

Farm name:

Person(s) conducting self-assessment:			
Telephone number:			
Date:			
General Farm Details:			
Type of Operation:	Free-run	Free-range	Organic
Flock Size:			
Total birds sold annually (# birds and/or kg):			

Member Statement

As part of this self-assessment, I have carefully reviewed the SPCA Certified Standards for the Raising and Handling of Broiler Chickens, relevant records from my farm and updated the required registration forms to reflect any changes to my operation. All information submitted to the Certification Body is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that additional unannounced visits by representatives of the SPCA Certified Labelling Program may be required, for which I hereby give my permission.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

FARM SELF-ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST: BROILER CHICKENS

Space, Equipment, and Systems 2.1	Response	Comments
Feed & water availability checked daily; consumption checked daily	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Area around drinkers free of standing water or other signs of flooding	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Feeder & drinker heights checked daily and adjusted to bird growth when needed	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Is anti-perch wire installed over feeders/water?	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
 If yes, is perch wire free of electricity? 	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Emergency water supply available (1 day)	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Birds travel less than 4m to feed & water	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Type of feeder		
Feeder space (cm/bird or # of bells/pans per bird)		
Type of drinker		
Drinker space (cm/bird or # of nipples/bells/cups per bird)		
Feed Management & Nutrition 2.2 Feed available at all times	Response Y 🗌 / N 🗌	Comments

Feed free of mammalian & avian proteins	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
List of feed supplements provided	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	records viewed; records attached
Feed ingredient breakdown & analysis provided	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	records viewed; records attached
Current list of feed suppliers provided	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	records viewed
Assess and comment on feed quality, noting concerns regarding contamination or infestation.		
Water Management 2.3	Response	Comments
Fresh, clean water available	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Water quality monitored regularly (assess and comment on quality, noting any concerns regarding colour or odour)	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Annual water test results available	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	records viewed; records attached
List of water additives and application guidelines provided	Y 🗌 / N 🗌 / n/a 🗌	records viewed; records attached
Housing & Space Allowance 3.1-3.2 Birds are housed in cages or on wire flooring	Response Y 🗌 / N 🗌	Comments
Type of flooring		
All birds have access to well-drained resting area	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Is operation considered free range? (if yes, be sure to complete section 3.7)	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	

Facilities sanitized and prepared prior to receiving birds	Y [] / N []
Bird density (in kg slaughter weight per m ² or ft ² , or birds/m ²)	
Flock thinning conducted? If yes, please explain.	Y 🗌 / N 🗌

Environmental Enrichment 3.3	Response	Comments
Type of enrichments provided		
Enrichments provided to all groups	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Enrichments washed & disinfected, or disposed of, between flocks	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Litter 3.3.1		
All birds have access to litter at all times	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Calculate and list % of floor space with litter		
Type of litter		
Litter condition (too wet (clumps), too dry (dusty), adequate, other)		
Average depth of litter		
Litter allows dust bathing	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Litter regularly replaced or topped up (list frequency)	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Perches 3.3.2		
Perching objects provided (list all types used)	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	

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Total horizontal perch space <u>and</u> calculated perch space per bird (m or ft)	
Deteriorated objects replaced	Y 🗌 / N 🗌
Perches are at low and varying heights (should not exceed 41 cm high)	Y [] / N []
Wide perches available (e.g. bales, blocks, bricks)	Y [] / N []
Perches spread throughout indoor area	Y / N

Lighting 3.4	Response	Comments
List type of lighting used (full spectrum,		
natural, incandescent, etc.)		
Indoor light intensity during daylight hours		
(lux, at bird height – can you easily read a		
newspaper anywhere in the barn?)		
Light intensity during dark period – is it		
less than the light emitted from a full		
moon on a clear night?		
Lighting adjustable to simulate dawn &		
dusk	/ n/a 🔄	
Hours of light provided every 24 hours		
Consecutive hours of darkness provided		
every 24 hours		
Light program records available	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
		records viewed
Light control systems inspected regularly	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
to ensure working order (list frequency)		
Temperature 3.5	Response	Comments

Are birds distributed evenly throughout barn	Y [] / N []
 If not, are they gathered in close proximity to heat source? 	Y 🗌 / N 🔲
 If not, are they avoiding the heat source? 	Y 🗌 / N 🔲
Daily maximum and minimum barn temperature records kept	Y / N / records viewed
Temperatures taken at bird height	Y / N
Were temperatures ever above or below acceptable range (see Standard)? If yes, comment on how often.	Y [] / N []
Heating systems inspected regularly to ensure working order (list frequency)	Y 🗌 / N 🗌

Ventilation & Air Quality 3.6	Response	Comments
Ventilation system inspected regularly to ensure working order (list frequency)	Y 🗍 / N 🗌	
 Ventilation circulates fresh air indoors 	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
 Exhausts contaminants (e.g. dust) to barn exterior 	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Minimal drafts, uniform air movement	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Humidity levels maintained (50-70%)	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Weekly ammonia test records available?	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Comment on number of tests over 20ppm		test records viewed
All ammonia tests taken at bird height	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Validator ammonia test result (in ppm)		
Gas powered equipment used near barn air inlets	Y 🗌 / N 🗌 / n/a 🗌	
Free Range Production 3.7, 3.7.1	Response	Comments
Outdoor access occurs by 4 weeks of age	Y 🗍 / N 🗌	
Minimum 8 hrs/day of outdoor access	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Periods of restricted access to outdoors documented, with reason	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	records viewed
Height of popholes (cm)		
Length of popholes (cm)		

Number of popholes	
Popholes evenly distributed along outdoor access wall(s)	Y 🗌 / N 🛄
Distance to a pophole from anywhere in the barn should be under 15m (49 ft). Is this the case?	Y / N
Indoor housing sufficient for whole flock if necessitated due to government order	Y 🗌 / N 🗍
Does outdoor area have vegetation? Describe.	Y 🗌 / N 🛄
List size of outdoor area (use hectares, acres, kg/m ² or lb/ft ²)	
Outdoor area is free of debris	Y 🗌 / N 🛄
Range is well drained and maintained, including around any feed/water areas	Y [] / N []
Bird density outdoors allows range/pasture to maintain vegetation	Y / N / n/a
Range/pasture use/rotation allows for regrowth of vegetation	Y / N / n/a
Feed & water accessible only to flock (i.e. inaccessible to scavengers)	Y / N / n/a
Range provides protection from ground and overhead predators? Describe type.	Y [] / N []
Range provides shade and shelter sufficient for whole flock	Y / N

Health Management 4.1-4.6	Response	Comments
Vet Client/Patient Relationship 4.1		
Farm owner has VCPR with licensed vet	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	

Flock Health Plans 4.2		
Stockpeople are familiar with flock health plan	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Monitoring Flock Health 4.3		
Flock inspected minimum of twice daily	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Dead birds removed immediately	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Disease diagnostic performed when needed and records kept on file	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	append copy of records & vet report
Instances (or suspicion) of reportable disease in flock? If yes, describe.	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	append copy of records & vet report
Managing Sick & Injured Birds 4.4		
Sick or injured birds treated or euthanized immediately	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Hospital area provided for birds undergoing treatment	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Birds in hospital area monitored a minimum of 3 times/day	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Medication and treatment records kept up to date	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	records viewed; records attached
Flock lameness must be scored by Validator (see attached scoring form)	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	completed lameness scoring form attached
Medications & Vaccines 4.5		
Flocks are vaccinated (if yes, describe)	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Antibiotics are added to feed or water? If yes, include supporting vet prescription.	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Are homeopathics used to treat flock? If yes, list type and reason used.	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Date of last veterinary visit and reason:		

Culls & Mortalities 4.6	
Culls and mortalities recorded daily and indicate cause/reason	Y / N
Calculate total mortality (including culls) per production cycle	
Did mortality ever exceed 0.5% of the flock in 24-hour period?	Y 🗌 / N 🗌
 If yes, was a vet investigation conducted? Explain: 	Y [] / N []

Biosecurity 4.7-4.8	Response	Comments
Stockpeople are familiar with the Biosecurity Plan	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
All-in/all-out system used for restocking (each flock is same age and species)	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
 Between flocks and before restocking: Feed & water equipment flushed Barns and permanent fixtures cleaned/disinfected 	Y / N Y / N	
Litter and disposable enrichment objects replaced	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Mortalities disposed of in a way that prevents access by other animals	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Farmer keeps written records of all farm visitors (vets and Validators included)	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
If yes, describe how record is kept	n/a 🗌	
Visitors & staff required to wear appropriate footwear & clothing on site	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Foot dips or sanitation stations and hand sanitizer or hand wash stations are available at each barn	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	

Nuisance Animal Control 4.9	Response	Comments
Facilities monitored monthly for signs of rodent/bird/insect infestation	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Fly & insect population control usedDescribe: (fly paper, zap traps, etc.)	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Feed storage is rodent proof	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Rodent control used? Describe method (& list frequency traps are checked, if applicable)	Y [] / N []	
Wild bird control used? Describe method (& list frequency traps are checked, if applicable)	Y [] / N []	
Rodents & birds found injured in traps are euthanized immediately	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Guardian animals used	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
List species, breed and number used		
Guardian animals appear in good health and form	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	

General Management	Response	Comments
Record Keeping 5.1		
Farm records (per Appendix A of Standard) up to date and available	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Records kept between assessments (the past 3 years, minimum)	Y 🗌 / N 🗌 n/a 🗌	
Staff Knowledge and Training 5.2		
Staff can access & are familiar with BC SPCA Standards for Broiler Chickens	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Staff can access & are familiar with Code of Practice for Broiler Chickens	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	

Written Code of Conduct developed & communicated to staff	Y / N
Staff are provided with on-farm training on chicken behaviour, husbandry, and health	Y 🗌 / N 🛄

Poultry Management 5.3-5.5	Response Comments
Physical Alterations & Identification 5.3-	5.4
Are any of the following performed:	
Beak trimming	Y / N
Caponization	Y / N
Toe trimming	
 Comb/wattle trimming; dubbing 	
 Hole punching (for ID) 	
 Pinioning/de-winging 	Y L / N L
Describe type of identification used for	n/a 🗌
individual birds, if applicable	
Purchase & Sale of Chickens 5.5	
Are birds purchased at auctions or	Y 🗌 / N 🗌
markets?	
• If yes: origin & history documentation	Y 🗌 / N 🛄
for each bird is available	n/a 🗌
Breed & population of flocks recorded	Y 🗌 / N 🗌
Source of all purchases & sales recorded	Y 🗌 / N 🗌
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Year-end inventories of birds available	Y 🗌 / N 🗌

Emergency Preparedness 5.6	Response	Comments
Written emergency plan that covers flock care in event of a natural disaster, power	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	

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outage, or mechanical failure is in place and reviewed with staff	
Emergency back-up generator or similar in place in case of power outage	Y 🗌 / N 🛄
 System tested regularly (list frequency) 	Y 🗌 / N 🛄
Facility/equipment maintenance & alarms inspected regularly to ensure working order (list frequency)	Y 🗌 / N 🛄
Waste storage facilities maintained to prevent contamination of streams / groundwater	Y 🗌 / N 🛄
A responsible employee is available to contact at all times in case of emergency	Y 🗌 / N 🗌
Contact info readily available on site	Y 🗌 / N 🗌
Pre-Transport	Response Comments
Training & Preparation 6.1	

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Hauler has SOP & Emergency Protocol	Y 🗌 / N 🗌
	Viewed and verified
Transport personnel have read &	
understand:	
Health of Animals Act	Y 🗌 / N 🗌
Codes of Practice re: Transport	Y 🗌 / N 🗌
 SPCA Certified Broiler Standard 	Y 🗌 / N 🗌
Hauler SOP & Emergency Protocol	Y 🗌 / N 🔲
Stockpeople briefed on trip details &	Y 🗌 / N 🗌
related care requirements before	
transport	
Fitness of Chickens for Transport 6.2	
Birds too sick/injured to be transported	Y 🗌 / N 🗌
are euthanized on site	
Birds still in withdrawal period from	Y 🗌 / N 🗌
medication are held back from transport	

Avoids loading wet birds in cold weather	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	

Catching 6.3	Response	Comments
Feed & water available until catching? If not, describe:	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
 Number of hours water is withdrawn prior to catching 	n/a 🗌	
 Number of hours feed is withdrawn prior to catching 	n/a 🗌	
Catching contracted out If yes, name company:	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Automated (mechanical) chicken catchers are used	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Feeders & waterers removed/lifted before catching	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Lights dimmed at time of catching	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Describe how chickens are carried/held:		
Farm representative present during catching to observe protocols	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Death and injuries resulting from catching and loading are recorded	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	records viewed
Loading 6.4	Response	Comments
Transport containers used?		

If yes, are they loaded inside the barn?	Y L / N L	
Once loaded, all chickens are upright,	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
able to rest simultaneously, &	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
have no parts protruding from container	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	

Conveyors (if used) avoid tilting	Y / N
containers of birds	n/a
Vehicle & area checked for loose birds prior to departure	Y 🗌 / N 🗌

Transport Conditions 6.5	Response	Comments
Transport contracted out (if yes, list company)	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Transport time under 12 hours	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Transport density in containers (kg/m ²) or birds/crate		
Birds sheltered from wind & weather extremes while on trucks	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Deaths and injuries resulting from transport recorded	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	records viewed
Calculate and list average % of DOA's over all shipments in last year		
Unloading & Placement of Chicks 6.6	Response	Comments
Farm staff on site at time of chick delivery to assess birds' condition	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Euthanasia 7.1-7.4	Response	Comments
Staff trained to recognize when euthanasia is appropriate & how to do it	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
List methods of euthanasia used (including size of birds for each type		

used)	
Birds checked for consciousness after euthanasia is attempted	Y 🗌 / N 🗌

Euthanized birds removed immediately	Y [] / N []
Equipment kept clean & maintained (list frequency)	Y 🗌 / N 🗌
Mass depopulation plan in place	Y / N

Slaughter & Processing	Response	Comments
Slaughter age (list in days or by weight)		
Where are birds slaughtered/processed? Provide name and contact information.		
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Producer has access to slaughter records	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Processing facility follows a HACCP program	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Processing facility classification (federal, provincial, other)		

Product Traceability	Response	Comments
Certified products are labelled with SPCA Certified label	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	Copies of product logo attached to checklist / report
Products labelled free-range	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Producer keeps processing facility receipts on farm	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	

Other Animals On Site (if applicable) Response Comments

Note: this section applies to other farm animals raised under farm's brand, but which will not be SPCA Certified

Species and Number of Animal(s)

Reason(s) for raising the animal(s) – e.g. personal use, commercial use, etc.	
Adequate food and water provided	Y [] / N []
Well-maintained environment	Y / N
Animal(s) appear healthy	Y / N
Member has Standard Operating	Y / N
Procedures (SOP's) on file for each animal type raised	Copies appended (if available)
Validator concerns about other animals raised (if yes, describe)	Y [] / N []

Other Audits / Inspections

Since the previous SPCA Certified Assessment, have there been any audits / inspections from government or regulatory agencies (e.g. CFIA, provincial marketing board, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, other animal welfare certifications, organic, etc.)?

Y 🗌 / N 🗌

If yes, list the name of the agency(ies), the date and the purpose of the visit:

Other Information	Response	Comments
Information contained in registration, health and biosecurity forms accurate	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Barn / room diagrams are accurate	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	
Farm map is accurate	Y 🗌 / N 🗌	

Since the previous SPCA Certified	Y / N
Assessment, have non-compliance	
issues been verified as completed?	
Since the previous SPCA Certified	Y / N
Assessment, have complaints been	
received? (if yes, describe and explain if /	
how they were resolved)	

SPCA Certified Gait Scoring Form

Instructions: Score a total of 100 birds from at least two opposite corners of the barn.

BARN #:	FLOCK SIZE:	FLOCK AGE:	STRAIN:	
Gait Score	Num	ber / tally of birds		Total
0				
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
		Total number of	birds assessed:	

Lameness Prevalence

Gait Score	0	1	2	3	4	5
Number of birds						
Percent (%) of birds assessed						

*To calculate the % of chickens observed, use the following equation: (# of birds per score ÷ total # of birds observed) x 100

See Appendix B of SPCA Certified Broiler Standard for scoring guide.

NOTE

Documents to append:

- Water quality tests
- Feed and water ingredients and additives
- Lameness assessment
- Product labels
- Mortality records
- DOA and condemnations report from processor
- Standard Operating Procedure and Emergency Protocol from hauler
- Other documentation, as requested above

Expanded Comments any notes or changes since the last on-farm assessment:

Notes / changes since last assessment: