



Commodity Movement Guidance

LAYER PULLETS

Product Description

Layer pullets are young, female domesticated egg layer type chickens to about 16 to 18 weeks of age.

Requirements to be Met Prior to Movement

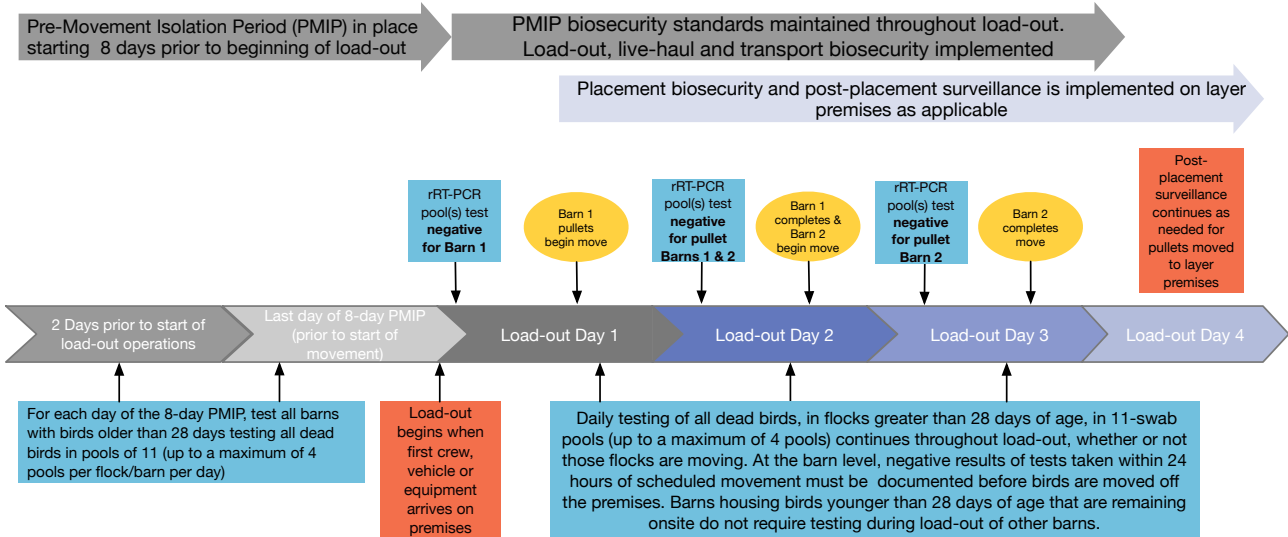
- Poultry are moving from a premises that meets the criteria for a Monitored Premises designation (not an Infected Premises, Contact Premises, or Suspect Premises) and has a national premises identification number (PIN).
- A Pre-Movement Isolation Period (PMIP) is established as defined by the cross-commodity PMIP standards, and for the duration defined for the type of movement requested (eight days for layer pullets).
- Product-specific biosecurity as described in appropriate individual Secure Poultry Supply Permit Guidance document (see sub-bullets) is implemented and acceptable to Responsible Regulatory Officials.
 - [Movement of pullets out of the pullet barn](#)¹ (low risk for moving a large number, >80, of infectious pullets)
 - [Movement of a layer pullet premises to a lay premises](#)² (moderate to extremely high)
- Load-out and live-haul biosecurity is implemented.
- Transport biosecurity (including route) is acceptable and implemented.
- Placement biosecurity is implemented, if applicable.
- Active surveillance protocol of daily real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR) testing of all dead birds in pools of 11 (up to a maximum of four pools per flock/barn per day) starting eight days before load-out begins on the premises and continuing throughout load-out for all flocks greater than 28 days of age on the premises. If applicable, active surveillance protocol post-placement is implemented.

¹ <https://securepoultrysupply.umn.edu/sites/securepoultrysupply.umn.edu/files/2022-06/Pullet%20Permit%20Guidance%20v.%208%20Clean%20UMN%20SDA.pdf>

² <https://securepoultrysupply.umn.edu/sites/securepoultrysupply.umn.edu/files/2022-11/Permit%20Guidance%20for%20Moving%20Layer%20Pullets%20to%20Lay%20Premises.pdf>

Commodity Requirements Flowchart

Layer Pullets



Layer pullets may move by permit, provided permit requirements have been met. Requirements include appropriate premises designations, an eight-day pre-movement isolation period (PMIP), appropriate biosecurity, and rRT-PCR testing. Active surveillance protocols are followed during the PMIP, load-out, and post-placement at a lay premises (if applicable). An active surveillance protocol of daily rRT-PCR testing of all dead birds in pools of 11 (up to a maximum of 4 pools) starts 8 days before load-out begins on the premises and continues throughout load-out for all flocks greater than 28 days of age on the premises. Negative results of tests taken within 24 hours of scheduled movement (at barn level) must be documented before birds are moved off the premises. Post-placement active surveillance involves testing of all dead birds in all flocks/barns in 11-swab pools (up to a maximum of 4 pools per flock/barn) for days 7 and 8 after placement.