



# Special Layer Lease Policy

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## 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. All required pullet reporting must be submitted within the prescribed time frames: Day Old, Two Week, Ten Week, and 19-Week old reporting.
6. EFO must have on file the submitted Replacement Layer Order Report in accordance with the prescribed time frames fully completed by the layer farmer or approved representative.
7. The Special Lease follows the farmer's flock and all EFO Rules and Regulations attached to the lease birds.
8. Farmer must be in "Good Standing."

## PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

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  - a) Layer Farmer agrees in writing (mail or email) to all program requirements including payment of \$14 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 \$14 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.