility (registered premises).
2. Each flock allotment will consist of fowl quota and program birds on a per-registered premises basis or a per-barn basis on multi-barn registered premises.

## **FLOCK ALLOTMENT:**

3. Flock allotments are made once every 12 months in accordance with the quota holder's home week.
4. Flock allotments may consist of all or some of the following;
  - a. Fowl quota;
  - b. Layer Leasing Program (LLP), up to an 1,800-bird lease;
  - c. Market Growth Allowance (MGA), currently on a pro rata basis as 2% of (a) and (b);
  - d. Mortality allowance, currently 3% of the total of (a), (b), and (c);
  - e. Flock incentive allowance, currently at 2% of (a), (b), and (c); and
  - f. Quota credits as determined from time to time under the Quota Credit Policy.

## **THE ALLOTMENT PROCESS:**

5. Approximately 42 weeks in advance of bird placement as per the quota holder's home week, EFO will issue, through EFOOnline, that quota holder's flock allotment.
6. Within four (4) weeks of the date of the flock allotment, the quota holder shall provide EFO, through EFOOnline, with:
  - a. an acknowledgement of receipt of the flock allotment;
  - b. the colour of the birds;
  - c. the quota holder's contracted hatchery; and
  - d. the estimated placement date in accordance with the designated home week.
7. Failing a response from the quota holder under paragraph 6, EFO will deal directly with the hatchery, currently on record, to complete the contracting process.
8. EFO may republish a flock allotment on EFOOnline to make changes it deems material.
9. The hatchery will have 10 weeks after receipt of the quota holder information to complete the contracting process and to advise EFO of the placement date and the name of the pullet grower.
10. The pullet grower will have two (2) weeks to acknowledge receipt of the order.
11. EFO will provide quota holders and hatcheries with system alerts to help manage the process and meet the required timelines.
12. Flock allotments will only be issued to parties who have accepted the Online User Agreement or who have been granted a religious exemption.

## **GENERAL CRITERIA:**

13. Quota holders are required to place their full allotment to the extent of their capacity.
14. Quota holders intending to place less than 90% of their flock allotment shall notify EFOOnline with reasons and obtain EFO approval to do so.
15. Flock allotments will be issued as the lesser of the amount determined under paragraph 4 or the barn's density/capacities as determined based on the EFO-approved measurements.
16. Flock allotments are subject to the following placement order:
  - a. Fowl quota will be considered the first birds placed in the barn and the last birds removed from the barn;
  - b. The next placement will be considered as LLP, then MGA birds;
  - c. The final birds placed will be considered as mortality allowance, flock incentive allowance and quota credit birds, in that order.
17. Program birds are limited to a quota holder's housing capacity as determined by EFO.



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18. If a quota holder receives fewer birds than their flock allotment, EFO will adjust programs in the order set out in paragraph 16, to ensure accurate levy collection.
  19. All birds, with the exception of mortality allowance, are subject to the per bird levy.

**SAMPLE BARN ALLOTMENT:**

**#01234 ABC Farms – Barn 1, Home Week #3**

Fowl Quota	20,000
Layer Leasing Program (LLP)	1,800
Market Growth Allowance (MGA)	436
<b>Production Allotment (PA)</b>	<b>22,236</b>
Mortality Allowance	667
Flock Incentive (if applicable)	444
Quota Credits (if applicable)	100
<b>Total Allotment</b>	<b>23,447</b>