

Flock information: (circle where appropriate)

Assessor	
Date	
Membership number	
House ID	
Production type	Indoor / Free-range / Organic
No. houses on site	
No. birds placed in house	
No. birds on site	
Date birds placed	
Age onto range (d)	
House type	Indoor / Static FR / Large Mobile
House construction	
House floor area (m ²)	
Stocking density (kg/m ²)	
Drinker type	Nipple / Bell / Nipple & cups
Popholes	One side / Both sides Open / Closed
Windows	One side / Both sides Open / Closed
% of birds within the house	
Weather conditions	Still / Windy Sunny / Overcast
Dry / Wet / Raining	Other:

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)	
Thinned date	
Depopulation date	
Aerial Perching in House	≤ 2m/1000 birds / ≥ 2m/1000 birds / None
Temp. in house (°C)	
Temp. on range (°C)	
House humidity (%)	
Ventilation rate (m/s)	
Heating system	Biomass / Gas / Other:
Roof insulated	Yes / No
Shed preheated	Yes / No
Litter type	
Birds are brood & move	Yes / No Move Date:

A. Initial assessment: parameters to be assessed on entry to the house (can be reassessed on exit)

Bird distribution (Circle one)

<input type="radio"/> Even	<input type="radio"/> 1 Irregular	<input type="radio"/> 2 Uneven
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If Score 2: note **location** of birds (e.g. centre/perimeter of house, in groups around house) and possible **causes**:

Air quality (Circle one)

Ammonia:	<input type="radio"/> None/Weak	<input type="radio"/> 1 Moderate	<input type="radio"/> 2 Strong
Dust:	<input type="radio"/> None/Weak	<input type="radio"/> 1 Moderate	<input type="radio"/> 2 Strong

Ammonia level (automated reading):

Panting: circle the highest score if being performed by >10% of the flock

<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> 1 Slow	<input type="radio"/> 2 Severe
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Dirtiness: (Circle one)

<input type="radio"/> None/Minor	<input type="radio"/> 1 Moderate	<input type="radio"/> 2 Severe
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Enrichment:

<input type="radio"/> Yes there is interaction	Observation comments:
<input type="radio"/> 1 No/Low interaction	
<input type="radio"/> 2 No enrichment provided	

B. Defined walk: tally the number of birds seen for each parameter during the walk

	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 / further care: (not including lame birds): Reasons for culling:	
Runts	
Dead birds	

Behaviour (Circle one)

<input type="radio"/> 0	<50% of birds display active/interactive behaviour, e.g. running, sparring, wing flapping
<input type="radio"/> 1	>50% of birds display active/interactive behaviour, e.g. Running, sparring, wing flapping
<input type="radio"/> 2	Limited space created – birds mainly inactive and sit soon after being disturbed.

Behaviour (Circle one)

<input type="radio"/> 1	Calm
<input type="radio"/> 2	Cautious
<input type="radio"/> 3	Flighty

Litter

Overall score (1 - 6)	
score and estimate proportion of any problem areas identified	
	% house M ²
<input type="radio"/> 4	Largely capped and dry with few friable areas
<input type="radio"/> 5	Capped and wet areas
<input type="radio"/> 6	Wet/Soggy areas

C. Individual assessment - assessed on 25 penned birds

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

D. On-farm records

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):		
For brood & move only: Does data include brooding phase <input type="checkbox"/> 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)



Post Slaughter Data to be collected for flock under current assessment

Score	Previous flock		Current flock	
	FPD	Hocks	FPD	Hocks

Current flock only:

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: (tick one)

- House 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:

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: _____