



Special Layer Lease Policy

amended December 2021

APPLICATION AND PURPOSE

1. It is an industry accepted practice to place additional pullets in the Pullet barn to recognize mortality during the growing period to ensure there are sufficient hens at placement date in the layer barn.
2. The Egg Farmers of Ontario Board and Hatcheries have agreed that this mortality is set at 2.75% for white birds and 4% for brown birds for all housing systems, mortality rates are reviewed annually.
3. When the expected growing results are better than the planned mortality, this policy provides provision to move those birds to a layer farmer on a Special Lease to minimize the number of birds having to be directed to pullet hotels.
4. When the expected growing results are not achieved, Quota Credits will be issued to those layer farmers whose layer order is not 100% filled.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

5. The Special Lease follows the farmer's flock and all EFO Rules and Regulations attached to the lease birds.
6. Farmer (grower and layer farmer) must be in Good Standing
7. Farmer must have placed pullets grown in Ontario.
8. Pullets grown outside of Ontario or pullets grown in Ontario destined for a layer farmer outside of Ontario are not eligible to apply for a Special Layer Lease (\$14 per bird to December 31st, 2021).
9. Layer Farmer agrees to payment of lease when invoiced at the following rates, \$16 for conventional / enriched, \$20 for free run/aviary and \$25 for organic, effective day old placements January 1st, 2022.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

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 - a) Layer Farmer agrees in writing (mail or email) to all program requirements including payment of the per bird lease based on the number of pullets shipped to the layer farm versus the farmer's Board approved Allotment. The farmer must be on quota plus any approved special lease when birds are delivered, less any normal expected mortality, up to the verified count date which will determine the number of birds on a Special Lease.
 - b) If there are multiple layer farmer's involved with the pullet supply, staff will work with all parties to determine the layer farmer(s) entitled to the lease and number of birds.
 - c) The approval of the Special Lease will be at the discretion of the Board with respect to the hen utilization figure.
 - d) The Pullet Farmer, Hatchery or Pullet Contractor can place more pullets than recommended by policy; however, in these instances the Special Lease provisions will not apply. Pullets placed for the non-quota market must follow the same timelines as hen orders for placement in EFO layer barns.
 - e) EFO will provide Quota Credits to farmers when the layer order is shorted due to higher than expected mortality. This will apply for any birds short-shipped in excess of a quarter of a percent of the layer farmer's Allotment for that flock and must be more than 25 birds. In addition, credits will not be provided for when the farmer has the correct number of birds at the placement date. Application required. See Quota Credit Policy for further details.