

Quality Certification Services (QCS)

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| Production Group | Housing Type | Indoor Stocking Density (Gallus gallus only) | Outdoor Stocking Density (Gallus gallus only) | Soil and Vegetation | Exit Areas* | Flooring | Perch Space | % Birds that can Perch Simultaneously |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| Layers | Mobile Housing | Max of 4.5 pounds/sq ft OR at least 1.5 sq ft/bird | No less than 1 sq ft per 2.25 pounds OR at least 3 sq ft/bird | Minimum of 75% soil and the soil portion must include vegetative cover | At least 1 linear foot of exit area per 360 birds, measured across the base of the exit and no less than 1 linear foot of exit area for flocks with fewer than 360 birds | May include 100% slatted or mesh flooring as long as scratch and dust bathing areas are provided outside of mobile housing | 6 in. per bird (Gallus gallus only) | 100% |
| | Aviary | Max of 4.5 pounds/sq ft OR at least 1.5 sq ft/bird | No less than 1 sq ft per 2.25 pounds OR at least 3 sq ft/bird | Minimum of 75% soil and the soil portion must include vegetative cover | At least 1 linear foot of exit area per 360 birds, measured across the base of the exit and no less than 1 linear foot of exit area for flocks with fewer than 360 birds | Must include areas that allow for scratching and dust bathing | At least 3.3 in. per bird (6 in. per 55% of flock) (Gallus gallus only) | At least 55% |
| | Non-mobile slatted/mesh floor | Max of 3.75 pounds/sq ft OR at least 1.8 sq ft/bird | No less than 1 sq ft per 2.25 pounds OR at least 3 sq ft/bird | Minimum of 75% soil and the soil portion must include vegetative cover | At least 1 linear foot of exit area per 360 birds, measured across the base of the exit and no less than 1 linear foot of exit area for flocks with fewer than 360 birds | Must be ≥ 15% of solid floor area in non-mobile houses with slated/mesh floors | 6 in. per bird (Gallus gallus only) | 100% Floors cannot be considered perch space |
| | Floor litter | Max of 3 pounds/sq ft OR at least 2.2 sq ft/bird | No less than 1 sq ft per 2.25 pounds OR at least 3 sq ft/bird | Minimum of 75% soil and the soil portion must include vegetative cover | At least 1 linear foot of exit area per 360 birds, measured across the base of the exit and no less than 1 linear foot of exit area for flocks with fewer than 360 birds | Must include areas that allow for scratching and dust bathing | 6 in. per bird (Gallus gallus only) | 100% |



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| | Other housing | Max of 2.25 pounds/sq ft OR at least 3 sq ft/bird | No less than 1 sq ft per 2.25 pounds OR at least 3 sq ft/bird | Minimum of 75% soil and the soil portion must include vegetative cover | At least 1 linear foot of exit area per 360 birds, measured across the base of the exit and no less than 1 linear foot of exit area for flocks with fewer than 360 birds | Must include areas that allow for scratching and dust bathing | 6 in. per bird (Gallus gallus only) | 100% |
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| Pullets | Any | Max of 3 pounds/sq ft OR at least 1.7 sq ft/bird | No less than 1 sq ft per 3 pounds OR at least 1.7 sq ft/bird | Minimum of 75% soil and the soil portion must include vegetative cover | At least 1 linear foot of exit area per 360 birds, measured across the base of the exit and no less than 1 linear foot of exit area for flocks with fewer than 360 birds | Must include areas that allow for scratching and dust bathing | N/A | N/A |
| Broilers | Any | Max of 5 pounds/sq ft OR at least 2 sq ft/bird | NO less than 1 sq ft per 5 pounds OR at least 2 sq ft/bird | Minimum of 75% soil and the soil portion must include vegetative cover | At least 1 linear foot of exit area per 360 birds, measured across the base of the exit and no less than 1 linear foot of exit area for flocks with fewer than 360 birds | Must include areas that allow for scratching and dust bathing | N/A | N/A |

*Note: If the operation does not provide at least 1 linear foot of exit area per 360 birds, the operation may comply with the requirement if it: (1) describes the exit areas in their OSP and how they enable all birds to access outdoor areas; and (2) demonstrates how ready access to the outdoors is provided for all birds. QCS must review the description in the OSP and verify at inspection that all birds have easy access to the outdoors.