

Daily house inspection

Walk through the barn twice a day and check the following:

- 1. Checking animals
 - a. Take out dead animals and take them to the destruction barrel
 - b. Place sick/lame/weak animals in the sick-pen
- 2. Check the feed
- 3. Check the water
- 4. Check temperature/climate
- 5. Top up alfalfa
- 6. Using air: blow dust away from egg belt connexion/tube

Walk through the barn once a day and check the following:

- 1. Collect and pack eggs
- 2. Provide grain in wintergarden (note this in the list in the folder)

Weekly:

- 1. Check and if necessary, provide Gizzard stones
- 2. Flush drinker lines
- 3. Remove litter in walkways between systems
- 4. Check for poultry red mite infestations and note the score on the list

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Best Practice Hens: To support egg production in non-cage systems and improve animal welfare, a consortium consisting of 7 partners will develop Best Practices for Non-cage Egg Production Systems as a European Commission, DG SANTE pilot project. These Best Practices will provide practical support to egg producers to encourage them to convert from cage to non-cage systems, including organic production.

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