

FEATHER LOSS ASSESSMENT (STEPS 3 - 5+)



Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 House ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Flock ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Flock age (in weeks): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Flock Size (when placed): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Breed/Strain of hens: \_\_\_\_\_

Score 0	Score 1	Score 2
No/Minimal feather loss	Slight feather loss	Moderate/severe feather loss
No bare skin visible, no or only slight wear of the feathers, only single feathers missing.	Moderate wear, damaged feathers or two or more adjacent feathers missing through to bare skin visible, but <2" (5cm).	Bare skin visible ≥2" (5cm).

**Protocol:**

- Assess each flock at 40 weeks of age
- Randomly select 5 hens from 10 different locations throughout the house or pasture for a total of 50 hens
- Visually assess and score feather loss at each hen's 1) head/neck and 2) back/vent area
- Record the score in the table below

Hen #	Score (0, 1, or 2)	
	Head/Neck	Back/Vent
<b>Location 1</b>		
1		
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<b>Location 2</b>		
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<b>Location 3</b>		
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<b>Location 4</b>		
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Hen #	Score (0, 1, or 2)	
	Head/Neck	Back/Vent
<b>Location 5</b>		
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<b>Location 6</b>		
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<b>Location 7</b>		
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<b>Location 8</b>		
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Hen #	Score (0, 1, or 2)	
	Head/Neck	Back/Vent
<b>Location 9</b>		
41		
42		
43		
44		
45		
<b>Location 10</b>		
46		
47		
48		
49		
50		

Head/Neck	
Total number of <b>Score 1</b> birds = _____	Total number of <b>Score 2</b> birds = _____
Back/Vent	
Total number of <b>Score 1</b> birds = _____	Total number of <b>Score 2</b> birds = _____