

How various initiatives compare to CIWF criteria for higher animal welfare: Broiler Chickens

Animal Welfare Initiative	Logo	Country	Do broilers have enough space?	Is a slower growing breed used?	Is the leg health of the broilers regularly checked?	Do broilers have access to natural light?	Do broilers have access to perches?	Are broilers provided with litter on the floor?	Do broilers have access to pecking substrates?	Do broilers have access to an outdoor range?	Does this AW initiative meet CIWF higher AW criteria?
CIWF - Food business - better level of animal welfare		Global	30 kg/m ² or less in house	Slower growing breeds (max. 55g/day)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Not required, but strongly recommended	YES
Genesis standards		Global	NO (up to 38 kg/m ²)	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR - Required to check general health	Just as recommendation	Just as recommendation	Just strongly recommended	Just as recommendation	NO	NO
GlobalGAP Animal Welfare Add-on		Global	NO (up to 39 kg/m ²)	Just as recommendation	Just as recommendation	Just as recommendation	UNCLEAR	YES	YES	NO	NO
Demeter (Bio- Dynamic Research Institute)		Global	YES	Just as recommendation	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
RSPCA Approved Indoor		Australia	NO (up to 34 kg/m ²)	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
RSPCA Approved Outdoor		Australia	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
Australian Certified Organic		Australia	YES	UNCLEAR	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
Free Range Egg and Poultry Australia Ltd. (FREPA)		Australia	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO
Humane Choice		Australia	YES	NO	NO	YES	Just as recommendation	YES	Just as recommendation	YES	NO
Organic Food Chain		Australia	YES	UNCLEAR	NO	YES	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR	YES	no
EU organic legislation		EU	YES	MAYBE - Breeds or strains of animals shall be selected to avoid specific diseases or health problems associated with some breeds or strains used in intensive production	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
Soil Association		UK	YES	Yes From 2020	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
Organic Farmers and Growers		UK	YES	MAYBE - breeds should be selected based on a better health status	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
Label Rouge		France	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES*
Neuland		Germany	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Privatof		Germany	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Tierschutz step 1		Germany	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Tierschutz step 2			YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
KRAV		Sweden	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
Beter Leven (1*)		The Netherlands	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Beter Leven (2*)- free range		The Netherlands	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Beter Leven (3* / SKAL)		The Netherlands	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Jumbo ++		The Netherlands	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Milieukuer (mandatory)		The Netherlands	NO (up to 39 kg/m ²)	YES From 2017	MAYBE (recording disease is mandatory)	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Milieukuer (welfare options)		The Netherlands	MAYBE (extra points for reducing the stocking density)	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE (not mandatory- 2 extra points if complying)	YES	YES	MAYBE (extra points for outdoor access)	MAYBE
Agriqualita		Tuscany, Italy	YES	Not specified	Not specified	UNCLEAR	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	NO (optional)	NO
RSPCA Assured		UK	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES (When free range)	YES
Red Tractor		UK	NO (up to 38 kg/m ²)	NO	YES	NO- Just recommended	NO- Environmental enrichment is recommended	YES	YES	NO	NO
GAP - Sstep®		USA	YES, from step 3. Commitment to 30 kg/m ² for all steps by 2024	UNCLEAR. Commitment for all steps by 2024	YES all steps	YES from step 3. Commitment for step 2 by 2024	YES (steps 5 and 5+) Commitment for all steps by 2024	YES for all steps	MAYBE ¹ commitment for all steps by 2024	YES (from Step 3)	MAYBE From step 3. YES from step 2 by 2024
American Humane Association		USA	NO (up to 34 kg/m ²)	Not specified	YES	NO	Just as recommendation	YES	Just as recommendation	NO (optional)	NO
Certified Humane		USA	YES	Not specified	UNCLEAR if health plan includes leg health	NO	UNCLEAR	YES	UNCLEAR	NO	NO
Animal Welfare Approved		USA	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
National Chicken Council		USA	NO (up to 41.5 kg/m ²)	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO

Disclaimer: These standards were correct at the date of publishing (April 2017) and may have changed since then. Also, this table only represents a portion of the standards. We recommend users to read the full standards.

* These standards are considered YES, but do not provide perches.

¹ Step 2- 1 type of enrichment; from step 3 - 2 types of enrichment. Enrichment may include straw bales and pecking substrates