

Manure Standards

Template for farm survey on manure management

Questionnaire for poultry farms

Farm name: _____

Manager: _____

Location: _____

Date: _____

1. LIVESTOCK REGISTER FOR THE SEASON (normally 12 months)

1.1. Livestock numbers and specifics (per manure handling line)

Intensive and AFC calculation	
Livestock	Total livestock number
Laying hens	
Chicken broilers	
Young birds	

1.2. Production

Intensive and AFC calculation			Only for AFC calculation		
Laying hens – Cage hens					
Birds number (year hens)			Outside period		days/year
Egg production		kg/year hen	Outside period		hours/day
Starting weight		kg			
Final weight		kg			
Starting age		days			
Laying hens – Aviary hens					
Birds number (year hens)			Outside period		days/year
Egg production		kg/year hen	Outside period		hours/day
Starting weight		kg			
Final weight		kg			
Starting age		days			
Laying hens – Free range hens					
Birds number (year hens)			Outside period		days/year
Egg production		kg/year hen	Outside period		hours/day
Starting weight		kg			
Final weight		kg			
Starting age		days			
Laying hens – Organic hens					

Birds number (year hens)			Outside period		days/year
Egg production		kg/year hen	Outside period		hours/day
Starting weight		kg			
Final weight		kg			
Starting age		days			
Chicken broiler					
Birds number, birds produced			Outside period		days/year
Starting weight		kg	Outside period		hours/day
Final weight		kg			
Starting age		days			
Young birds					
Birds number, birds produced			Outside period		days/year
Starting weight		kg	Outside period		hours/day
Final weight		kg			
Starting age		days			



2. DIET COMPOSITION - FEED TYPE AND QUALITY FOR THE SEASON (normally 12 months) TMR calculation (according to the number of feeding groups)

2.1. Laying hens

Feed	kg/day per animal	DM %	DM digestibility %	Unit may be variable (g/kg FM; g/kg DM; etc.)			Needed only if the DM digestibility is not known			Period length Days in the group
				CP %	P %	K %	Ash %	OM %	OM digestibility %	
Phase 1 – maximum egg production										
Phase 2 – egg production: maximum to 90%										
Phase 3 – egg production: 89% to 85%										
Phase 4 – egg production: less than 85%										
Phase 5										

DM – dry matter, OM – organic matter, CP – crude protein

2.2. Chicken broilers

Feed	kg/day per animal	DM %	DM digestibility %	Unit may be variable (g/kg FM; g/kg DM; etc.)			Needed only if the DM digestibility is not known			Period length
				CP %	P %	K %	Ash %	OM %	OM digestibility %	Days in the group
Phase 1 – Age (in days): from to										
Phase 2 – Age (in days): from to										
Phase 3 – Age (in days): from to										
Phase 4 – Age (in days): from to										

Phase 5 – Age (in days): from to											

DM – dry matter, OM – organic matter, CP – crude protein

2.3. Young birds

Feed	kg/day per animal	DM %	DM digestibility %	Unit may be variable (g/kg FM; g/kg DM; etc.)			Needed only if the DM digestibility is not known			Period length	
				CP %	P %	K %	Ash %	OM %	OM digestibility %	Days in the group	
Phase 1 – Age (in days): from to											
Phase 2 – Age (in days): from to											
Phase 3 – Age (in days): from to											
Phase 4 – Age (in days): from to											

Phase 5 – Age (in days): from to									

DM – dry matter, OM – organic matter, CP – crude protein

3. HOUSING SYSTEMS FOR THE SEASON SPRING (normally 12 months)

3.1. Animal housing

3.1.1 Keeping technology

		Laying hens	Chicken broilers	Young birds
Loose housing deep litter bedding	Area (m ²)			
	No. of starters			
Cages	Cage size (m ²)			
	No. birds per cage			
Other (describe):				

3.1.1 Manure management system

		Laying hens	Chicken broilers	Young birds
Loose housing deep litter bedding	Average depth of litter bed (cm)			
	Changing frequency			
Cake manure removed (top layer)	Yes/no			
	Changing frequency			

Other (describe):			
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3.2. Bedding material (per manure handling line)

Manure handling line	Annual consumption (m ³)	DM %	Total N (kg/t)	Soluble N (kg/t)	P (kg/t)	K (kg/t)	* Specify crop species
Straw *							
Sawdust or wood shavings							
Peat							
Sand							
Rubber mat							
Other*							

* - Please specify, ** - If own data available

3.4. Additives to Manure / Liquid waste

Additional substance		Approx. volume / quantity	Frequency	Notes
Rainwater from roofs**	Yes/No			
Water (washing, rinsing)*	Yes/No			
Other (please specify)	Yes/No			
Would it be possible to measure by installing flow meters on specific water lines?				Yes / No

* from rinsing milking areas, passageways etc., ** may be given as a water volume in m³ or as a roof area in m² - please specify

4. MANURE STORAGE FOR THE SEASON (normally 12 months)

4.1. General questions

Solid manure

Is all manure stored Yes / No
 If no, how is it disposed _____
 How much is exported or sold _____ (% , t)
 Is manure imported or bought Yes / No
 How much is imported or bought _____ (% , t)

4.2. Solid manure storage

Concrete pad Yes / No
 Number of concrete pads in the farm _____

Pad characteristics	Pad 1	Pad 2	Pad 3
Amount of solid manure stored [%]			
Distance to storage [km]			
Seepage collected			
Minimum storage capacity [Months]			
Heap height [m]			
Floor area [m ²]			
Storage volume [m ³]			
Covered [Yes / No]			

Field heap Yes / No, Number of field heaps in the farm _____

Pad characteristics	Field heap 1	Field heap 2	Field heap 3
Heap r area [m ²]			
Heap height [m]			
Distance to storage [km]			
Covered [Yes / No]			

5. FARM CHARACTERISTICS FOR A GROWING SEASON (normally 12 months)

6.1. General farm questions

Mean annual air temperature for and..... _____ °C

Mean annual precipitation for and _____ mm

Field ID	Crop	Area ha	Soil status (if available)		
			N*	P**	K**
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					

* - plant available; ** - Expressed as elemental form



6. MANURE QUANTITY AND QUALITY FOR THE SEASON (normally 12 months)

Ex- barn or Ex-storage*

Analysis performed

laboratory analysis / farm analysis

Date of analysis

Analysis frequency

Has quality changed over time?

Stage of manure sampling*

ex housing / ex storing

* Circle the correct answer

Total quantity of manure produced** t/yr or m ³ /yr	Volume weight kg/m ³	DM %	pH	TN (kg/t)	NH ₄ -N (kg/t)	TP (kg/t)	P _{inorg} (kg/t)	TK (kg/t)	Ash %
Solid									
Semi-solid									
Slurry									
Liquid manure /urine									

7. MANURE APPLICATION FOR A GROWING SEASON (normally 12 months)

7.1. General question

Total field area available at the farm for manure spreading _____ ha

Portion of manure spread on fields as fertilizer _____ %

Amount of manure exported off-farm _____ tonnes

Use or fate of exported manure _____

Soil nutrient analysis before spreading

Yes / No

7.2. Application of fertilizers and manures to fields (including permanent grasslands and meadows) for growing season (normally 12 months)



Field ID	Crop type	Field area (ha)	Planned fertilization (manures + mineral)			Manures						Mineral fertilization			Expected main yield (t/ha)	Achieved main yield (t/ha)
			N (kg)	P (kg)	K (kg)	Type ¹	Application rates (t/ha)	Distance from storage	Top dressing ²	Spreading technique ³	Incorporation ⁴	N (kg)	P (kg)	K (kg)		
1																
2																
3																
4																
5																
6																
7																
8																
9																
10																

1) Slurry / urine / solid / semi-solid and animal type

2) Application in growing crop (check if yes)

3) Broadcasting / band spreading / injection

4) Time between application and incorporation: 0 (immediately), 1 (within 4hrs), 2 (between 4-24hrs), 3 (after 1 day), No (no incorporation)



7.3. Spreading equipment use

Transport of liquid manure and/or slurry	Farmer's own Yes / No	Number of tanks	Make model description / Volumes
Slurry tanks			
Slurry hauling truck			
Umbilical system			
Irrigation			

Spreading of liquid manure and/or slurry	Farmer's own Yes / No	Volume [m ³]	Spreading width [m]
Buffer tank on field			
Band spreaders			
Injector			
Broadcaster			
Other			
Spreading of solid manure	Farmer's own Yes / No	Load [t]	Spreading width [m]
Broadcaster			
Incorporation method			

8. FARMS WITH MANURE PROCESSING FOR THE SEASON (normally 12 months)

8.1 Portion or quantity of manure processed / treated

Solid _____

Semi-solid _____

Slurry _____

Liquid _____

Does processing occur **before** or **after** storage? _____