







	Prohibit cages for birds	Sufficient space to move freely, preen, stretch and flap wings	Access to outdoors required (weather permitting)	Provision of nest boxes, perches, and dust bathing areas	Prohibition of stressful forced molting practices	Prohibition of de-beaking	Prohibition of de-toeing	Prohibition of mammalian or avian derived protein from all feed	Prohibition of all unnecessary antibiotics and growth hormones
BC SPCA  <a href="http://www.sPCA.bc.ca/farm">www.sPCA.bc.ca/farm</a>	✓	✓ Minimum 1.83-2.05 ft <sup>2</sup> /hen or 5.26-5.88 hens/m <sup>2</sup>	✓ Exception for free-run systems	✓	✓	Regulated*	✓	✓	✓ Prohibited for growth promotion; Permitted only for disease treatment
Certified Organic Associations of BC 	✓	✓ Minimum 2.5 ft <sup>2</sup> /hen or 4.3 hens/m <sup>2</sup>	✓ For a minimum 1/3 of their lives	✓	✓	Regulated*	Regulated*	✓	✓ Prohibited entirely
Canadian Organic Regime 	✓	✓ Minimum 1.8 ft <sup>2</sup> /hen or 6 hens/m <sup>2</sup>	✓ For a minimum 1/3 of their lives	✓	✓	✓ Some exceptions*	✓ Some exceptions*	✓	✓ Prohibited for growth promotion; Permitted only for disease treatment
OCPP/Pro-Cert 	✓	✓ Minimum 1.8 ft <sup>2</sup> /hen or 6 hens/m <sup>2</sup>	✓ For a minimum 1/3 of their lives	✓	✓	✓ Some exceptions*	✓ Some exceptions*	✓	✓ Prohibited for growth promotion; Permitted only for disease treatment
Quality Assurance International 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Regulated*	Regulated*	✓	✓ Prohibited for growth promotion; Permitted only for disease treatment
Animal Welfare Approved 	✓	✓ Minimum 1.75ft <sup>2</sup> /hen or 6.15 hens/m <sup>2</sup>	✓ Continuous	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ Prohibited for growth promotion; Permitted only for disease treatment

\* Prohibited unless all other efforts to control problem behavior have proven unsuccessful. Must be performed at the youngest age possible (in most cases under 2 weeks) by competent persons. Farmers must obtain permission from the certification body