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## Animal Welfare Statement

Animal welfare is a fundamental commitment for us. We are committed to treating all poultry under our care in a safe and humane manner and to continuously improving our animal care practices as more scientific research and other evidence becomes available.

We work to build a culture of understanding towards animal care principles, ensuring that our birds are healthy, safe, and secure. Our success depends on the good care and attention that we provide to our birds.

All our poultry team members are trained in animal care practices as part of our standard training procedures and receive annual updated training. They provide our birds with a safe, clean, and well-maintained environment, ensuring that feed and water are available. Poultry technicians also monitor the birds daily by observing their behaviour and providing additional care if necessary. The equipment in our housing systems is made with materials that are safe and non-toxic to birds.

Our poultry management programs meet or exceed the requirements of the Egg Farmers of Canada (EFC) Animal Care Program, which is based on the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Pullets and Laying Hens (2017, amended August 2025). This Code of Practice applies to all housing systems for both pullets and laying hens. It was developed by a committee made up of veterinarians, scientists, egg farmers, egg processors, and representatives of Humane Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. The new Animal Care Program based on this most recent code took effect as of May 2023 and must be followed by all Canadian egg farmers.

We have a zero-tolerance approach towards the unacceptable treatment of our animals. In fact, we have written that into our training programs. Our poultry team members annually review our Animal Care Program.

It is also the responsibility of every employee and visitor to take immediate action if animal cruelty, abuse, or neglect are suspected or observed. All potential incidents that are encountered in our facilities must be reported to management immediately. **Any form of**





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**cruelty, abuse, or neglect of any birds under our care will not be tolerated and may be grounds for immediate disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.**

Animal welfare is a high priority for us, and it influences our hen care practices.

This statement is applicable to all farms managed by Burnbrae Farms.

