European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare *Poultry SFA*

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EURCAW-Poultry-SFA Q2E

EURCAW-Poultry-SFA has answered one query from Mid-December 2021 to Mid-April 2022. All Q2E Answers are available online.

Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2021-004
Space at feeder and usable area needed for pullets.

EURCAW-Poultry-SFA Consortium Met in Italy

EURCAW-Poultry-SFA Italian management meeting.

The first physical management meeting of the year was held in IZSLER facility in Brescia from **28 to 29 March 2022**. Thirteen members of the Centre met in order to prepare the future period's work-programme, the third CAs meeting and work together on the 2022 various tasks. The health director of IZSLER Giuseppe Merialdi was pleased to welcome all consortium members.

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The EURCAW-Poultry-SFA team

After the meeting, four members of the Centre took the opportunity to visit a hatchery on **March 30**. The ovosexing system was presented, as a practical demonstration of the equipment running in the hatchery.

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The Centre members during the hatchery visit.

Visit of the Italian RC for AW

On **31 of March 2022**, the coordinator and deputy coordinator met with **the Italian Reference Centre** for **Animal Welfare (CReNBA).** Both EURCAW-Poultry-SFA and CReNBA presented their teams, past, present, and future activities. The Classyfarm System was detailed and possible training and best practices collaboration were discussed.

CLASSYFARM
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Third meeting with Competent Authorities

EU Member States Competent Authorities (CAs): SAVE THE DATE!

The **third EU-network meeting** between representatives of EU CAs and the EURCAW-Poultry-SFA will take place in Spain on **28-29 September 2022,** on 2,5 half days.

2022 Highlights

EURCAW-Poultry-SFA's First Scientific Article

At the beginning of this year, the Centre is celebrating the publication of its **first scientific paper** as a result of the work carried out in Activity 3 (Scientific and technical studies) in 2020. This study assessed the impacts of elevated platforms and straw bales on the welfare of fast-growing broilers reared at two different stocking densities.

This article named "Positive Effects of Elevated Platforms and Straw Bales on the Welfare of Fast-Growing Broiler Chickens Reared at Two Different Stocking Densities" is available here.

The experiment aimed to know the impact of enrichments with two different stocking densities for fast growing broiler chickens reared indoors by using Animal Based Indicators and Resource Based Indicators.

Latest EURCAW-Poultry-SFA Outputs Online

Report of the study in experimental facilities to ascertain different indicators and methods for broiler chicken welfare assessment under different housing conditions.

Synthetic review about the main welfare aspects of rearing rabbits, with a specific focus on alternative systems.

Review on main welfare aspects of stunning broiler by exposure to controlled atmosphere

Thematic factsheet: Main welfare aspects of stunning broilers by exposure to controlled atmosphere

Indicator factsheet: How to assess the state of consciousness in broilers (WBS)

List and description of improved methods for the assessment of welfare in broilers and laying hens farms and at poultry slaughterhouses

Report about some minimum standards for training courses on animal welfare assessment useful during official controls in broiler farms.

Report about some minimum standards for training courses on animal welfare assessment useful during official controls in alternative systems for laying hen.