



New Production Facilities or Renovated for the Use of Egg Production or for Raising Pullets

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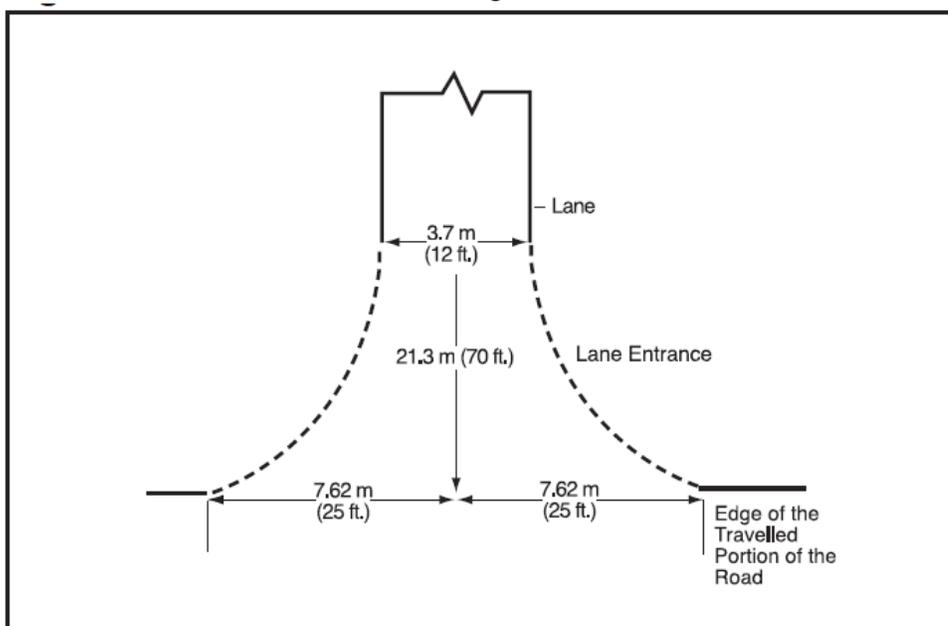
INTRODUCTION

- This policy applies to any newly approved registered premises or an existing registered premises when the producer is involved in a new facility construction or renovation used for the production of eggs or raising of pullets.
- Producer must read and adhere to the requirements outlined in the current EFO On-Farm Food Safety and Animal Care Programs followed in Ontario. Housing systems must meet all the elements of the Code of Practice and EFO housing requirements.
- The approval of EFO's Director of Operations is required for all facility construction and renovations.
- When a producer intends to increase the size of their facility or construct new facilities for the production of eggs or pullets, the producer must inform EFO in writing prior to receiving their flock allotment as per the scheduled dates outlined in the Flock Allotment Policy. Producers must specify the amount of building space and inside configuration of the renovated or new facility supported by equipment manufacturer specifications/drawings.
- Farmers should consult with graders, feed companies, processors and hatcheries to review facility and site plans prior to starting; many of these stakeholders have their own documents outlining their specific facility requirements.

DRIVEWAY AND YARD

- Farm yards must be accessible at any time by poultry live haul vehicles, feed trucks, egg trucks, and have driveway entry ways and farm yards that have adequate room for all vehicles including turn-around areas on the farms property.
- Outer edges and culverts should be marked with driveway reflective markers especially for winter months.
- 100' minimum length is needed directly out from the loading area.
- 150' (or more) is needed as turnaround space.
- Driveway access at the road should be no less than 50' wide at the outermost part where road or shoulder of paved road begins and driveways should be a minimum of 12' wide.

Recommended Farm Lane Entrance Configuration





BUILDING(S)

- Adequate grading to prevent water from pooling near the barn.
- Washroom facilities available on site when farm workers and farm visitors are present.
- Eaves troughs above each loading door where necessary to protect workers from the rain and falling ice/snow as well as minimize the risk of birds or eggs getting wet during the unloading and loading process.
- Lighting at each loading door.
- For the loading and unloading of birds a concrete pad with minimum dimensions of 12' x 12' is required for all new builds. Doors are required to be wide enough to accept dollies and equipment used to move the birds. For barns more than 400 feet, staging areas and load out doors on both ends of the barn are recommended.
- Please allow 14' for trailer clearance (trailer height is 13'6").
- The dock area of the facility used for the loading or unloading of eggs and supplies needs to be at 52-54" and the driveway needs to be fairly level in front of the egg room for the egg trucks for ease of loading and unloading (minimal slope for proper drainage).
- Loading dock a minimum 8' wide with dock bumpers and 7' roll up doors.
- A backup generator meeting provincial electrical code and system alarms monitoring the barn are required.
- Layer barns need to have an adequate refrigeration unit tested and inspected prior to birds being housed and calibrated to accommodate the size of the layer flock.

COOLER

- It is required on new builds that you have a man door leading from outside into the cooler. The egg room should be large enough for at least two weeks days of egg production and supplies (trays and skids), although standard egg pick up is once per week, producers need to plan for events that prevent the driver from arriving, winter storms, mechanical delays, disease outbreak etc. The size of egg room will vary by size of flock and arrangement you have with your grading station. If big flocks minimum should be a truck and a half collection. Good conversation with your grading station is very important. Consult with your egg grader for appropriate size.
- A single skid will hold 10,800 eggs (five levels per skid, with 12 stacks of 15 dozen eggs on each level), height of a full skid is about 72".
- Allow 20 square feet (4'x5') of space for each skid. (Each skid is 3'x4' plus clearance space.)
- The interior of the cooler should be lined at the floor with a bumper or guard that is roughly 2-3" wide and 4-6" tall. This can prevent damage to the cooler wall from pallets/forks.