



Special Layer Lease Policy

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1. It is an industry accepted practice to place additional chicks to recognize mortality during the growing period to ensure sufficient hens at placement dates in layer barns.
2. EFO, with agreement of the hatcheries, has set mortality allowances at 2.75% for white birds and 4% for brown birds (the "Mortality Allowances").
3. EFO, in consultation with the hatcheries, will review the Mortality Allowances annually.
4. When growing results exceed Mortality Allowances, this policy allows for the placement of any excess birds to a layer farmer on a Special Layer Lease ("SLL").
5. Quota Credits will be issued to layer farmers whose layer order is not 100% filled due to growing results.
6. The SLL requires an Application by the pullet grower and the layer farmer(s) be submitted to EFO prior to placement in the layer barn using the form available on EFOOnline. (On the left column of EFOOnline click "Need Help" to access the Help Desk, include "Special Lease" in the subject line and use "Upload" to attach the Application and click "Save" to submit.)
7. All parties to the Application must be in Good Standing as per EFO Policy and meet all conditions of this Policy.
8. Layer farmers must have placed pullets grown in Ontario exclusively.
9. Only pullets grown by an Ontario pullet grower for an Ontario layer farmer are eligible for SLL.
10. Excess birds resulting from a pullet grower placing above the Mortality Allowances are not eligible for an SLL.
11. The per bird SLL rates are set at:
 - a. \$16.00 for conventional/enriched housing,
 - b. \$20.00 for free run/aviary housing, and
 - c. \$25.00 for organic production.
12. Where an Application includes multiple layer farmers, EFO staff, after consultation with the parties, will determine which of the applicant layer farmers will be granted a SLL and the number of birds for each.
13. EFO staff will review the Application and, if approved, confirm by email to each applicant prior to placement in the layer barn. After the initial flock count, the actual number of leased birds will be confirmed and an invoice will be issued in accordance with this policy.
14. A pullet grower, hatchery or pullet contractor may place pullets in excess of the Mortality Allowances; however, the SLL will only be available up to the Mortality Allowances level.