

Newsletter EURCAW-Poultry-SFA











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EURCAW-Poultry-SFA Q2E

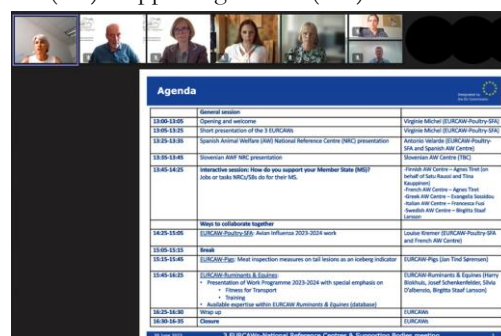
EURCAW-Poultry-SFA has answered five queries in 2023. All Q2E answers are available [online](#).

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[Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2023-001](#)
 Stocking density for the keeping of growing rabbits grouped in elevated pens.
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[Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2023-002](#)
 Recommended parameters for part-time group housing of does (rabbits).
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[Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2023-003](#)
 Use of photovoltaic panels/solar panel as shelters for the poultry in the open spaces.
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[Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2023-004](#)
 'Furniture/equipment' spacing/measurements in a multi-tier adult laying hen system.
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[Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2023-005](#)
 Stun to stick interval for a waterbath with frequency > 50Hz in ducks.
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[Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2023-006 \(ongoing\)](#)
 Stocking densities in red partridge
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[Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2023-007 \(ongoing\)](#)
 Catching of turkeys in a loose house
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[Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2023-009 \(ongoing\)](#)
 Ad libitum access to water for broiler breeders

→ The Q2E webform is available online [here](#) or <https://survey.anses.fr/SurveyServer/s/DSL/QuerywebformIQ3/questionnaire.htm>.

Three EURCAWs met National Reference Centers and Supporting Bodies

Last **June 20th**, the **three EURCAWs** (EURCAW Ruminants & Equines, EURCAW Pigs, and EURCAW Poultry-SFA) hosted remotely the third common meeting with National Reference Centres (NRCs) for Animal Welfare and the Competent Authorities (CA)' Supporting Bodies (SBs).



Agenda	
General session	
13:00-13:05	Opening and welcome
13:05-13:20	Short presentation of the 3 EURCAWs
13:20-13:35	Spanish National Reference Centre (NRC) presentation
13:35-13:45	Introduction and "Welcome presentation"
13:45-14:25	Interactive session: How do you support your Member State (MS)? Jobs or tasks NRCs/SBs do for their MS.
How to collaborate together	
14:25-15:05	EURCAW Poultry-SFA: new welcome 2023-2024 work
15:05-15:15	Break
15:15-15:45	EURCAW Pigs: Meet inspection measures on tail lesions in an indoor indicator
15:45-16:25	EURCAW Ruminants & Equines - Presentation of Work Programme 2023-2024 with special emphasis on: • Fitness for Transport • Training • Available expertise within EURCAW Ruminants & Equines (database)
16:25-16:40	Wrap up
16:40-16:45	Close

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The report is available [here](#).

The slides from this meeting are available [here](#).

First EURCAW-Poultry-SFA Workshop

The **first EURCAW-Poultry-SFA workshop** on 'Poultry depopulation methods used in the European Union in the context of Avian Influenza' took place online on **September 12th, 2023**. 46 participants were connected.



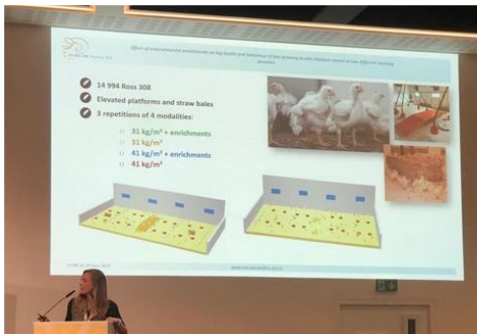
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2023 Highlights



EURCAW-Poultry-SFA members attended the eleven European Symposium on Poultry Welfare

From 26 to 29 June 2023, the **eleventh European Symposium on Poultry Welfare** took place in Prague (Czech Republic). **Seven** members of the EURCAW-Poultry-SFA participated and two members had an oral communication based on results arising from the Centre's work. This article named "Relevant Indicators of Consciousness after Waterbath Stunning in Turkeys and Stunning Efficiency in Commercial Conditions" is available [here](#).



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EURCAW-Poultry-SFA members (Left picture: from the left to the right: A.Contreras, F.Mocz, A.B.Riber, V.Michel, K.E.Wurtz., A.Velarde)

Session 4 – Bone quality, 27.06.23, proceeding p46

Effect of environmental enrichments on leg health and behaviour of fast-growing broiler chick-ens reared at two different stocking densities: [Frédérique Mocz](#), Virginie Michel, Mathilde Janvrot, Jean-Philippe Moysan, Alassane Keita, Anja B. Riber, Maryse Guinebretière

Keywords: broiler, enrichment, footpad dermatitis, hock burn, stocking density

Session 8 – Open session, 28.06.23, proceeding p81

Alternative gas mixtures to carbon dioxide in two phases in broiler chickens : [Alexandra Contreras-Jodar](#), Daniel Santiago Rucinque, Troy John Gibson, Virginie Michel, Antonio Velarde

Keywords: broiler chickens, gas stunning, slaughter, aversion, welfare

More information is available on the event website: <https://www.espw2023.org/>



Rabbit slaughterhouses visits

Last July started the technical study aimed at evaluating the prevalence and the inter-observer repeatability of the most valid and feasible animal-based indicators (ABIs) of the state of consciousness after electrical stunning in rabbits before and during bleeding. Moreover, the stunning efficiency of the key electrical parameters used in the different slaughterhouses was assessed.

Visits to commercial slaughterhouses have started in France in June and July 2023 and will be finalized in the coming months in Spain and Italy (the three main countries producing rabbits). On top of the review (to be delivered by the end of 2023), the study report and the dedicated factsheet will be delivered by the end of 2024 to propose valid and feasible indicators that can be used to assess consciousness of rabbit after electrical stunning in commercial slaughterhouses. A scientific paper with the results is planned to be published in the future.



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Future events

The **next** EURCAW-Poultry-SFA **workshop** will take place on **October 24, 2023**, for 3 hours. This workshop will be on **'Fitness for transport assessment for end-of-lay hens'**. **SAVE the DATE!**

The **next** EURCAW-Poultry-SFA **webinar** will take place on **November 14, 2023**, for 2 hours. This webinar will be on **'Assessment of welfare in rabbits on-farm using the most relevant indicators'**. **SAVE the DATE!**

Latest documents published online



Broiler welfare



[Factsheet about iceberg indicators at slaughter about welfare assessment of broiler chickens on farm](#)



Laying hen welfare



[Factsheet about main indicators for on-farm assessment of pullet welfare](#)



Stunning



[Review about the main welfare aspects of the different stunning methods in rabbits](#)



Translations



[French](#)

[German](#)

[Polish](#)



[Italian](#)

[Spanish](#)

Next documents to be published online



Laying hen welfare



Refined draft guidelines based on indicators identified in Activity 2 and feedback of its application on field in 10 laying hen farms



Turkey welfare



Report on the evaluation of existing training courses for the turkey welfare on farm assessment



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