



British Egg Industry Council

Lion Code of Practice – Standard for Barn egg production

Table 1 sets out the Lion standard. (Please note that this is not intended to provide a definitive list of requirements/standards. Other requirements, as set out in Council Directive 1999/74/EC, Article 4, as implemented by The Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2007 (SI 2007 no. 2078) (and equivalent legislation in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland), apply.

Table 1 – EU and Lion Barn Standards

(text in brackets under; perch space; litter area; head height; natural light; veranda, is aspirational)

	<u>EU Barn (Council Directive 1999/74/EC)</u>	<u>LION Barn</u>
Stocking density	Max 9 birds/m2 useable area	Max 9 birds/m2 useable area
Floor SD	-	Max 16.5 birds/m2
Max Flock size	-	-
Max Colony Size	-	6,000 birds
No. of levels (incl floor)	No more than 4	No more than 4
Feed	Linear feeder 10cm/bird, or Circular feeder 4cm/bird	Linear feeder 10cm/bird, or Circular feeder 4cm/bird
Water	Circular (bell) 1cm/bird, or 1 nipple/cup/10 birds	Circular (bell) 1cm/bird, or 1 nipple/cup/10 birds
Nest Box	120 birds/m2	120 birds/m2, Solid sided, enclosed, with suitable floor substrate that encourages nesting behaviour. Bird exclusion in the dark period. Nests must not have wire or plastic coated wire in contact with birds

Perch space	15cm per bird	Min 15cm per bird (ideal 20cm)
Horizontal distance between perches	Min. 30cm Be at least 20cm from wall	Min. 30 – max. 80cm Be at least 20cm from wall
Light	Max 16 hours duration Min 8 hours uninterrupted dark period	Max 16 hours duration Min 8 hours uninterrupted dark period
Enrichment	-	2 items / 1,000 birds (or 12 per colony of 6k birds)
Litter area	250cm ² /bird. Min 1/3 ground surface	250cm ² /bird. Min 1/3 ground surface (where design permits, increasing the litter area available to birds to promote dustbathing behaviour)
Head height (cm)	45	45 (50 if conversion allows)
Natural Light	No	No (may be considered for new builds following R&D)
Veranda	No	No (may be considered for new builds following R&D)

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