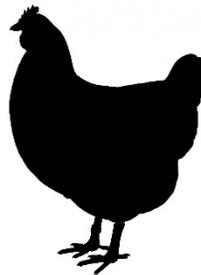




RESPONSIBLE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CHICKENS RAISED FOR MEAT



The attached *Responsible Minimum Standards for Chickens Raised for Meat* cover the key welfare requirements specific to broilers. The *Principles of the Responsible Minimum Standards* should be read in conjunction with the *Responsible Minimum Standards for Chickens Raised for Meat*, as the *Principles* detail overarching requirements that apply to all farm animals.

About the FARMS Initiative and the Responsible Minimum Standards

The Farm Animals Responsible Minimum Standards (FARMS) Initiative's goal is for financial institutions to encourage and support meat, milk and egg producers, and other companies in the supply chain, towards meeting the Responsible Minimum Standards with respect to how farm animals are raised, transported and slaughtered. The FARMS Initiative was founded by a group of global animal protection organisations. The Responsible Minimum Standards are based upon the principles of a number of global frameworks and reflect input from numerous animal protection organisations and animal welfare certification organisations.

Responsible Minimum Standards for Chickens Raised for Meat

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Welfare Risk 1: Limitations on Space

Mitigation Standard 1:

1.1	Implement a maximum stocking density of 30 kg/m ² or less.
1.2	Thinning is discouraged and if practised must be limited to one thin per flock.
1.3	No cages or multi-tiered systems for either broilers or broiler breeders.

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Welfare Risk 2: Barren and Unsuitable Environments

Mitigation Standard 2:

2.1	At least 2 meters of usable perch space and two pecking substrates per 1,000 birds.
2.2	At least 50 lux of light, including natural light.
2.3	On air quality, the concentration of ammonia (NH ₃) must not exceed 20 ppm and the concentration of carbon dioxide (CO ₂) must not exceed 3 000 ppm measured at the level of the chickens' heads.

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Welfare Risk 3: Breeding and Genetics

Mitigation Standard 3:

3.1	Adopt breeds that demonstrate higher welfare outcomes, including the Hubbard JA757, 787, 957, or 987, Rambler Ranger, Ranger Classic, and Ranger Gold, or others that meet the criteria of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' Broiler Breed Welfare Assessment Protocol.
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Welfare Risk 4: Slaughter

Mitigation Standard 4:

4.1	Adopt controlled atmospheric stunning using inert gas or multi-phase systems, or effective electrical stunning without live inversion.
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Welfare Risk 5: Compliance and Transparency

Mitigation Standard 5:

5.1	Demonstrate compliance with the above standards via annual third-party auditing and annual public reporting on progress towards this commitment.
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