

Technical Standards Southross Farm Poultry Unit

Operations

The operation of the farm will be in accordance with SGN EPR6.09 'How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming'.

Feed

Selection and use of feed is in accordance with SGN EPR6.09 'How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming'.

Protein is reduced over the growing cycle by providing different feeds.

Phosphorus levels in rations are reduced over the production cycle.

Feed storage bins are specifically designed to accommodate the required feeding regime.

No liquid feeds used on site, sealed delivery system from feed silos to poultry house.

Surplus feed remaining at end of crop cycle is kept in the sealed silos for use on subsequent crops, feed having a long "shelf life" (typically 3months)

Housing

Housing design and management is in accordance with SGN EPR6.09 'How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming'.

The housing is well insulated, and the sheds have a dampproof course.

The houses are fully insulated with a U-Value of approximately 0.4 W/m²/°C to reduce condensation and heat lost.

The houses are fan ventilated by high velocity roof fans (5.5m release height with an efflux of 7m/s) in all houses. Houses are equipped with non-leaking drinking systems.

Heating for the poultry houses is provided by LPG.

Temperature in the sheds meets the health and welfare needs for the age and number of the birds.

Blown air heaters are spaced regularly within the sheds to prevent cold spots and extremes of temperature. The fans are fitted with back draft shutters to prevent drafts and unnecessary heat loss.

The shed is accessed via the control room/vestibule area, which prevent drafts.

A computer automatically controls ventilation and heating so that heat is not wasted by being drawn out of the building.

The ventilation management system controls the ventilation rates depending on the health and welfare needs of the birds and the outside weather conditions.

General Management

In accordance with the management system at the farm, the buildings are regularly inspected and maintained. The floors and walls of the sheds are kept clean.

The site is regularly inspected and well maintained.

Livestock Numbers and Movements

A system is in place to record the number animal places and animal movements.

These records will be available for inspection.

Slurry spreading and manure management planning - off site-activity

Litter is not stored at the installation.

Litter will be used on operator-controlled land.

Wash water will be spread on operator-controlled land.

All spreading will be in accordance with a manure management plan.

Any litter that is exported from the installation has records kept of the quantities, destination and the date of transfer.

Contingency arrangements are in place with surrounding farms to accept the manure and wash water in case of an emergency.

In these circumstances where the litter is exported for spreading to land, records are kept of the names and addresses of the receiving farms.

The receiver of the manure confirms by signing a docket that litter is spread to land in accordance with the Code of Good Agricultural Practice, or in accordance with the manure management plan for the receiving land.

Improvement Program

All existing poultry houses and drainage at BAT.

Emissions and Monitoring

Table of emission points

Emission point description/source and location	Source
Air	
Gable Fans	Broiler Houses 1-2
Roof fan outlets on broiler houses	Broiler Houses 1-2
LPG tanks as shown on site layout plan	LPG tanks
Land	
Clean water drainage routes as identified on the site drainage plan routed to French drains	Roof water from poultry houses and the surrounding yard area.
Water	

Fugitive Emissions

Appropriate measures for preventing and minimising fugitive emissions are in place in accordance with the SGN EPR6.09 'How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming'

Buildings up to BAT.

Areas around buildings will be kept free from build-up of manure, slurry and spilt feed. Footbaths will be managed so that they do not overflow.

Drainage from animal housing and water from cleaning out will be collected in a slurry tank as shown on the site drainage plan. A diverter valve will be used during yard wash down periods to prevent the contamination of surface water systems and to divert the wash water to the dirty water tank. Clean drainage systems will not be contaminated. Drainage from yards contaminated by litter or wash water will be collected in the underground storage tank.

The slurry tank and underground tank are built to conform to specifications in SGN EPR6.09 'How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming'.

Spent disinfectants will be added to the slurry tank.

Dust

Feed is stored in purpose built covered feed silos located next to the rearing shed.

No milling or mixing of feed takes place at the farm. All feed is delivered to the farm by lorry from feed suppliers. Feed is blown directly from the lorry into the storage silos.

Feed is piped from the silos to the sheds minimising dust emissions.

Ventilation systems are operated to achieve optimum humidity levels for the stage of production in all weather and seasonal conditions.

Control of minimum ventilation rates is planned to avoid the build-up of moisture in the house. Ventilation is appropriate to the age and weight of the animal.

Litter is removed at crop end and removed off site. Dust is controlled through the management of air quality.

Broiler houses have roof ventilation outlets. Rainwater run-off will be collected by the clean water system and routed to the French drains.

Litter is not stored on the site.

Carcass management

Fallen stock is disposed of in accordance with the current Animal By-Products Regulations. Carcasses will be stored in freezers awaiting regular collection by a licensed collection agent. Records of dates, quantities and destination will be held on site.

Flies/Pest Control

Pest control undertaken by trained company staff. Appropriate actions will be put into place to prevent and control flies should a nuisance arise.

Bunding and containment

Agriculture Fuel oil and other chemical storage

Pesticides, veterinary medicines and chemicals will be kept in a store capable of retaining spillage, resistant to fire, dry, frost free and secure. Chemical spill kit located within.

Foodstuff

Feed is kept in silos adjacent to the rearing house. No liquid feed is stored at the site. The silos are sited away from site traffic and protected from collision damage.

Odour

There are no neighbours (sensitive receptor) within 400m of the farm. In accordance with the SGN EPR6.09 'How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming' see –Odour Management Plan.

Noise and vibration

There are no neighbours (sensitive receptor) within 400m of the farm. In accordance with the SGN EPR6.09 'How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming' see –Noise Management Plan.