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BROWN

Alternative Systems



Performance Guide



Use of the Performance Guide

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Summary of Performance Standards

REARING PERIOD (TO 17 WEEKS):	
Livability	98%
Feed Consumed	6069 g
Body Weight at 17 Weeks	1.49 kg
LAYING PERIOD (TO 90 WEEKS):	
Percent Peak	95–97%
Hen-Day Eggs to 60 Weeks	257.5–269.0
Hen-Day Eggs to 72 Weeks	328.9–343.4
Hen-Day Eggs to 90 Weeks	425.5–445.2
Hen-Housed Eggs to 60 Weeks	254.1–265.5
Hen-Housed Eggs to 72 Weeks	323.3–337.7
Hen-Housed Eggs to 90 Weeks	415.0–434.2
Livability to 60 Weeks	97%
Livability to 80 Weeks	95%
Livability to 90 Weeks	93%
Days to 50% Production (from hatch)	144
Egg Weight at 26 Weeks	58.4–61.8 g
Egg Weight at 32 Weeks	61.1–63.5 g
Egg Weight at 72 Weeks	63.9–66.6 g
Total Egg Mass per Hen-Housed (18–90 weeks)	27.0 kg
Body Weight at 32 Weeks	1.88–1.99 kg
Body Weight at 72 Weeks	1.93–2.04 kg
Freedom From Egg Inclusions	Excellent
Shell Strength	Excellent
Shell Color Score at 38 Weeks	87
Shell Color Score at 56 Weeks	85
Shell Color Score at 72 Weeks	81
Shell Color Score at 90 Weeks	79
Haugh Units at 38 Weeks	90
Haugh Units at 56 Weeks	84
Haugh Units at 72 Weeks	81
Haugh Units at 90 Weeks	80
Average Daily Feed Consumption (18–90 weeks)	117.9 g/day per bird
Feed Conversion Rate, kg Feed/kg Eggs (20–60 weeks)	1.93–2.24
Feed Conversion Rate, kg Feed/kg Eggs (20–72 weeks)	1.96–2.27
Feed Conversion Rate, kg Feed/kg Eggs (20–90 weeks)	2.03–2.36
Feed Utilization, kg Egg/kg Feed (20–60 weeks)	0.45–0.52
Feed Utilization, kg Egg/kg Feed (20–72 weeks)	0.44–0.51
Feed Utilization, kg Egg/kg Feed (20–90 weeks)	0.42–0.49
Feed Consumption per 10 Eggs (20–60 weeks)	1.23–1.37 kg
Feed Consumption per 10 Eggs (20–72 weeks)	1.26–1.40 kg
Feed Consumption per 10 Eggs (20–90 weeks)	1.31–1.47 kg
Feed Consumption per Dozen Eggs (20–60 weeks)	1.48–1.65 kg
Feed Consumption per Dozen Eggs (20–72 weeks)	1.51–1.68 kg
Feed Consumption per Dozen Eggs (20–90 weeks)	1.58–1.76 kg
Skin Color	Yellow
Condition of Droppings	Dry

Performance Summary data is based on results obtained from customers around the world. Please send your results to info@hyline.com. An easy to use record-keeping program, Hy-Line International EggCel, can be found at hyline.com.

Rearing Period Performance Table

AGE (weeks)	MORTALITY Cumulative (%)	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	WATER INTAKE (ml/bird/day)	FEED INTAKE (g/bird/day)	CUMULATIVE FEED INTAKE (g/bird to date)	UNIFORMITY %
1	0.40	0.06 – 0.07	18–28	12 – 14	84 – 98	>85%
2	0.55	0.12 – 0.13	25–42	17 – 21	201 – 244	
3	0.65	0.18 – 0.20	30–50	20 – 25	343 – 418	
4	0.75	0.26 – 0.29	37–60	25 – 30	515–627	>80%
5	0.85	0.35 – 0.38	43–73	29 – 36	717 – 883	
6	0.95	0.46 – 0.48	52–89	35 – 44	960 – 1193	
7	1.05	0.55 – 0.59	62–98	41 – 49	1249 – 1537	>85%
8	1.15	0.66 – 0.71	71 – 112	47 – 56	1580 – 1929	
9	1.25	0.77 – 0.82	78–122	52 – 61	1943 – 2355	
10	1.35	0.87 – 0.93	84 – 129	56 – 64	2334 – 2806	
11	1.45	0.98 – 1.04	90–137	60 – 69	2754 – 3287	
12	1.55	1.07 – 1.13	93–144	62 – 72	3189 – 3791	
13	1.63	1.15 – 1.22	96–148	64 – 74	3637 – 4308	
14	1.70	1.22 – 1.29	99–154	66 – 77	4099 – 4845	
15	1.78	1.29 – 1.36	102–158	68 – 79	4575 – 5399	
16	1.85	1.36 – 1.43	105–164	70 – 82	5066 – 5973	
17	2.00	1.42 – 1.50	108–170	72 – 85	5570 – 6568	>90%

Rearing Period Space Recommendations

(check local regulations concerning space requirements)

- Useable space is calculated as litter floor and raised slat areas, not including nest space or perch space.
- If the veranda (winter porch) floor space is considered as useable space when calculating stocking density, then the birds must be able to always access this area.
- Rearing density depends on age of transfer to the laying facility. Use the approximation at right.

Week of Transfer	Birds/m ² of Useable Space
15	15
16	14
17	13
18	12

	MULTI-TIER	FLOOR
Floor space	< 20 kg live weight per m ² of useable space at 16 weeks when transferred to the laying facility. Adjust stocking density if birds are transferred at other ages.	< 20 kg live weight per m ² floor space at end of rearing period
Feeder space	2.5 cm/bird with access on both sides; 5 cm/bird with side access; 2.0 cm/bird with circular feeders	2.5 cm/bird with access on both sides; 5 cm/bird with side access; 2.0 cm/bird with circular feeders
Drinking systems, cups or nipples	12.5 birds per nipple drinker; 20 birds per cup	12.5 birds per nipple drinker; 20 birds per cup; 125 birds per bell drinker
Perch space	10–15 cm/bird	10–15 cm/bird

Production Period Performance Table

AGE (weeks)	% HEN- DAY Current	HEN-DAY EGGS Cumulative	HEN- HOUSED EGGS Cumulative	MORT- ALITY Cumulative (%)	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	WATER INTAKE (ml/bird/day)	FEED INTAKE (g/bird/day)	HH EGG MASS Cumulative (kg)	AVG. EGG WEIGHT (g/egg)
18	1.1–7.7	0.1–0.5	0.1–0.5	0.05	1.49–1.61	110–176	73–88	0.0	45.4–49.9
19	8.2–27.1	0.7–2.4	0.7–2.4	0.08	1.59–1.70	128–188	85–94	0.1	48.3–51.7
20	30.8–57.3	2.8–6.4	2.8–6.4	0.13	1.65–1.77	135–198	90–99	0.2	50.7–53.7
21	61.4–80.5	7.1–12.1	7.1–12.1	0.20	1.70–1.81	146–206	97–103	0.5	52.6–55.8
22	82.4–90.6	12.9–18.4	12.8–18.4	0.27	1.75–1.85	150–214	100–107	0.8	54.2–57.8
23	90.6–94.1	19.2–25.0	19.2–25.0	0.34	1.78–1.88	156–222	104–111	1.2	55.6–59.0
24	93.2–95.5	25.7–31.7	25.7–31.6	0.40	1.81–1.91	164–228	109–114	1.6	56.7–60.1
25	94.2–96.2	32.3–38.4	32.2–38.3	0.46	1.82–1.93	168–238	112–119	2.0	57.6–61.1
26	94.6–96.4	39.0–45.2	38.8–45.0	0.50	1.83–1.94	171–242	114–121	2.4	58.4–61.8
27	94.8–96.6	45.6–51.9	45.4–51.8	0.55	1.85–1.95	173–244	115–122	2.8	59.1–62.2
28	94.8–96.6	52.2–58.7	52.0–58.5	0.61	1.86–1.97	174–246	116–123	3.2	59.6–62.4
29	94.8–96.6	58.9–65.5	58.6–65.2	0.66	1.87–1.98	176–248	117–124	3.6	60.1–62.7
30	94.8–96.5	65.5–72.2	65.2–71.9	0.71	1.87–1.98	176–250	117–125	4.0	60.5–63.0
31	94.7–96.5	72.1–79.0	71.8–78.6	0.76	1.87–1.98	176–250	117–125	4.4	60.9–63.3
32	94.7–96.5	78.8–85.7	78.4–85.3	0.80	1.88–1.99	176–250	117–125	4.9	61.1–63.5
33	94.6–96.3	85.4–92.5	84.9–92.0	0.86	1.88–1.99	176–250	117–125	5.3	61.4–63.8
34	94.4–96.1	92.0–99.2	91.5–98.7	0.92	1.89–2.00	176–250	117–125	5.7	61.6–64.0
35	94.2–96.0	98.6–105.9	98.0–105.3	0.97	1.89–2.00	176–250	117–125	6.1	61.8–64.2
36	94.0–95.8	105.2–112.6	104.5–111.9	1.02	1.89–2.00	174–248	116–124	6.5	62.0–64.4
37	93.7–95.7	111.7–119.3	111.0–118.6	1.08	1.89–2.00	174–248	116–124	6.9	62.1–64.6
38	93.5–95.5	118.3–126.0	117.5–125.2	1.12	1.89–2.01	174–248	116–124	7.3	62.3–64.7
39	93.3–95.3	124.8–132.7	123.9–131.8	1.18	1.90–2.01	174–248	116–124	7.8	62.4–64.9
40	93.1–95.0	131.3–139.3	130.4–138.3	1.24	1.90–2.01	174–248	116–124	8.2	62.5–65.0
41	92.8–94.9	137.8–146.0	136.8–144.9	1.30	1.90–2.02	174–248	116–124	8.6	62.6–65.1
42	92.5–94.6	144.3–152.6	143.2–151.4	1.35	1.91–2.02	174–248	116–124	9.0	62.7–65.1
43	92.1–94.4	150.8–159.2	149.5–157.9	1.41	1.91–2.02	174–248	116–124	9.4	62.8–65.2
44	91.8–94.1	157.2–165.8	155.9–164.4	1.47	1.91–2.02	174–248	116–124	9.8	62.9–65.2
45	91.5–93.8	163.6–172.3	162.2–170.9	1.52	1.92–2.03	174–248	116–124	10.2	62.9–65.3
46	91.2–93.5	170.0–178.9	168.4–177.3	1.59	1.92–2.03	174–248	116–124	10.6	63.0–65.3
47	90.9–93.3	176.3–185.4	174.7–183.8	1.64	1.92–2.03	174–248	116–124	11.0	63.1–65.4
48	90.7–93.1	182.7–191.9	181.0–190.2	1.70	1.92–2.03	174–248	116–124	11.5	63.1–65.4
49	90.4–92.8	189.0–198.4	187.2–196.5	1.76	1.92–2.03	174–248	116–124	11.9	63.2–65.5
50	90.0–92.7	195.3–204.9	193.4–202.9	1.83	1.92–2.03	174–248	116–124	12.3	63.2–65.5
51	89.8–92.4	201.6–211.4	199.5–209.3	1.89	1.92–2.03	174–248	116–124	12.7	63.3–65.6
52	89.6–92.2	207.9–217.8	205.7–215.6	1.95	1.92–2.03	174–248	116–124	13.1	63.3–65.6
53	89.4–91.9	214.1–224.3	211.8–221.9	2.01	1.92–2.03	174–248	116–124	13.5	63.4–65.7
54	89.3–91.7	220.4–230.7	217.9–228.2	2.09	1.92–2.03	174–248	116–124	13.9	63.4–65.7
55	88.9–91.5	226.6–237.1	224.0–234.4	2.16	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	14.3	63.4–65.8
56	88.7–91.4	232.8–243.5	230.1–240.7	2.24	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	14.7	63.5–65.8
57	88.4–91.2	239.0–249.9	236.1–246.9	2.33	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	15.1	63.5–65.9
58	88.2–91.0	245.2–256.3	242.2–253.2	2.40	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	15.5	63.5–65.9
59	87.9–90.8	251.3–262.6	248.2–259.4	2.49	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	15.9	63.6–66.0
60	87.6–90.5	257.5–269.0	254.1–265.5	2.57	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	16.3	63.6–66.0

Production Period Performance Table (cont.)

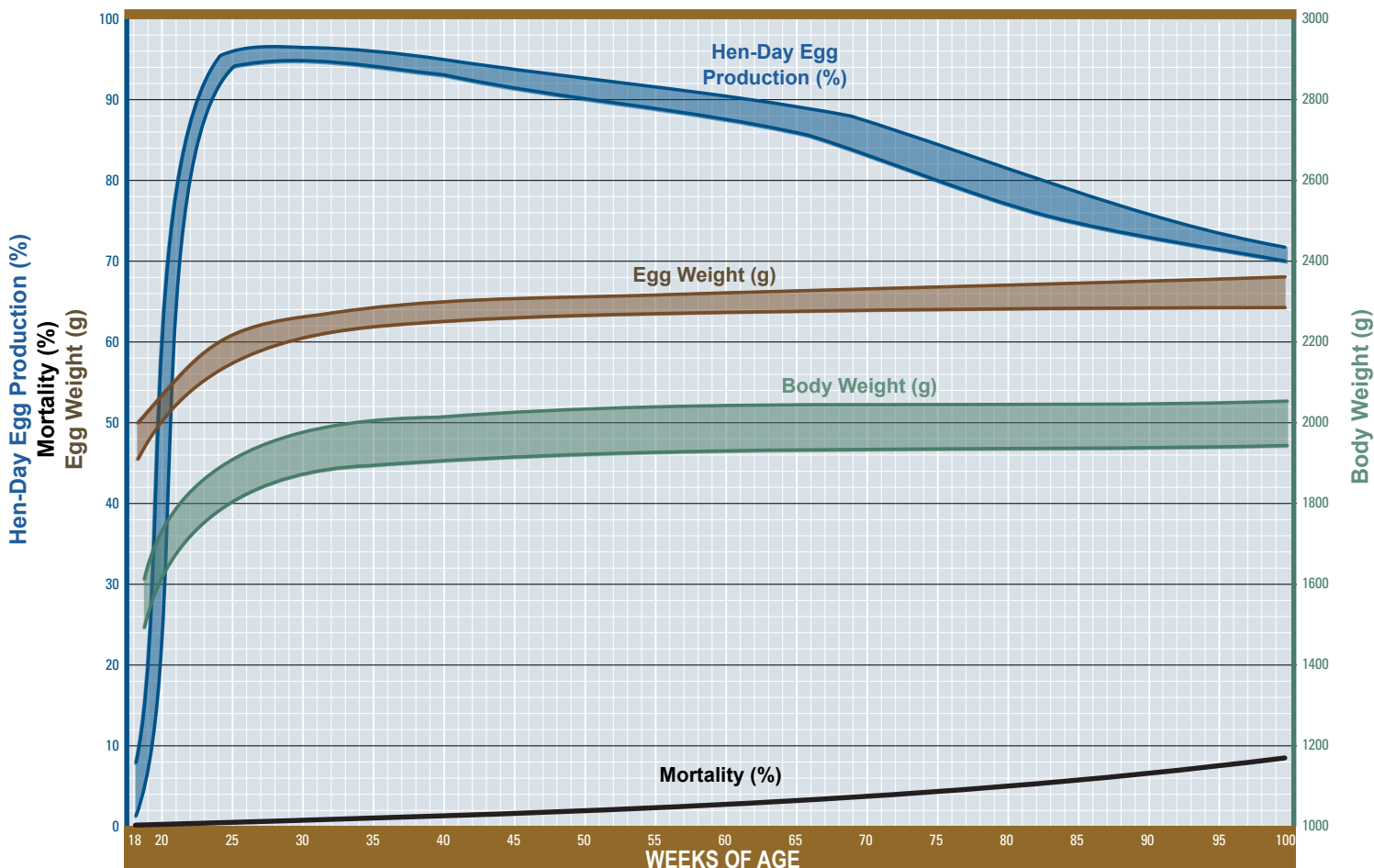
AGE (weeks)	% HEN-DAY Current	HEN-DAY EGGS Cumulative	HEN- HOUSED EGGS Cumulative	MORT- ALITY Cumulative (%)	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	WATER INTAKE (ml/bird/day)	FEED INTAKE (g/bird/day)	HH EGG MASS Cumulative (kg)	AVG. EGG WEIGHT (g/egg)
61	87.3–90.2	263.6–275.3	260.1–271.7	2.65	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	16.6	63.6–66.1
62	87.0–90.0	269.7–281.6	266.0–277.8	2.77	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	17.0	63.7–66.1
63	86.7–89.8	275.7–287.9	271.9–283.9	2.85	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	17.4	63.7–66.2
64	86.4–89.6	281.8–294.1	277.8–290.0	2.92	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	17.8	63.7–66.2
65	86.1–89.3	287.8–300.4	283.6–296.1	2.97	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	18.2	63.8–66.3
66	85.6–89.0	293.8–306.6	289.4–302.1	3.08	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	18.6	63.8–66.3
67	85.1–88.6	299.7–312.8	295.2–308.1	3.14	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	19.0	63.8–66.4
68	84.5–88.3	305.7–319.0	300.9–314.1	3.20	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	19.4	63.8–66.4
69	83.8–88.0	311.5–325.2	306.6–320.1	3.30	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	19.7	63.8–66.4
70	83.2–87.6	317.4–331.3	312.2–326.0	3.43	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	20.1	63.9–66.5
71	82.7–87.0	323.1–337.4	317.8–331.9	3.58	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	20.5	63.9–66.5
72	82.0–86.4	328.9–343.4	323.3–337.7	3.73	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	20.8	63.9–66.6
73	81.4–85.8	334.6–349.4	328.8–343.5	3.88	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	21.2	63.9–66.6
74	80.7–85.2	340.2–355.4	334.2–349.2	4.03	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	21.6	63.9–66.7
75	80.1–84.6	345.8–361.3	339.6–354.9	4.18	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	21.9	64.0–66.7
76	79.5–84.0	351.4–367.2	344.9–360.5	4.33	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	22.3	64.0–66.8
77	78.9–83.4	356.9–373.1	350.2–366.1	4.48	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	22.7	64.0–66.8
78	78.3–82.8	362.4–378.8	355.4–371.6	4.63	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	23.0	64.0–66.9
79	77.7–82.2	367.8–384.6	360.6–377.1	4.78	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	23.4	64.0–66.9
80	77.1–81.6	373.2–390.3	365.7–382.5	4.93	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	23.7	64.0–67.0
81	76.6–81.0	378.6–396.0	370.8–387.9	5.08	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	24.0	64.0–67.0
82	76.1–80.4	383.9–401.6	375.8–393.2	5.23	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	24.4	64.1–67.1
83	75.6–79.8	389.2–407.2	380.9–398.5	5.38	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	24.7	64.1–67.1
84	75.2–79.2	394.5–412.7	385.8–403.7	5.53	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	25.1	64.1–67.2
85	74.8–78.6	399.7–418.2	390.8–408.9	5.68	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	25.4	64.1–67.2
86	74.4–78.0	404.9–423.7	395.7–414.1	5.83	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	25.7	64.1–67.3
87	74.0–77.4	410.1–429.1	400.5–419.2	5.98	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	26.1	64.1–67.3
88	73.6–76.8	415.2–434.5	405.4–424.2	6.13	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	26.4	64.1–67.4
89	73.3–76.3	420.4–439.8	410.2–429.2	6.28	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	26.7	64.1–67.4
90	73.0–75.8	425.5–445.2	415.0–434.2	6.45	1.93–2.04	174–248	116–124	27.0	64.1–67.5
91	72.7–75.3	430.6–450.4	419.7–439.1	6.65	1.94–2.05	174–248	116–124	27.3	64.2–67.5
92	72.4–74.9	435.6–455.7	424.4–444.0	6.85	1.94–2.05	174–248	116–124	27.7	64.2–67.6
93	72.1–74.5	440.7–460.9	429.1–448.8	7.10	1.94–2.05	174–248	116–124	28.0	64.2–67.6
94	71.8–74.1	445.7–466.1	433.8–453.6	7.30	1.94–2.05	174–248	116–124	28.3	64.2–67.7
95	71.5–73.7	450.7–471.2	438.4–458.4	7.50	1.94–2.05	174–248	116–124	28.6	64.2–67.7
96	71.2–73.3	455.7–476.4	443.0–463.2	7.60	1.94–2.05	174–248	116–124	28.9	64.2–67.8
97	70.9–72.9	460.7–481.5	447.6–467.9	7.80	1.94–2.05	174–248	116–124	29.2	64.2–67.8
98	70.6–72.5	465.6–486.5	452.1–472.5	8.00	1.94–2.05	174–248	116–124	29.5	64.2–67.9
99	70.3–72.1	470.5–491.6	456.7–477.2	8.20	1.94–2.05	174–248	116–124	29.8	64.2–67.9
100	70.0–71.7	475.4–496.6	461.2–481.8	8.40	1.94–2.05	174–248	116–124	30.1	64.2–68.0

Production Period Space Recommendations

check local regulations concerning space requirements)

Floor	7–9 birds/m ² of useable space. Higher stocking densities can be used in aviary systems. Consult equipment manufacturers.
Feeders	5cm/bird (with access on both sides); 10 cm/bird (with access on one side); 4 cm/bird with circular feeders
Drinkers	Nipples/cups: 1 per 10 birds; circular drinkers: 1 cm/bird; linear drinker: 2.5 cm per bird
Perches	10–15 cm/bird
Nests	5 birds/nest or 120 birds per m ² in colony nests

Performance Graph



Egg Quality and Egg Size Distribution

E.U. Standards–Weekly*

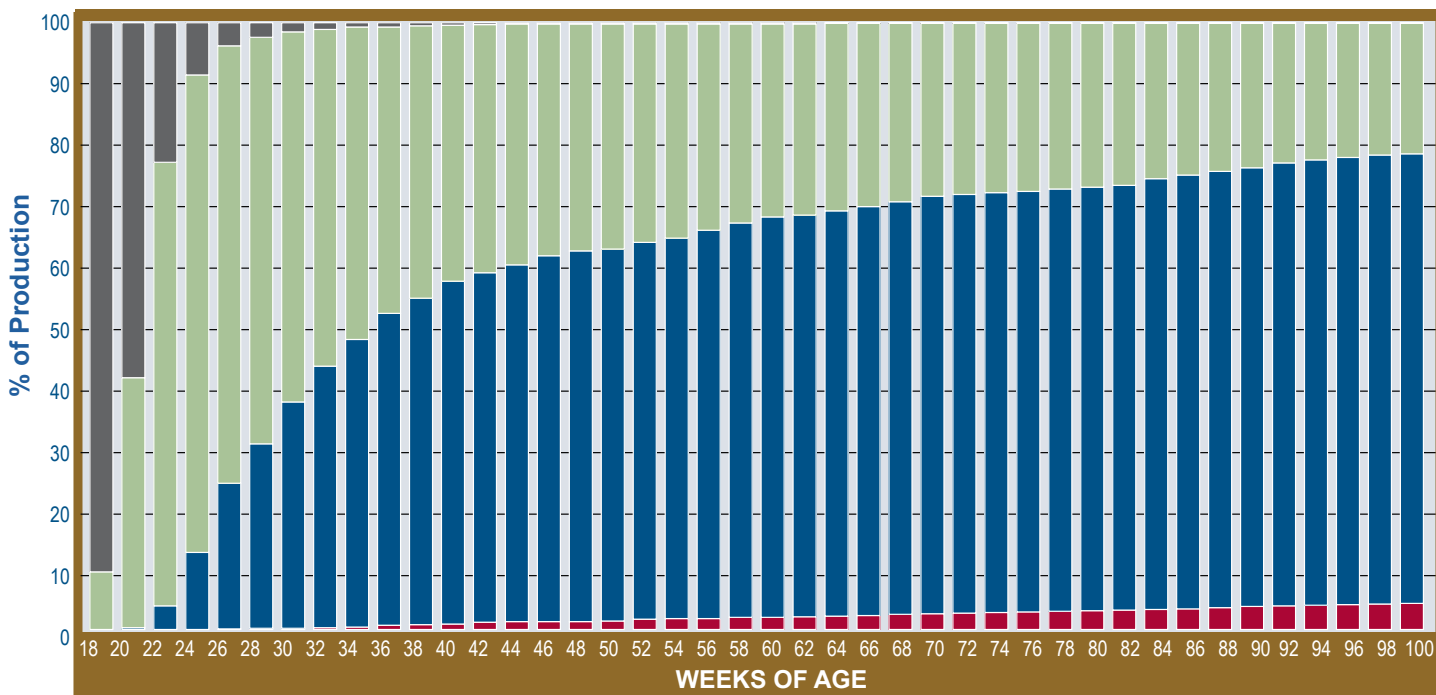
AGE (weeks)	HAUGH UNITS	BREAKING STRENGTH	SHELL COLOR
20	97.8	4605	89
22	97.0	4590	89
24	96.0	4580	89
26	95.1	4570	88
28	94.2	4560	88
30	93.3	4540	88
32	92.2	4515	88
34	91.5	4490	88
36	90.6	4450	87
38	90.0	4425	87
40	89.3	4405	87
42	88.5	4375	87
44	87.8	4355	87
46	87.1	4320	87
48	86.4	4305	87
50	85.6	4280	86
52	85.0	4250	86
54	84.6	4225	86
56	84.0	4190	85
58	83.1	4170	85
60	82.6	4150	85
62	82.2	4130	84
64	81.9	4110	83
66	81.6	4095	83
68	81.5	4085	82
70	81.1	4075	81
72	81.0	4065	81
74	80.8	4055	80
76	80.5	4040	80
78	80.2	4020	80
80	80.1	3995	80
82	80.0	3985	79
84	79.9	3975	79
86	79.8	3965	79
88	79.7	3960	79
90	79.7	3955	79

AGE (weeks)	AVG. EGG WEIGHT (g)	% SMALL 43–53 g	% MEDIUM 53–63 g	% LARGE 63–73 g	% VERY LARGE Over 73 g
18	47.7	90.5	9.5	0.0	0.0
20	52.2	58.5	41.2	0.3	0.0
22	56.0	23.0	73.1	3.9	0.0
24	58.4	8.6	78.7	12.7	0.0
26	60.1	3.8	72.1	24.0	0.1
28	61.0	2.4	67.0	30.4	0.2
30	61.8	1.5	61.0	37.3	0.2
32	62.3	1.1	55.5	43.1	0.3
34	62.8	0.7	51.5	47.4	0.4
36	63.2	0.7	47.2	51.4	0.7
38	63.5	0.5	44.9	53.8	0.8
40	63.8	0.4	42.2	56.5	0.9
42	63.9	0.3	40.9	57.6	1.2
44	64.0	0.2	39.7	58.8	1.3
46	64.1	0.2	38.2	60.3	1.3
48	64.3	0.2	37.4	61.1	1.3
50	64.4	0.2	37.1	61.3	1.4
52	64.5	0.2	36.0	62.1	1.7
54	64.5	0.2	35.3	62.7	1.8
56	64.6	0.2	34.0	64.0	1.8
58	64.7	0.2	32.8	65.0	2.0
60	64.8	0.2	31.8	66.0	2.0
62	64.9	0.2	31.5	66.2	2.1
64	65.0	0.1	30.9	66.8	2.2
66	65.0	0.1	30.2	67.4	2.3
68	65.1	0.1	29.4	68.0	2.5
70	65.2	0.1	28.5	68.8	2.6
72	65.3	0.1	28.2	69.0	2.7
74	65.3	0.1	27.9	69.2	2.8
76	65.4	0.1	27.7	69.3	2.9
78	65.5	0.1	27.3	69.6	3.0
80	65.5	0.1	27.0	69.8	3.1
82	65.6	0.1	26.7	70.0	3.2
84	65.6	0.1	25.6	71.0	3.3
86	65.7	0.1	25.0	71.5	3.4
88	65.8	0.1	24.4	71.9	3.6
90	65.8	0.1	23.8	72.3	3.8
92	65.9	0.1	23.0	73.0	3.9
94	65.9	0.1	22.5	73.4	4.0
96	66.0	0.1	22.1	73.7	4.1
98	66.1	0.1	21.7	74.0	4.2
100	66.1	0.1	21.5	74.1	4.3

* Distribution of egg sizes based on weekly (not cumulative) average egg weights.

Egg Size Distribution (cont.)

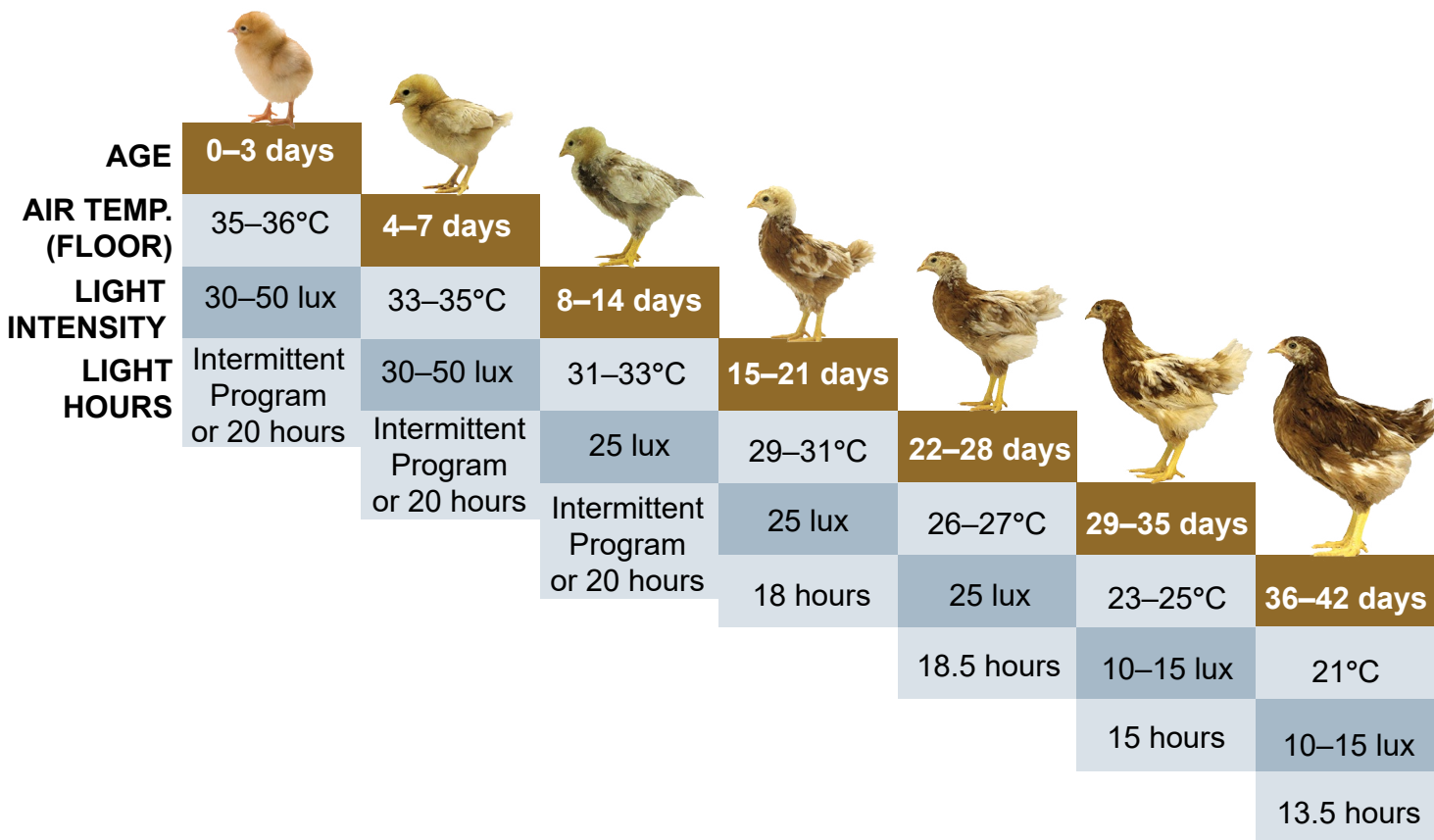
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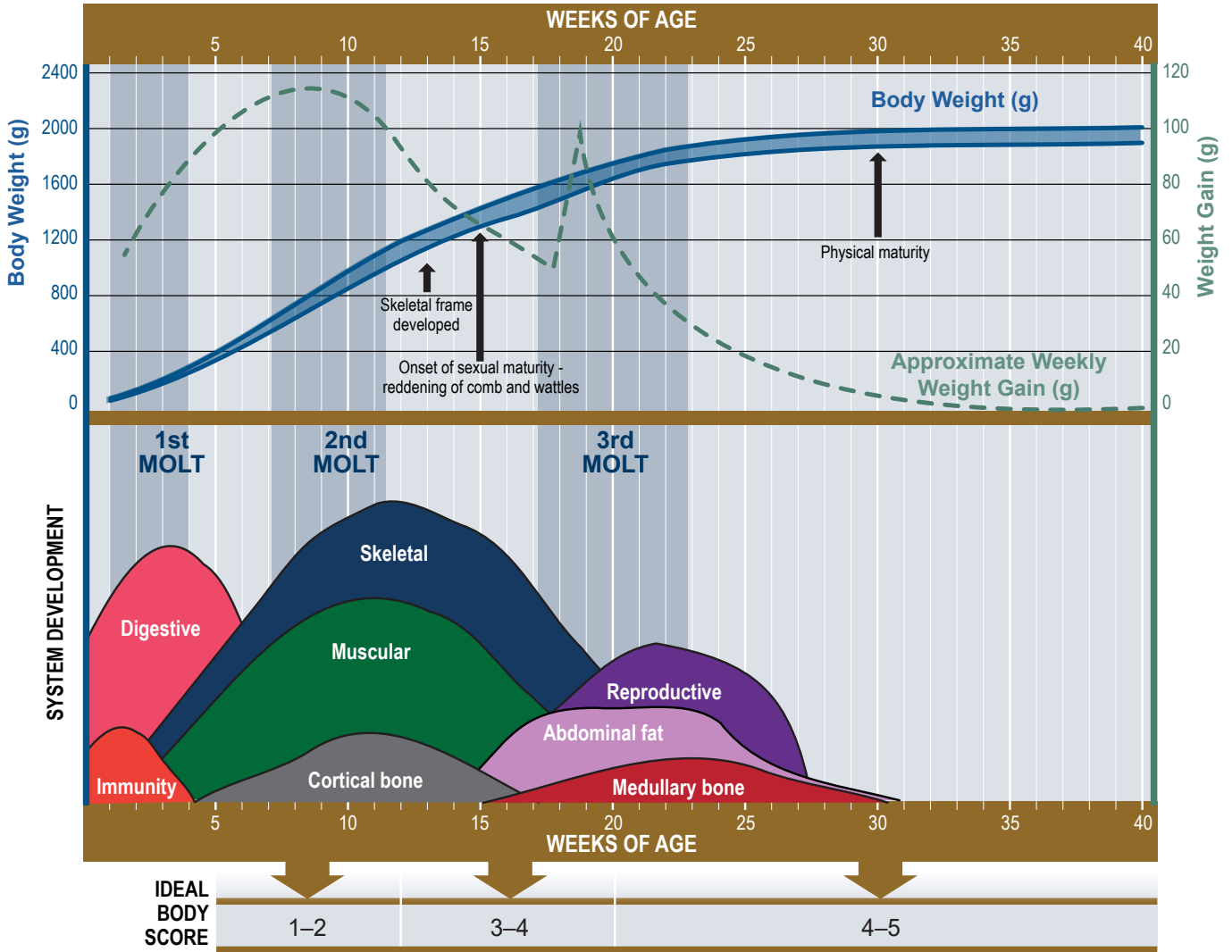
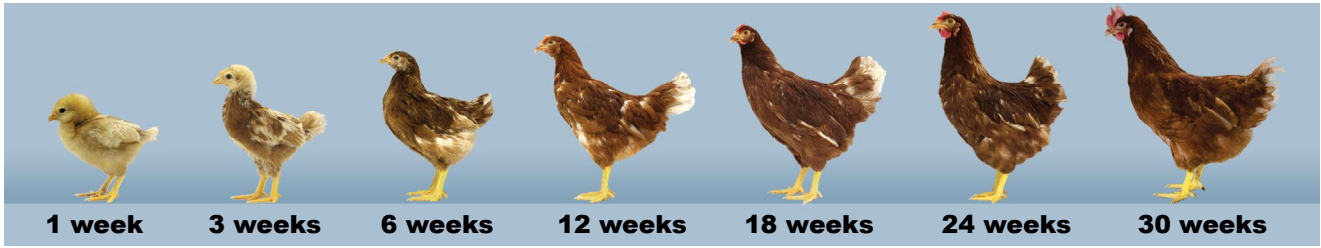
SMALL
43–53 g
 MEDIUM
53–63 g
 LARGE
43–53 g
 VERY LARGE
Over 73 g

* Distribution of egg sizes based on weekly (not cumulative) average egg weights.

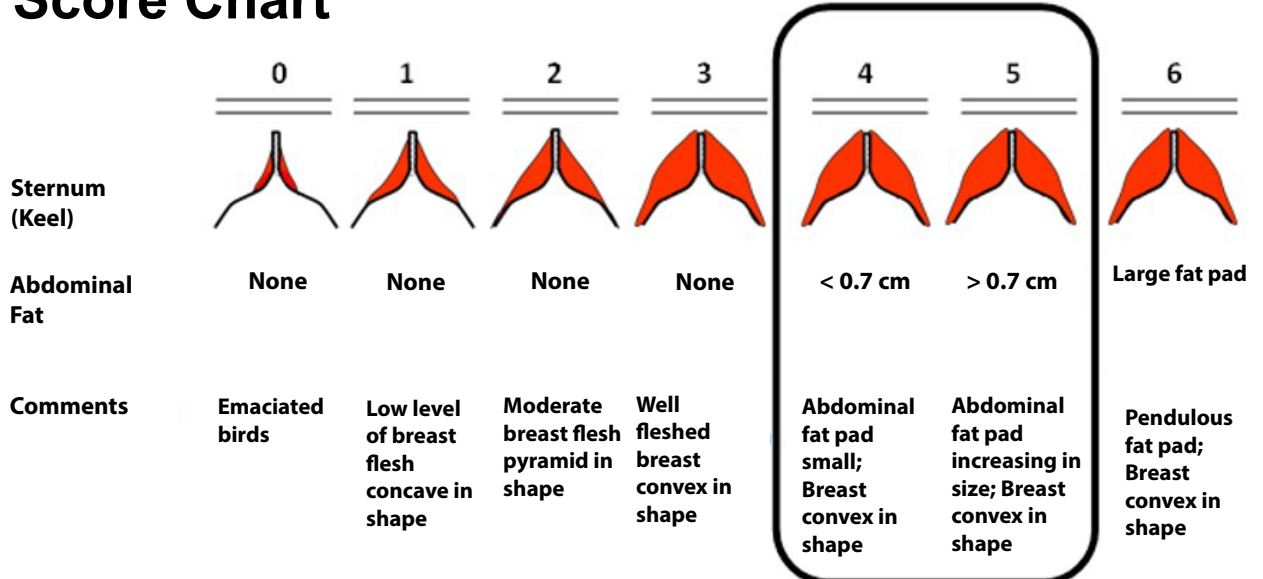
Brooding Temperature and Lighting Recommendations



Development of the Organ Systems in Pullets

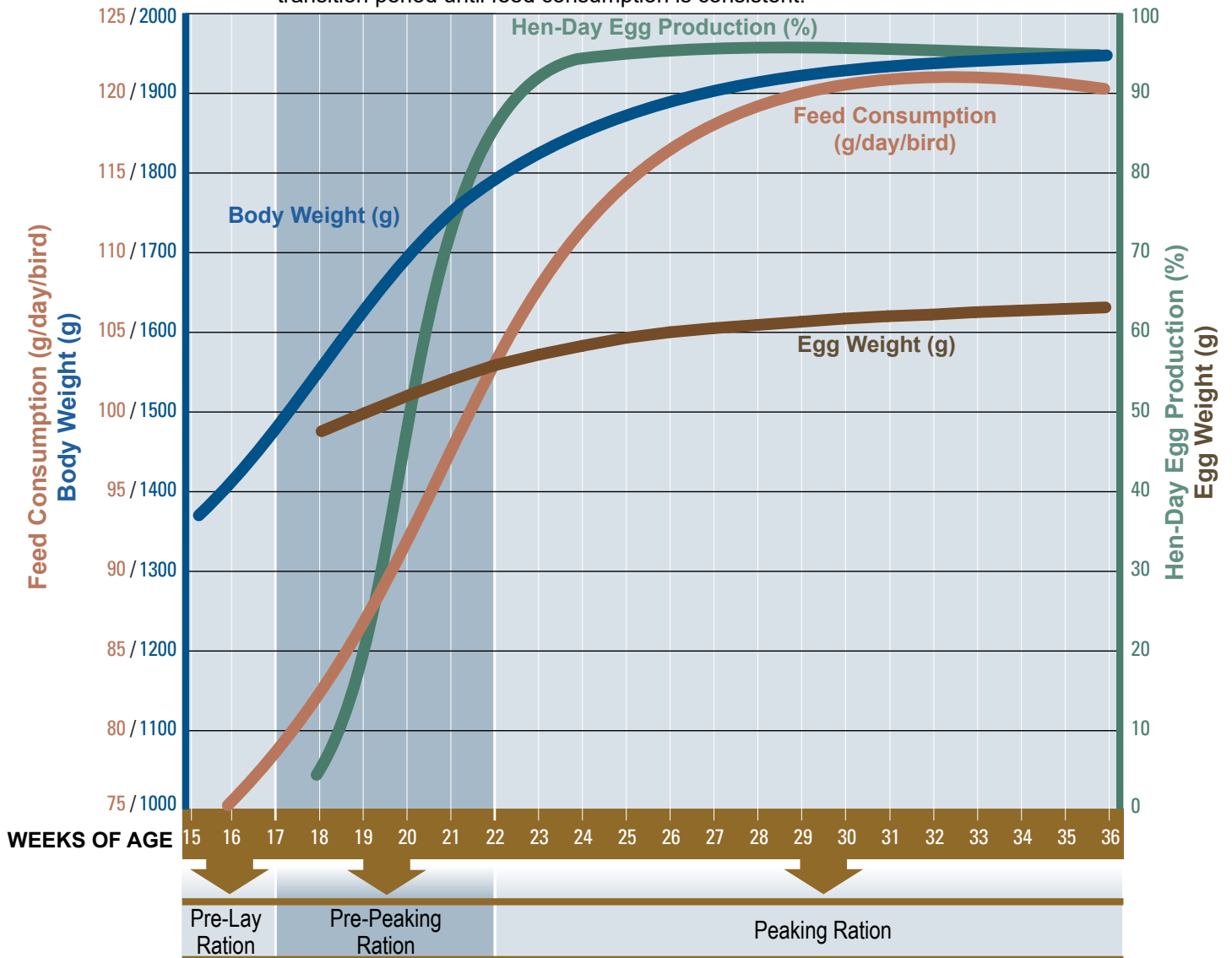


Body Score Chart



Transition Period from Rear to Peak Egg Production

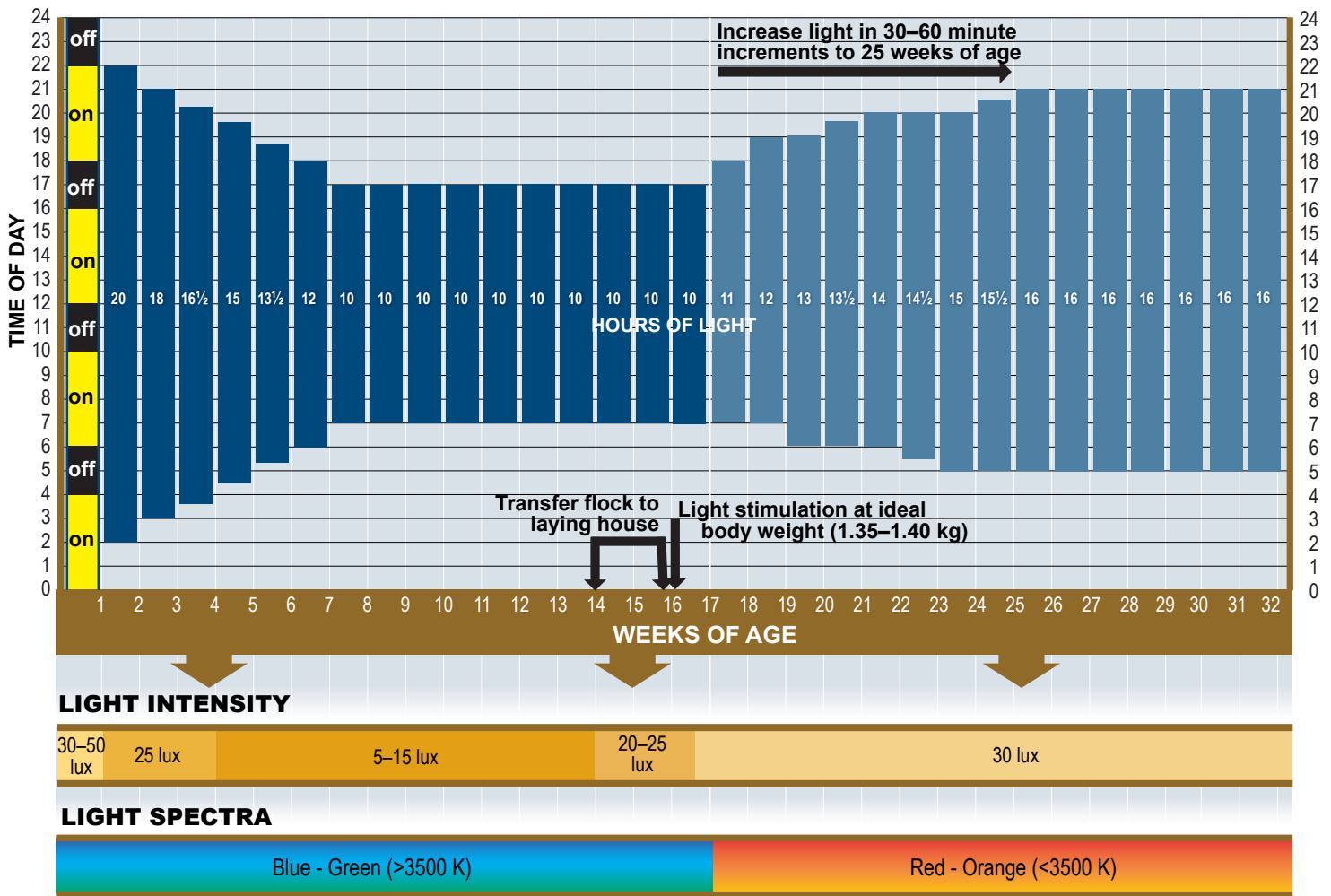
Frequently formulate to changing feed consumption during transition period until feed consumption is consistent.



Pre-Peak

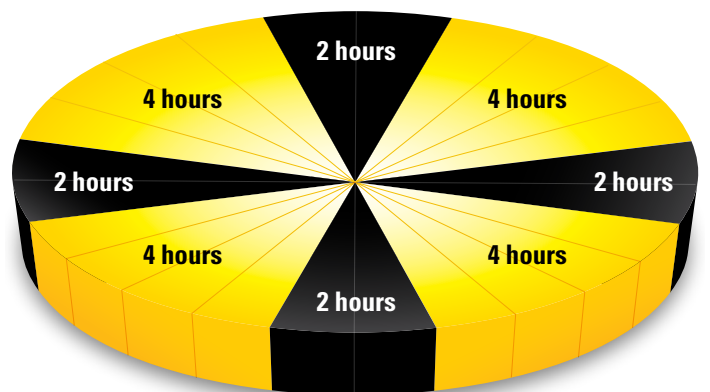
- Pre-Peak diets are intended for flocks with low feed intake and are fed for a limited period from first egg to the beginning of peak production. The nutrient specification of the Pre-Peak diet should be dense enough to allow for lower feed intake and also cater to the increased nutritional needs of the bird entering egg production. Continue to feed the Pre-Peak until feed intake has developed sufficiently to allow transition to the Peak diet.
- If utilised until no more than 50–70% HD, a Pre-Peak diet with reduced energy concentration can be beneficial to stimulate feed intake. Pre-Peaking diets are useful in situations where local conditions may result in reduced feed intake, such as hot climates where feed intake may be depressed.
- Increasing the vitamins and trace mineral inclusion to 30% can be useful to cope with the lower feed intake during the Pre-Peak phase.

Light Program for Light-Controlled Housing

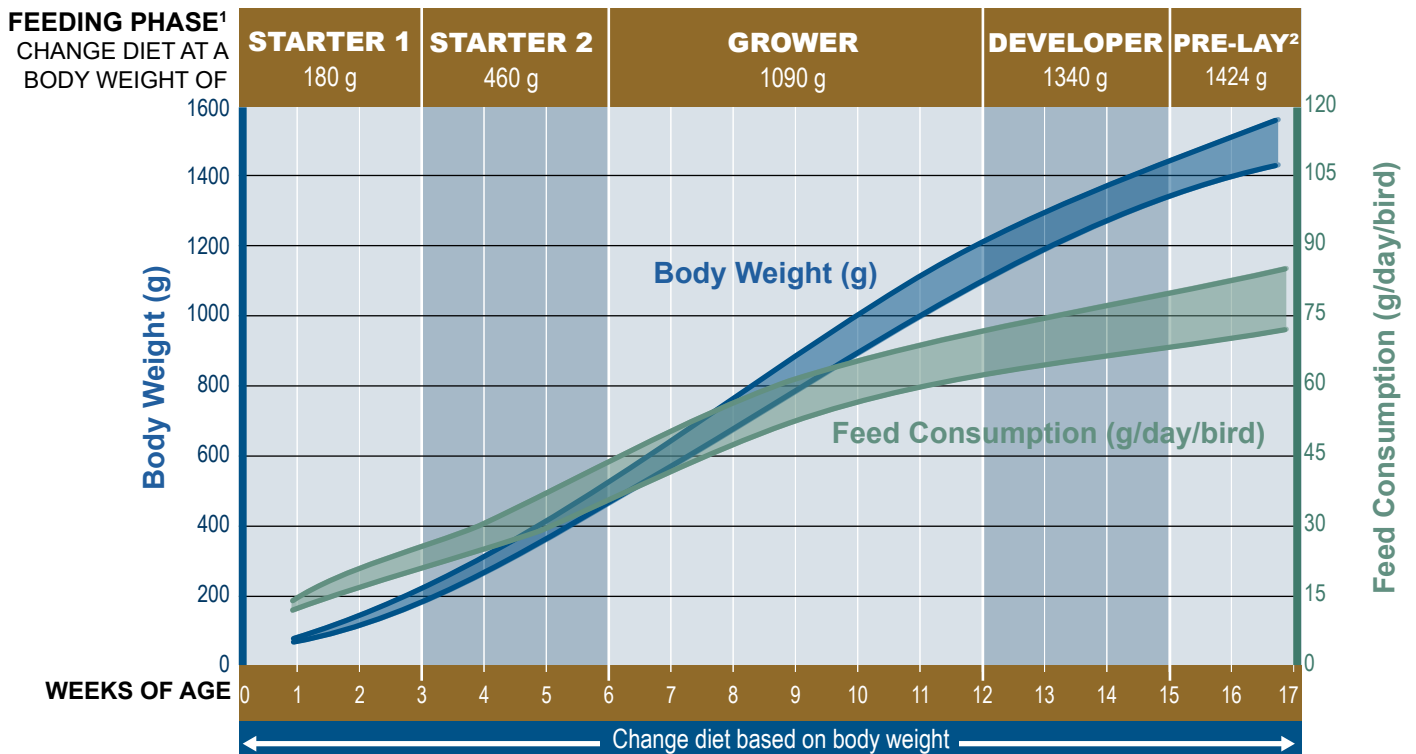


Intermittent Lighting Program for Chicks

- Preferred lighting technique.
- Use from 0-7 days (can be used up to 14 days of age).
- Intermittent dark periods provide rest periods for chicks.
- Synchronises chicks' activities and feedings.
- Establishes more natural behaviour of rest and activity.
- May improve 7-day livability and pullet body weight.
- Some dark periods may be shortened or removed to accommodate work schedules.



Rearing Period Nutritional Recommendations



NUTRITION

RECOMMENDED NUTRIENT CONCENTRATION

Metabolisable energy ³ , kcal/kg	2900–3100	2850–3050	2800–3000	2700–3000	2750–3000
Metabolisable energy ³ , MJ/kg	12.13–12.97	11.92–12.76	11.72–12.55	11.30–12.55	11.51–12.55
	Standardised Ileal Digestible Amino Acids / Total Amino Acids⁴				
Lysine, %	1.07 / 1.17	0.92 / 1.00	0.82 / 0.89	0.60 / 0.66	0.72 / 0.78
Methionine, %	0.48 / 0.52	0.42 / 0.45	0.39 / 0.43	0.28 / 0.30	0.35 / 0.38
Methionine+Cystine, %	0.82 / 0.91	0.72 / 0.81	0.66 / 0.74	0.50 / 0.57	0.62 / 0.70
Threonine, %	0.69 / 0.82	0.60 / 0.70	0.55 / 0.64	0.41 / 0.49	0.50 / 0.58
Tryptophan, %	0.19 / 0.22	0.17 / 0.20	0.17 / 0.20	0.13 / 0.16	0.16 / 0.20
Arginine, %	1.11 / 1.20	0.96 / 1.03	0.85 / 0.91	0.63 / 0.68	0.75 / 0.81
Isoleucine, %	0.75 / 0.80	0.66 / 0.71	0.61 / 0.66	0.45 / 0.48	0.56 / 0.61
Valine, %	0.77 / 0.84	0.68 / 0.75	0.64 / 0.70	0.48 / 0.53	0.61 / 0.67
Crude protein ⁵ , %	20.00	18.00	17.00	15.50	16.50
Calcium ⁶ , %	1.05	1.00	0.95	0.90	2.50
Phosphorus (available) ⁷ , %	0.45	0.44	0.43	0.38	0.42
Phosphorus (digestible), %	0.41	0.40	0.39	0.34	0.38
Sodium, %	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18
Chloride, %	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18
Linoleic acid (C18:2 n-6), %	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
Choline, mg/kg	2,000	1,800	1,800	1,500	1,800

¹ Body weights are approximate. Ages shown are a guide only. Please note that at time of transfer, there will be some loss in body weight (normally 10–12%) due to reduced water intake.

² Do not feed Pre-Lay Diet earlier than 15 weeks of age. Do not feed Pre-Lay later than first egg as it contains insufficient calcium to support egg production. Implementing a pre-lay diet can be challenging in mixed-age flocks. If it's not possible to use the Pre-Lay diet, the calcium content of the last stage rearing diet (developer) must be increased to 1.4%.

³ Recommended energy range is based on raw material energy values shown in feed ingredient table at back of this guide. It is important that target concentrations of dietary energy are adjusted according to energy system applied to raw material matrix.

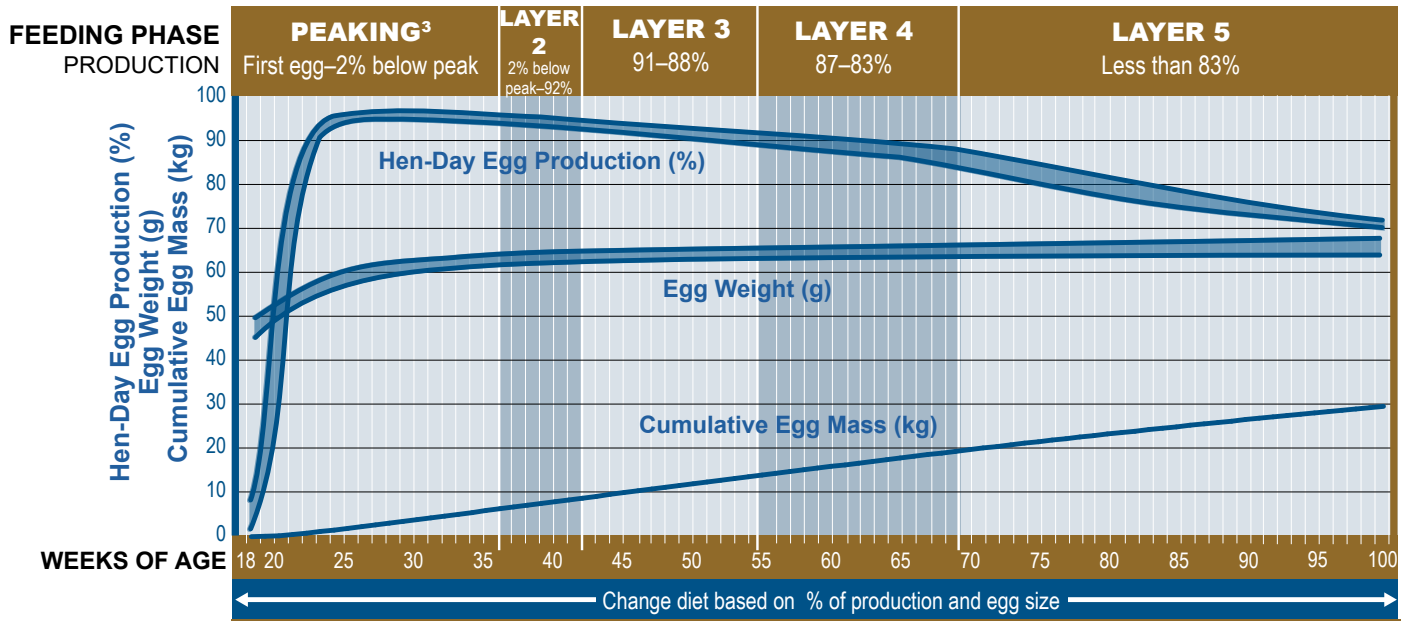
⁴ Recommendation for Total Amino Acids is only appropriate to corn and soybean meal diet. Where diets utilise other ingredients, recommendations for Standardised Ileal Digestible Amino Acids must be followed.

⁵ Diets should always be formulated to provide required intake of amino acid. Concentration of crude protein in diet will vary with raw material used. Crude protein value provided is an estimated typical value only.

⁶ Calcium should be supplied as fine calcium carbonate (mean particle size less than 2 mm). Coarse limestone (2–4 mm) can be introduced in Pre-Lay Diet at up to 50% of total limestone.

⁷ Where other phosphorus systems are used, diets should contain recommended minimum level of available phosphorus.

Production Period Nutritional Recommendations for Economical Performance^{1,2}



NUTRITION	RECOMMENDED DAILY NUTRIENT INTAKE				
	Metabolisable energy ⁴ , kcal/bird/day	315–330	310–325	305–320	300–315
Metabolisable energy ⁴ , MJ/bird/day	1.32–1.38	1.30–1.36	1.28–1.34	1.26–1.32	1.26–1.32
	Standardised Ileal Digestible Amino Acids / Total Amino Acids ⁵				
Lysine, mg/day	830 / 909	810 / 887	780 / 854	745 / 816	700 / 766
Methionine, mg/day	415 / 446	405 / 435	390 / 419	373 / 401	350 / 376
M+C, mg/day	747 / 842	729 / 822	702 / 792	671 / 756	623 / 703
Threonine, mg/day	581 / 684	567 / 667	546 / 642	522 / 614	490 / 576
Tryptophan, mg/day	178 / 213	174 / 200	168 / 200	160 / 191	151 / 180
Arginine, mg/day	863 / 928	842 / 872	811 / 872	775 / 833	728 / 783
Isoleucine, mg/day	664 / 714	648 / 671	624 / 671	596 / 641	560 / 602
Valine, mg/day	730 / 806	713 / 786	686 / 757	656 / 723	616 / 679
Crude protein ⁶ , g/day	17.80	17.60	16.70	16.30	15.50
Sodium, mg/day	180	170	170	170	170
Chloride, mg/day	180	170	170	170	170
Linoleic acid (C18:2 n-6), g/day	1.60	1.50	1.40	1.40	1.40
Choline, mg/day	180	180	180	180	180

	CALCIUM AND PHOSPHORUS			
	Calcium ^{7,8} g/day	Phosphorus (available) ^{7,9} mg/day	Phosphorus (digestible) mg/day	Calcium Particle Size (fine : coarse)
Weeks 18–33	4.00	432	389	40% : 60%
Weeks 34–48	4.20	405	366	35% : 65%
Weeks 49–62	4.40	373	337	30% : 70%
Weeks 63–76	4.60	347	314	25% : 75%
Weeks 77+	4.70	324	291	25% : 75%

	IDEAL PROTEIN REFERENCE				
	PEAKING	LAYER 2	LAYER 3	LAYER 4	LAYER 5
Lysine	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Methionine	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
M+C	90%	90%	90%	90%	89%
Threonine	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%
Tryptophan	22%	22%	22%	22%	22%
Arginine	104%	104%	104%	104%	104%
Isoleucine	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%
Valine	88%	88%	88%	88%	88%

Production Period Dietary Nutrient Concentrations for Economical Performance^{1,2}

FEEDING PHASE PRODUCTION NUTRITION	PEAKING ³ First egg until production drops 2% below peak					LAYER 2 2% below peak to 92%					LAYER 3 91–88%					LAYER 4 87–82%					LAYER 5 Less than 83%				
	RECOMMENDED CONCENTRATION																								
ME ⁴ , kcal/bird/day	315–330					310–325					305–320					300–315					300–315				
ME ⁴ , MJ/bird/day	1.32–1.38					1.30–1.36					1.28–1.34					1.26–1.32					1.26–1.32				
FEED CONSUMPTION (*Typical Feed Consumption)																									
g/day/bird	90	95	100*	105	110	105	110	115*	120	125	105	111	117*	123	129	105	111	117*	123	129	105	111	117*	123	129
Standardised Ileal Digestible Amino Acids																									
Lysine, %	0.92	0.87	0.83	0.79	0.75	0.77	0.74	0.70	0.68	0.65	0.74	0.70	0.67	0.63	0.60	0.71	0.67	0.64	0.61	0.58	0.67	0.63	0.60	0.57	0.54
Methionine, %	0.46	0.44	0.42	0.40	0.38	0.39	0.37	0.35	0.34	0.32	0.37	0.35	0.33	0.32	0.30	0.36	0.34	0.32	0.30	0.29	0.33	0.32	0.30	0.28	0.27
M+C, %	0.83	0.79	0.75	0.71	0.68	0.69	0.66	0.63	0.61	0.58	0.67	0.63	0.60	0.57	0.54	0.64	0.60	0.57	0.55	0.52	0.60	0.57	0.54	0.51	0.49
Threonine, %	0.65	0.61	0.58	0.55	0.53	0.54	0.52	0.49	0.47	0.45	0.52	0.49	0.47	0.44	0.42	0.50	0.47	0.45	0.42	0.40	0.47	0.44	0.42	0.40	0.38
Tryptophan, %	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.12
Arginine, %	0.96	0.91	0.86	0.82	0.78	0.80	0.77	0.73	0.70	0.67	0.77	0.73	0.69	0.66	0.63	0.74	0.70	0.66	0.63	0.60	0.69	0.66	0.62	0.59	0.56
Isoleucine, %	0.74	0.70	0.66	0.63	0.60	0.62	0.59	0.56	0.54	0.52	0.59	0.56	0.53	0.51	0.48	0.57	0.54	0.51	0.48	0.46	0.53	0.50	0.48	0.46	0.43
Valine, %	0.81	0.77	0.73	0.70	0.66	0.68	0.65	0.62	0.59	0.57	0.65	0.62	0.59	0.56	0.53	0.62	0.59	0.56	0.53	0.51	0.59	0.55	0.53	0.50	0.48
Total Amino Acids ⁵																									
Lysine, %	1.01	0.96	0.91	0.87	0.83	0.84	0.81	0.77	0.74	0.71	0.81	0.77	0.73	0.69	0.66	0.78	0.74	0.70	0.66	0.63	0.73	0.69	0.65	0.62	0.59
Methionine, %	0.50	0.47	0.45	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.40	0.38	0.36	0.35	0.40	0.38	0.36	0.34	0.32	0.38	0.36	0.34	0.33	0.31	0.36	0.34	0.32	0.31	0.29
M+C, %	0.94	0.89	0.84	0.80	0.77	0.78	0.75	0.71	0.69	0.66	0.75	0.71	0.68	0.64	0.61	0.72	0.68	0.65	0.61	0.59	0.68	0.64	0.61	0.58	0.55
Threonine, %	0.76	0.72	0.68	0.65	0.62	0.64	0.61	0.58	0.56	0.53	0.61	0.58	0.55	0.52	0.50	0.58	0.55	0.52	0.50	0.48	0.55	0.52	0.49	0.47	0.45
Tryptophan, %	0.24	0.22	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14
Arginine, %	1.03	0.98	0.93	0.88	0.84	0.86	0.82	0.79	0.76	0.72	0.83	0.79	0.75	0.71	0.68	0.79	0.75	0.71	0.68	0.65	0.75	0.71	0.67	0.64	0.61
Isoleucine, %	0.79	0.75	0.71	0.68	0.65	0.66	0.63	0.61	0.58	0.56	0.64	0.60	0.57	0.55	0.52	0.61	0.58	0.55	0.52	0.50	0.57	0.54	0.51	0.49	0.47
Valine, %	0.90	0.85	0.81	0.77	0.73	0.75	0.71	0.68	0.66	0.63	0.72	0.68	0.65	0.62	0.59	0.69	0.65	0.62	0.59	0.56	0.65	0.61	0.58	0.55	0.53
Cr. protein ⁶ , %	19.78	18.74	17.80	16.95	16.18	16.76	16.00	15.30	14.67	14.08	15.90	15.05	14.27	13.58	12.95	15.52	14.68	13.93	13.25	12.64	14.76	13.96	13.25	12.60	12.02
Sodium, %	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13
Chloride, %	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13
Linoleic acid (C18:2 n-6), %	1.78	1.68	1.60	1.52	1.45	1.43	1.36	1.30	1.25	1.20	1.33	1.26	1.20	1.14	1.09	1.33	1.26	1.20	1.14	1.09	1.33	1.26	1.20	1.14	1.09
Choline, mg/kg	2000	1895	1800	1714	1636	1714	1636	1565	1500	1440	1714	1622	1538	1463	1395	1714	1622	1538	1463	1395	1714	1622	1538	1463	1395

CALCIUM AND PHOSPHORUS CHANGES BASED ON FEED INTAKE

Feed Consumption, g/day per bird	Weeks 18–33					Weeks 34–48					Weeks 49–62					Weeks 63–76					Weeks 77+						
	90	95	100	106	112	118	124	100	106	112	118	124	100	106	112	118	124	100	106	112	118	124	100	106	112	118	124
Calcium ^{7,8} , %	4.44	4.21	4.00	3.81	3.64	3.48	3.33	4.20	4.00	3.82	3.65	3.50	4.40	4.19	4.00	3.83	3.67	4.60	4.38	4.18	4.00	3.83	4.70	4.48	4.27	4.09	3.92
Phosphorus (available) ^{7,9} , %	0.48	0.46	0.43	0.41	0.39	0.38	0.36	0.41	0.39	0.37	0.35	0.34	0.37	0.36	0.34	0.32	0.31	0.35	0.33	0.32	0.30	0.29	0.32	0.31	0.29	0.28	0.27
Phosphorus (digestible), %	0.43	0.41	0.39	0.37	0.35	0.34	0.32	0.37	0.35	0.33	0.32	0.31	0.34	0.32	0.31	0.29	0.28	0.31	0.30	0.29	0.27	0.26	0.29	0.28	0.26	0.25	0.24

¹ All nutrient requirements are based on the [Feed Ingredient Tables](#).

² Crude protein, methionine+cystine, fat, linoleic acid, and / or energy may be changed to optimise egg size.

³ Peaking nutrient levels are calculated for birds at peak egg production. Prior to achieving peak egg production, the nutrient requirements will be lower.

⁴ A good approximation of the influence of temperature on energy needs is that for each 0.5°C change higher or lower than 22°C, subtract or add about 2 kcal /bird /day, respectively.

⁵ Recommendation for Total Amino Acids is only appropriate to corn and soybean meal diet. Where diets utilise other ingredients, recommendations for Standardised Ileal Digestible Amino Acids must be followed.

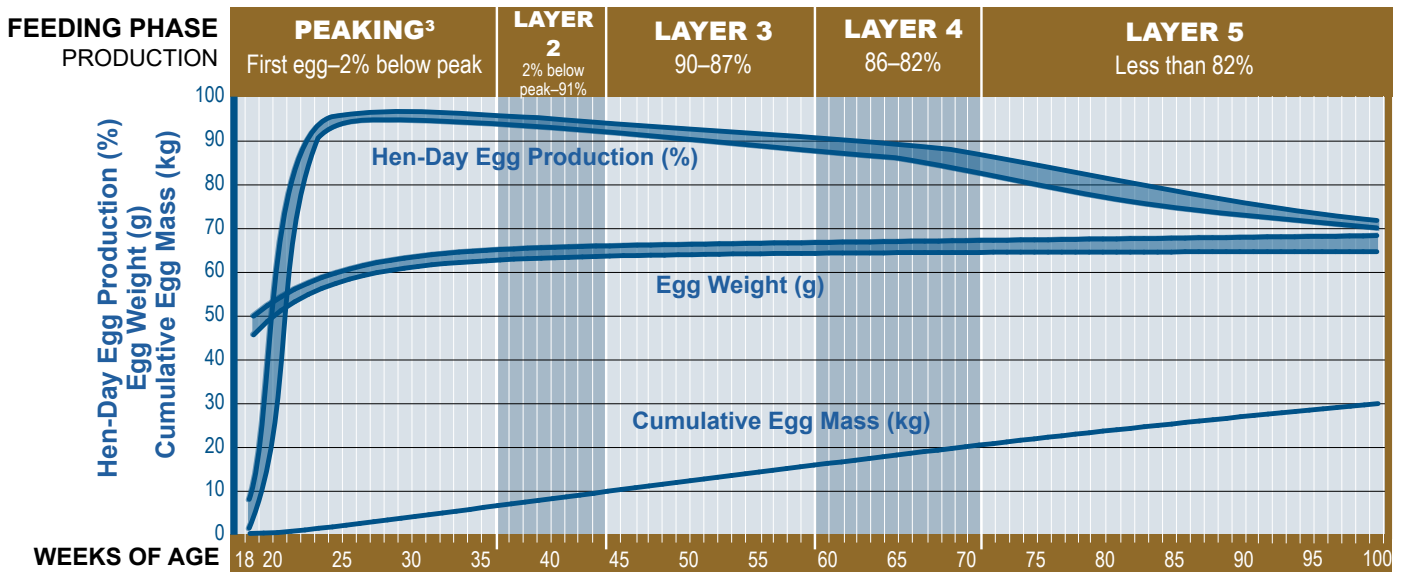
⁶ Diets should always be formulated to provide required intake of amino acid. Concentration of crude protein in diet will vary with raw material used. Crude protein value provided is an estimated typical value only.

⁷ Calcium and available phosphorus requirements are determined by flock age. When production remains higher and diets are fed for longer than ages shown, it is recommended to increase to calcium and phosphorus concentrations of next feeding phase.

⁸ Calcium carbonate particle size recommendation varies throughout lay. Refer to [Calcium Particle Size](#) at [hyline.com](#). Dietary calcium levels and fine to coarse ratio may need to be adjusted based on limestone solubility.

⁹ Where other phosphorus systems are used, diets should contain recommended minimum level of available phosphorus.

Production Period Nutritional Recommendations for Optimal Performance^{1,2}



← Change diet based on % of production and egg size →

NUTRITION	RECOMMENDED DAILY NUTRIENT INTAKE				
	PEAKING	LAYER 2	LAYER 3	LAYER 4	LAYER 5
Metabolisable energy ⁴ , kcal/bird/day	315–330	310–325	305–320	300–315	300–315
Metabolisable energy ⁷ , MJ/bird/day	1.32–1.38	1.30–1.36	1.28–1.34	1.26–1.32	1.26–1.32
	Standardised Ileal Digestible Amino Acids / Total Amino Acids⁵				
Lysine, mg/day	870 / 953	845 / 925	820 / 898	795 / 870	770 / 843
Methionine, mg/day	435 / 468	423 / 454	410 / 441	398 / 427	385 / 414
M+C, mg/day	800 / 903	769 / 867	738 / 832	716 / 807	693 / 782
Threonine, mg/day	609 / 716	592 / 696	574 / 675	557 / 655	539 / 634
Tryptophan, mg/day	191 / 229	186 / 222	180 / 216	175 / 209	169 / 202
Arginine, mg/day	905 / 973	879 / 945	853 / 917	827 / 889	801 / 861
Isoleucine, mg/day	713 / 737	684 / 736	656 / 705	636 / 684	616 / 662
Valine, mg/day	783 / 864	752 / 829	722 / 796	700 / 772	678 / 747
Crude protein ⁶ , g/day	18.25	17.85	17.42	16.30	15.50
Sodium, mg/day	180	170	170	170	170
Chloride, mg/day	180	170	170	170	170
Linoleic acid (C18:2 n-6), g/day	2.00	2.00	1.60	1.50	1.40
Choline, mg/day	160	180	180	180	180

	CALCIUM AND PHOSPHORUS			
	Calcium ^{7,8} g/day	Phosphorus (available) ^{7,9} mg/day	Phosphorus (digestible) mg/day	Calcium Particle Size (fine : coarse)
Weeks 18–33	4.00	432	389	40% : 60%
Weeks 34–48	4.20	405	366	35% : 65%
Weeks 49–62	4.40	373	337	30% : 70%
Weeks 63–76	4.60	347	314	25% : 75%
Weeks 77+	4.70	324	291	25% : 75%

	IDEAL PROTEIN REFERENCE				
	PEAKING	LAYER 2	LAYER 3	LAYER 4	LAYER 5
Lysine	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Methionine	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
M+C	92%	91%	90%	90%	90%
Threonine	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%
Tryptophan	22%	22%	22%	22%	22%
Arginine	104%	104%	104%	104%	104%
Isoleucine	82%	81%	80%	80%	80%
Valine	90%	89%	88%	88%	88%

Production Period Dietary Nutrient Concentrations for Optimal Performance^{1,2}

FEEDING PHASE PRODUCTION NUTRITION	PEAKING ³ First egg until production drops 2% below peak					LAYER 2 2% below peak to 91%					LAYER 3 90–87%					LAYER 4 86–82%					LAYER 5 Less than 82%				
	RECOMMENDED CONCENTRATION																								
ME ⁴ , kcal/bird/day	315–330					310–325					305–320					300–315					300–315				
ME ⁴ , MJ/bird/day	1.32–1.38					1.30–1.36					1.28–1.34					1.26–1.32					1.26–1.32				
FEED CONSUMPTION (*Typical Feed Consumption)																									
g/day/bird	90	95	100*	105	110	105	110	115*	120	125	105	111	117*	123	129	105	111	117*	123	129	105	111	117*	123	129
Standardised Ileal Digestible Amino Acids																									
Lysine, %	0.97	0.92	0.87	0.83	0.79	0.80	0.77	0.73	0.70	0.68	0.78	0.74	0.70	0.67	0.64	0.76	0.72	0.68	0.65	0.62	0.73	0.69	0.66	0.63	0.60
Methionine, %	0.48	0.46	0.44	0.41	0.40	0.40	0.38	0.37	0.35	0.34	0.39	0.37	0.35	0.33	0.32	0.38	0.36	0.34	0.32	0.31	0.37	0.35	0.33	0.31	0.30
M+C, %	0.89	0.84	0.80	0.76	0.73	0.73	0.70	0.67	0.64	0.62	0.70	0.66	0.63	0.60	0.57	0.68	0.65	0.61	0.58	0.56	0.66	0.62	0.59	0.56	0.54
Threonine, %	0.68	0.64	0.61	0.58	0.55	0.56	0.54	0.51	0.49	0.47	0.55	0.52	0.49	0.47	0.44	0.53	0.50	0.48	0.45	0.43	0.51	0.49	0.46	0.44	0.42
Tryptophan, %	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.13
Arginine, %	1.01	0.95	0.91	0.86	0.82	0.84	0.80	0.76	0.73	0.70	0.81	0.77	0.73	0.69	0.66	0.79	0.75	0.71	0.67	0.64	0.76	0.72	0.68	0.65	0.62
Isoleucine, %	0.79	0.75	0.71	0.68	0.65	0.65	0.62	0.59	0.57	0.55	0.62	0.59	0.56	0.53	0.51	0.61	0.57	0.54	0.52	0.49	0.59	0.55	0.53	0.50	0.48
Valine, %	0.87	0.82	0.78	0.75	0.71	0.72	0.68	0.65	0.63	0.60	0.69	0.65	0.62	0.59	0.56	0.67	0.63	0.60	0.57	0.54	0.65	0.61	0.58	0.55	0.53
Total Amino Acids ⁵																									
Lysine, %	1.06	1.00	0.95	0.91	0.87	0.88	0.84	0.80	0.77	0.74	0.86	0.81	0.77	0.73	0.70	0.83	0.78	0.74	0.71	0.67	0.80	0.76	0.72	0.69	0.65
Methionine, %	0.52	0.49	0.47	0.45	0.43	0.43	0.41	0.39	0.38	0.36	0.42	0.40	0.38	0.36	0.34	0.41	0.38	0.36	0.35	0.33	0.39	0.37	0.35	0.34	0.32
M+C, %	1.00	0.95	0.90	0.86	0.82	0.83	0.79	0.75	0.72	0.69	0.79	0.75	0.71	0.68	0.64	0.77	0.73	0.69	0.66	0.63	0.74	0.70	0.67	0.64	0.61
Threonine, %	0.80	0.75	0.72	0.68	0.65	0.66	0.63	0.61	0.58	0.56	0.64	0.61	0.58	0.55	0.52	0.62	0.59	0.56	0.53	0.51	0.60	0.57	0.54	0.52	0.49
Tryptophan, %	0.25	0.24	0.23	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.21	0.19	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.16
Arginine, %	1.08	1.02	0.97	0.93	0.88	0.90	0.86	0.82	0.79	0.76	0.87	0.83	0.78	0.75	0.71	0.85	0.80	0.76	0.72	0.69	0.82	0.78	0.74	0.70	0.67
Isoleucine, %	0.85	0.81	0.77	0.73	0.70	0.70	0.67	0.64	0.61	0.59	0.67	0.64	0.60	0.57	0.55	0.65	0.62	0.58	0.56	0.53	0.63	0.60	0.57	0.54	0.51
Valine, %	0.96	0.91	0.86	0.82	0.79	0.79	0.75	0.72	0.69	0.66	0.76	0.72	0.68	0.65	0.62	0.74	0.70	0.66	0.63	0.60	0.71	0.67	0.64	0.61	0.58
Cr. protein ⁶ , %	20.28	19.21	18.25	17.38	16.59	17.00	16.23	15.52	14.88	14.28	16.59	15.69	14.89	14.16	13.50	15.52	14.68	13.93	13.25	12.64	14.76	13.96	13.25	12.60	12.02
Sodium, %	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13
Chloride, %	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13
Linoleic acid (C18:2 n-6), %	2.22	2.11	2.00	1.90	1.82	1.90	1.82	1.74	1.67	1.60	1.52	1.44	1.37	1.30	1.24	1.43	1.35	1.28	1.22	1.16	1.33	1.26	1.20	1.14	1.09
Choline, mg/kg	1778	1684	1600	1524	1455	1714	1636	1565	1500	1440	1714	1622	1538	1463	1395	1714	1622	1538	1463	1395	1714	1622	1538	1463	1395

CALCIUM AND PHOSPHORUS CHANGES BASED ON FEED INTAKE																											
Feed Consumption, g/day per bird	Weeks 18–33					Weeks 34–48					Weeks 49–62					Weeks 63–76					Weeks 77+						
		90	95	100	106	112	118	124	100	106	112	118	124	100	106	112	118	124	100	106	112	118	124	100	106	112	118
Calcium ^{7,8} , %	4.44	4.21	4.00	3.81	3.64	3.48	3.33	4.20	4.00	3.82	3.65	3.50	4.40	4.19	4.00	3.83	3.67	4.60	4.38	4.18	4.00	3.83	4.70	4.48	4.27	4.09	3.92
Phosphorus (available) ^{7,9} , %	0.48	0.46	0.43	0.41	0.39	0.38	0.36	0.41	0.39	0.37	0.35	0.34	0.37	0.36	0.34	0.32	0.31	0.35	0.33	0.32	0.30	0.29	0.32	0.31	0.29	0.28	0.27
Phosphorus (digestible), %	0.43	0.41	0.39	0.37	0.35	0.34	0.32	0.37	0.35	0.33	0.32	0.31	0.34	0.32	0.31	0.29	0.28	0.31	0.30	0.29	0.27	0.26	0.29	0.28	0.26	0.25	0.24

¹ All nutrient requirements are based on the [Feed Ingredient Tables](#).

² Crude protein, methionine+cystine, fat, linoleic acid, and / or energy may be changed to optimise egg size.

³ Peaking nutrient levels are calculated for birds at peak egg production. Prior to achieving peak egg production, the nutrient requirements will be lower.

⁴ A good approximation of the influence of temperature on energy needs is that for each 0.5°C change higher or lower than 22°C, subtract or add about 2 kcal /bird /day, respectively.

⁵ Recommendation for Total Amino Acids is only appropriate to corn and soybean meal diet. Where diets utilise other ingredients, recommendations for Standardised Ileal Digestible Amino Acids must be followed.

⁶ Diets should always be formulated to provide required intake of amino acid. Concentration of crude protein in diet will vary with raw material used. Crude protein value provided is an estimated typical value only.

⁷ Calcium and available phosphorus requirements are determined by flock age. When production remains higher and diets are fed for longer than ages shown, it is recommended to increase to calcium and phosphorus concentrations of next feeding phase.

⁸ Calcium carbonate particle size recommendation varies throughout lay. Refer to [Calcium Particle Size](#) at [hyline.com](#). Dietary calcium levels and fine to coarse ratio may need to be adjusted based on limestone solubility.

⁹ Where other phosphorus systems are used, diets should contain recommended minimum level of available phosphorus.

Vitamins and Trace Minerals

ITEM ^{1,2,3,4}	IN 1000 KG COMPLETE DIET	
	Rearing Period	Production Period
Vitamin A, IU	10,000,000	8,000,000
Vitamin D ₃ ⁵ , IU	3,300,000	3,300,000
Vitamin E, g	30.00	25.00
Vitamin K (menadione), g	3.50	3.00
Thiamin (B ₁), g	2.20	2.50
Riboflavin (B ₂), g	6.60	5.50
Niacin (B ₃) ⁶ , g	40.00	30.00
Pantothenic acid (B ₅), g	10.00	10.00
Pyridoxine (B ₆), g	4.50	5.00
Biotin (B ₇), mg	100.00	75.00
Folic acid (B ₉), g	1.00	0.90
Cobalamine (B ₁₂), mg	23.00	23.00
Manganese ⁷ , g	100.00	100.00
Zinc ⁷ , g	85.00	80.00
Iron ⁷ , g	30.00	40.00
Copper ⁷ , g	15.00	8.00
Magnesium ⁷ , g	600.00	500.00
Iodine, g	1.50	1.20
Selenium ⁷ , g	0.25	0.25

¹ Minimum recommendations for rearing and laying periods. Local regulations may limit dietary content of individual vitamins or minerals. Levels of 150-200mg/kg of Vitamin C can be beneficial during periods of stress.

² Store premixes according to supplier's recommendations and observe 'use by' dates to ensure vitamin activity is maintained. Inclusion of antioxidant may improve premix stability.

³ Vitamin and mineral recommendations vary according to activity.

⁴ Where heat treatment is applied to diet, higher levels of vitamins may be required. Consult with vitamin supplier regarding stability through individual production processes.

⁵ A proportion of Vitamin D₃ can be supplemented as 25-hydroxy D₃ according to supplier's recommendations and applicable limits.

⁶ Higher levels of Niacin are recommended in non-cage systems.

⁷ Greater bioavailability and productivity may be possible with use of chelated mineral sources.

Drinking Water Quality for Poultry

ITEM	MAXIMUM CONCENTRATION (ppm or mg/L)*	
Nitrate NO_3^- ¹	25	Older birds will tolerate higher levels up to 20 ppm. Stressed or disease challenged birds may be more sensitive to effects of Nitrate.
Nitrate Nitrogen ($\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$) ¹	6	
Nitrite NO_2^- ¹	4	Nitrite is considerably more toxic than Nitrate, especially for young birds, where 1 ppm Nitrite may be considered toxic.
Nitrite Nitrogen ($\text{NO}_2\text{-N}$) ¹	1	
Total dissolved solids ²	1000	Levels up to 3000 ppm may not affect performance but could increase manure moisture.
Chloride (Cl^-) ¹	250	Levels as low as 14 mg may be problematic if sodium is higher than 50 ppm.
Sulphate (SO_4^-) ¹	250	Higher levels may be laxative.
Iron (Fe) ¹	<0.3	Higher levels result in bad odour and taste.
Magnesium (Mg) ¹	125	Higher levels may be laxative. Levels above 50 ppm may be problematic if sulphate levels are high.
Potassium (K) ²	20	Higher levels may be acceptable depending on sodium level, alkalinity, and pH.
Sodium (Na) ^{1,2}	50	Higher concentration is acceptable but concentrations above 50 ppm should be avoided if high levels of chloride, sulphate, or potassium exist.
Manganese (Mn) ³	0.05	Higher levels may be laxative.
Arsenic (As) ²	0.5	
Fluoride (F^-) ²	2	
Aluminium (Al) ²	5	
Boron (B) ²	5	
Cadmium (Cd) ²	0.02	
Cobalt (Co) ²	1	
Copper (Cu) ¹	0.6	Higher levels result in bitter taste.
Lead (Pb) ¹	0.02	Higher levels are toxic.
Mercury (Hg) ²	0.003	Higher levels are toxic.
Zinc (Zn) ¹	1.5	Higher levels are toxic.
pH ¹	5–7	Birds may adapt to lower pH. Below pH 5 may reduce water intake and corrode metal fittings. Above pH 8 may reduce intake and reduce effectiveness of water sanitation.
Total bacteria counts ³	1000 CFU/ml	This is likely to indicate dirty water.
Total Coliform bacteria ³	50 CFU/ml	
Faecal Coliform bacteria ³	0 CFU/ml	
Oxygen Reduction Potential (ORP) ³	650–750 mEq	The ORP range at which 2–4 ppm of free chlorine will effectively sanitise water at a favourable pH range of 5–7.

* Limits may be lower as interactions exist between magnesium and sulphate; and between sodium, potassium, chloride, and sulphate.

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