

Newsletter EURCAW-Poultry-SFA








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EURCAW-Poultry-SFA Questions to EURCAW (Q2E)

All Q2E answers are available [online](#).

-  [Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2024-002](#) (ongoing)
Killing of unhatched chicks
-  [Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2024-003](#)
Pullet lighting improvement
-  [Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2024-004](#)
Broiler lighting improvement
-  [Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2024-005](#) (ongoing)
Broiler optimum feeding frequency
-  [Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2024-006](#) (ongoing)
Emergency and alarm system to guarantee animal welfare



EURCAW-Poultry-SFA Query webform

Are you looking for advice or support regarding official controls of poultry and small farmed animals welfare?

Your question is our challenge! Please, fill in this webform with your question and details and we will bring you in touch with the right expert.

Questions to EURCAW (Q2E) is a service provided by the EU Reference Centres for Animal Welfare. EURCAW-Poultry-SFA offers it via its website. The service is open to Competent Authorities, National Reference Centres, Supporting Bodies and their representatives of EU Member States and to the EU-Commission. Within its resource limits, the Centre will provide a scientifically supported answer. However, neither the Reference Centre nor the experts involved can be held responsible for its use.

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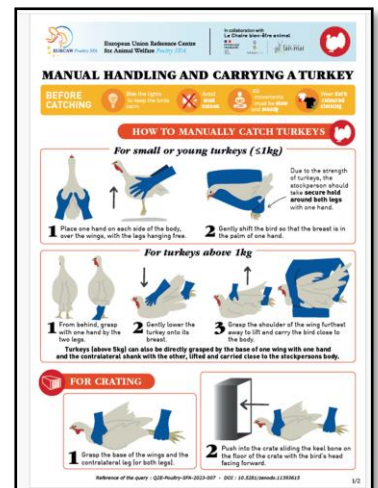
→ The Q2E webform is available online [here](#) or <https://survey.anses.fr/SurveyServer/s/DSL/QuerywebformIQ3/questionnaire.htm>

→ You can download [here](#) the webform in PDF to prepare your Q2E submission.

Manual handling and carrying a turkey

The Centre is proud of presenting you its latest infographic issued from a [Q2E answer](#), realized in collaboration with [La Chaire bien-être animal](#): for manual handling and carrying turkeys. A graphic tool for operators in the field for improved turkey welfare !

The document is available [here](#).



Save the date!!

The next EURCAW-Poultry-SFA webinar will take place on **November 12th , 2024** for 2 hours. This webinar will be on **'Welfare assessment during electrical stunning in rabbits'**.

EURCAW-Poultry-SFA website

Based on the feedback received from our target audience, on the EURCAW-Poultry-SFA website, the Centre made possible modifications on the website architecture. Take a look!

- In the sub-page **'scientific output overview'** you are now able to download summary deliverables Excel tables per priority area.

- Factsheets have been sorted out in 3 sub-pages: Indicators & Iceberg indicators, thematic and Good practices

- Q2E answers have been sorted out into 3 sub-pages: slaughter and killing, husbandry and transport.

2024 Highlights

★ The Four EURCAWs Meeting in Thessaloniki

The first in-person meeting of the **four EU Reference Centres for Animal Welfare** (EURCAW Pigs, Poultry and other small farmed animals, Ruminants & Equines, and Aqua) was held on **6 & 7 June in Thessaloniki, Greece**. With approx. 40 participants, the meeting started with a series of interesting ice-breakers, followed by interactive sessions to exchange ideas about communications and training, quality assurance and scientific outputs.

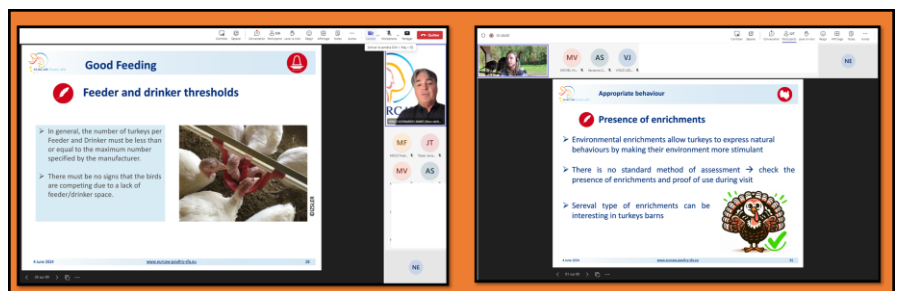


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On the second day, members of each Centre were asked to present three minute pitches on ‘**What are you proud of**’ – a great way to share experiences! A **World Cafe** format was then used to discuss **seven themes for the new three year work programme (2025-2027)**. The four EURCAWs have agreed to collaborate on new cross-Centre activities, focusing on a number of exciting initiatives – more to come!

★ Fifth EURCAW-Poultry-SFA Webinar

The **fifth EURCAW-Poultry-SFA webinar: ‘Main welfare indicators and methods of assessment for turkeys on-farm’** took place online on **June 4, 2024 on 1h45**. The webinar page is available [here](#). 138 participants were connected from 17 EU Member States.



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★ EURCAW-Poultry-SFA’s sixth scientific article

VetRecord
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Overview of the various methods used to assess walking ability in broiler chickens

Katlin E. Wurtz | Anja B. Riber

First published: 08 August 2024 | <https://doi.org/10.1002/vetr.4398>

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The Centre is celebrating the publication of its **sixth scientific article** as a result of the work carried out in **Activity 2 in 2023**. A review of the technical and scientific literature on existing methods for assessing walking ability in broilers was conducted, and the reliability, validity and feasibility of the different methods were assessed when relevant information was available. This review named “**Overview of the various methods used to assess walking ability in broiler chickens**” has been published in *Veterinary Record* and is available [here](#).



Latest documents published online

<https://zenodo.org/record/7892319#.ZF5lunZByUk>



Broiler chicken welfare



[A Review of existing methods for assessing walking ability in broiler chickens](#)



Turkey welfare



[Guidelines for the assessment of turkey welfare on farm using relevant welfare indicators to assess compliance with requirements laid down in Directive 98/58 EC](#)



[On-farm assessment of footpad dermatitis in turkeys](#)



Stunning and killing



[The evaluation of existing training courses for the assessment of the state of consciousness after electrical stunning in rabbits at slaughter](#)



[Mobile cart with head only electric stunning device, for on farm culling and carcass collection](#)



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Are you aware of a good practice?

One of our activities in EURCAW-Poultry-SFA is to continuously search for examples of good practices that promote poultry and rabbit welfare, either on farm or at the slaughterhouse. Examples of good practices already described can be found on our website.

If you have suggestions for farms, slaughterhouses, specific equipment, practices, inspection procedures, etc. that demonstrate or result in improved animal welfare, please do not hesitate to contact us: info@eurcaw-poultry-sfa.eu.



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