

LAYER FEEDING



ABOUT EPOL LAYER FEEDS

Epol has specialised ranges of feed for the different needs of layer farmers because requirements vary according to levels of production and climatic conditions.

Our focus is on formulating feed for maximising on-farm profits. In order to maximise the cost effectiveness of our rations, we have developed the ideal protein profile with the correct protein to energy ratio.

REARING

The feeding and management of pullets during the growing period has a major impact on egg production and egg weights during the laying period. Mistakes made during the growing period can lead to poor production in lay and cannot be corrected during the laying period. The correct timing of diet changes is necessary to ensure that body weight and uniformity targets are met.

Pullets on target body weight at maturity generally become the best producing layers.

LAYING

Epol layer feeds have been developed to maintain constant nutrient intake and maximise the efficiency of the hens for egg production.

As flocks age, their nutrient requirements change, and it is best to phase feed these flocks for the duration of the laying cycle. It is important to note that feed consumption depends on environmental temperature, breed, humidity, the energy level and amino acid profile of the diet.

OUR FOCUS

- Optimal nutritionally balanced feed
- Correct body development for all phases
- Target body weight for age
- Obtain uniform body weight for age
- Appropriate feather growth
- Maximise efficiency of the hens for egg production (feed to egg conversion)
- Maximising egg weight

REARING KEY FEEDING TIPS

- Feed small amounts of feed on paper for the first 2 to 3 days if floor rearing is practised.
- Gradually remove the paper as the birds become used to the feeders.
- Provide ample fresh and cool water at all times.

LAYER KEY FEEDING TIPS

- Phase feeding is recommended during laying to reduce feed costs.
- Layer feeds should be fed ad lib from 18 weeks of age or at transfer to laying houses before first eggs are laid.
- Provide ample fresh and cool water at all times.

LAYER FEEDING GUIDELINES

REARING FEEDING

RANGE	FEATURES		FEED / BIRD / DAY	FEEDING PERIOD
Sure-Lay Starter V668	Feed range with high protein and energy levels to ensure optimum organ and skeletal growth and development for the future laying hen.	High energy, protein, vitamin and mineral levels to ensure optimum growth for this stage of the bird's life.	32 - 35 g	0 - 56 days or 8 weeks
Sure-Lay Grower V667		Slightly lower protein while maintaining the mineral balance similar to the starter diet.	48 - 50 g	Day 57 to transfer or 15 weeks if the Epul Pullet Developer is offered
Epul Pullet Developer V19686	Ensures deposition of lean muscle tissue and body fat reserves for the early onset of production. The slightly higher calcium increases the intramedullary bone deposition and prepares the pullet for egg production. The medullary bone acts as a calcium reservoir, from which the mature hen can quickly mobilise calcium for eggshell formation.		82 - 85 g	16 - 18 weeks

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RANGE	SUITABLE FOR	PHASE	ACT 36/1947 REG. NO.	FEEDING PERIOD
Sure-Lay	Use on farms where the aim is optimal egg weight and efficiency (feed to egg conversion).	Phase I	16496	18 - 35 weeks
		Phase II	16498	36 - 50 weeks
		Phase III	16492	51 to depletion
Sure-Lay Super	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers aiming at maximising egg weight and efficiency (feed to egg conversion). • Higher energy levels make it suitable for free range egg production where hens are more active. • It can also be used for flocks that have been poorly reared to get production levels up to standard. 	Phase I	16495	18 - 35 weeks
		Phase II	16494	36 - 50 weeks
		Phase III	16493	51 to depletion



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