

Flock information: (circle where appropriate & use averaged data where appropriate for all houses on site)

Assessor	
Date	
Membership Number	
Site ID	
Production type	Free-range / Organic
No. houses on:	Farm: Site assessed:
No. birds on:	Farm: Site assessed:
Age onto range (d)	
Date placed	
No. birds placed p. house	
Aerial Perching in House	≤ 2m/1000 birds / ≥ 2m/1000 birds / None

Age (d)	
Breed	
Sex	M / F / AH
Avg. bird weight (kg)	
Growth rate (g/d)	
Target weight (kg)	
Planned age for slaughter	
Age of parent flock (wks)	
Depopulation date	
Litter type	

House construction	
House floor area (m2)	
Stocking density (kg/m2)	
Drinker types	Nipple / Bell / Nipple & cups
Popholes	One side / Both sides / Open / Closed
Weather conditions	Still / Windy / Sunny / Overcast
	Dry / Wet / Raining / Other:

Temp. in house (°C)	
Temp. on range (°C)	
House humidity (%)	
Windows	One side / Both sides / Open / Closed
Roof insulated	Yes / No
% of birds within the house	
Birds are brood & move	Yes / No / Move date:

**A. Initial assessment:** parameters to be assessed on entry to ALL houses on site.

**Bird distribution (Tally)**

0 Even		If Score 2: note location (e.g. centre/perimeter of house, in groups around house) and possible cause/s:	Most common score: (highest if equal)
1 Irregular			
2 Uneven			

**Air Quality** note score for each house, tally & note highest score & number of houses affected (NB if automated reading)

automated reading

Ammonia	0 None/Weak		Highest score 0-2:	Number houses:	Dust	0 None/Weak		Highest score 0-2:	Number houses:
	1 Moderate					1 Moderate			
	2 Strong					2 Strong			

**Panting:** note the highest score if performed by <10% of the birds in each house

**Dirtyness:** note the score that's affecting the majority of birds in each house

Panting	0 None		Most common score: (highest if equal)	Dirtyness	0 None/Minor		Most common score: (highest if equal)
	1 Slow				1 Moderate		
	2 Severe				2 Substantial		

**Enrichment:** note the score of how the bird's are interacting with enrichment (tally)

Enrichment	0 Yes there is interaction		Most common score: (highest if equal)	Observation comments:
	1 No/Low interaction			
	2 No enrichment provided			

**B. Defined walk:** tally total number of birds seen for each parameter within the 20% sample

Totals

Walking ability Score 3: Identifiable abnormality that impairs function		
Walking ability 4 & 5: Severe impairment of function but still capable of walking with difficulty OR incapable of sustained walking		
Birds requiring culling (not including lame birds):		
Reasons for culling:		
Runts		
Dead birds		

**Behaviour:** score each house within 20% sample.

Circle most frequently observed score ( Circle One )

0 <50% of birds display active/interactive behaviour, e.g. running, sparring, wing flapping		0	1 Calm		1
1 >50% of birds display active/interactive behaviour, e.g. Running, sparring, wing flapping		1	2 Cautious		2
2 Limited space created – birds mainly inactive and sit soon after being disturbed.		2	3 Flighty		3

Litter: score each house within 20% sample.

Circle most freq. Obsv. score (Circle One)

1	Completely dry & friable, i.e. breaks apart easily when pressed in the hand	1
2	Small moist/capped areas only by drikers / pop holes, otherwise as score 1	2
3	Large capped areas but dry and still areas to dust bathe.	3
4	Largely capped and dry with few friable areas	4
5	Capped and wet areas	5
6	Wet/Soggy areas	6

**C. Individual assessment** - assessed on 25 penned birds from **one** house

	Hock burn	Total	Foot pad dermatitis	Total
0 None				
1 Mild				
2 Severe				

**D. On-farm records:** averages for **all houses on site**

Antibiotic use (current flock only)

Tick if birds are currently receiving antibiotic treatment

Antibiotic	No. of days treated	Reason for treatment

**Post-slaughter information:**

Processing Plant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mortality**

Previous flock slaughter date: \_\_\_\_\_

	Previous flock	Current flock
First week mortality - inc. culls (%)		
Mortality to date - not inc. culls (%)		
Culls to date - not inc. leg culls (%)		
Leg culls to date - leg culls only (%)		

Record 'predominant' reason/s for mortality & culls (current flock only):

Data includes brooding phase (brood & move only)  Y / N

Please provide results for FPD and Hock burn, including % of birds falling into each score (This could be presence/absence, 3 point or 5 point scale)

Score	Previous flock		Current flock	
	FPD	Hocks	FPD	Hocks

  

Post Slaughter Data to be collected for flock under current assessment			
Total birds sent to slaughter		Breast blisters (%)	
Average bird weight at slaughter (Kg)		Total farm rejects (%)	
Dead on arrival (%)		Wing damage (%)	
Total slaughter rejects (%)		Leg damage (%)	

Post slaughter information is:  
 Site specific data  
 Whole farm data

What changes to improve welfare **have you made** in the last 12 months? (e.g. resources / management / livestock) \_\_\_\_\_

What changes to improve welfare **would you like to make** in the next 12 months? (e.g. resources / management / livestock) \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments on general health:**

Good activity	Y / N	Good appearance	Y / N
Good sound	Y / N	Good respiration	Y / N

Please expand if 'N': \_\_\_\_\_

**General Comments:**

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**Further Advice and Support**

Your RSPCA Assured Assessor can provide help and advice.  
 The RSPCA can provide additional advice, support and training in self assessment or to discuss any aspect of your welfare outcome assessment.

Tick if producer would like to be contacted to discuss welfare outcome results:

Producer's preferred contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with the RSPCA Welfare Standards for Meat Chickens (see standard WA 1.2) this form must be kept (a) on the farm where this assessment was carried out (b) for a minimum of five years. Please keep this form with your records, it will be required at future RSPCA Assured assessments and RSPCA monitoring visits.

Carried out and Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title & Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_