LITTER QUALITY ASSESSMENT

Date: ___________________________  Flock age (in days): ___________________________
House ID: ________________________  Flock size (when placed): _______________________
Flock ID: _________________________  Litter type: ________________________________

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<th>Score 0</th>
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<td>Dry</td>
<td>Moist</td>
<td>Wet</td>
<td>Very wet</td>
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<td>Dry and crumbly, free flowing on compression (will not form a ball or clod)</td>
<td>Sticky on hand when compressed, clod forms but does not hold – crumbles when released from compression</td>
<td>Forms a clod when compressed that holds form when released from compression</td>
<td>Litter is noticeably wet, moisture comes out of it on compression</td>
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<td>No action required for this standard, but note this could be causing dusty conditions</td>
<td>No action required - this is the target score</td>
<td>Yes – needs work to improve litter quality</td>
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Protocol:
Assess each flock between 15 and 20 days of age
Pick up three litter samples from three different areas in the house – one from each end of the house and one in the middle
There is no need to dig out a sample – it can be collected from the surface
Use the scoring system above to assess litter quality
Record the score in the table below

GUIDANCE
If either of the following happens:
A) The Litter Quality Assessment gives litter scores of more than 1
B) 5 or more birds in a flock have a Soiled Feather Score of 2
Then you must do the following:
1) Complete an intervention plan to improve litter quality and ensure that feather soiling does not deteriorate further
2) Conduct an additional Litter Quality Assessment for the flock in the week prior to slaughter
3) Conduct an additional Soiled Feather Assessment for the flock in the week prior to slaughter

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