

# Documentation Requirements

## Commercial Egg-Laying Farms

Beginning July 1, 2012, upon renewal of an annual “Egg Breaker” or “Egg Handler” licenses issued by the ODA, all commercial egg laying farms in Oregon must submit to the ODA a “Farm Business Plan” describing the manner by which they intend to comply with the 2026 conversion goals as outlined in ORS632.840. If a commercial egg-laying farm in Oregon does not hold an “Egg Breakers” or “Egg Handlers” license, a Farm Business Plan may be submitted to the ODA annually beginning July 1, 2012.

The Farm Business Plan must include:

- Identification of the commercial egg laying farm location(s), address, contact information, signature of principal owner(s) or their authorized representatives;
- The date the plan was written;
- A copy of a current UEP or AHA certification, or a notarized letter of certification by an independent third party approved by the Director of ODA, that verifies that the eggs or egg products were produced by hens, that if confined during the production of the egg, where in enclosures compliant with Oregon’s cage (enclosure) size standards as defined in ORS 632.840 and OAR 603-018-0005.
- The percentage of total egg-laying hen capacity that meet or exceed UEP equivalent standards and the percentage that meet or exceed AHA equivalent standards as described in OAR 603-018-005. (Note: The sum of these two percentages must equal 100%.)
- A brief narrative explaining how the farm intends to meet the anticipated replacement timeline for the conversion to enclosures that provide a minimum of 116.3 square inches of floor space per hen, including nest, and no less than 17.7 inches of height.

Each person submitting a Farm Business Plan must maintain adequate documentation to support the information provided in the plan. Failure to submit a Farm Business Plan, or failure to maintain adequate documentation to support the plan is a violation subject to enforcement actions, up to and including civil penalty.

