

Building: LAYWELL CHICKEN FARM
Street: BETWEEN VREDENBURG AND VELDDRIF
Suburb:
Postal Code:
Inspector: CARINA BODENSTEIN
Date of Inspection: 2024-11-15
Time of Inspection: 08:15

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name:
Company:
Identification:
Email:
Tel 1:
Tel 2:

REPORT

Access Granted By: Open area
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Other
Captured By: CARINA BODENSTEIN 2024-11-18 09:57

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	No ***	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Yes	
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Yes	
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	Yes	
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	No	
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - adequate space	Poultry crates

General Report Comments: I managed to find the actual area where they are transferring and selling the chickens. It is next to the closed Laywell farm, next to the road where there is a large truck stop. Coming from St Helena Bay towards Veldrift, about 1.5km before you turn left to Veldrift.

The chickens come from Golden Yolk, end of lay. I was met by Gerard, the operations manager and the General Manager, Riaan Booyens, also arrived later.

The chickens are brought from the Golden Yolk farm, per Tractor and trailer in poultry crates. 10x chickens per crate. The tractor initially brought 900 chickens at a time, but due to the heat, we reduced the numbers to 300 per trip to ensure the chickens are transferred asap and not exposed to heat exhaustion.

When I arrived the chickens were carried by their legs (as per the SAPA regulations, Appendix 14). And given to the buyers who just pushed them into crates. I insisted that they change to carrying 1x chicken at a time and pack 1x chicken at a time into the crates. After some time we had a meeting with all the staff and the buyer as said I will only allow them reverting back to 4x chickens per hand (as per the SAPS regulations, Appendix 14) and carrying by the legs if they agree to handle the chickens with care and compassion. Everyone agreed and we continued this manner. The chickens were transferred in the correct manner from here.

Vehicle concerns:

1. Some crates had no lids, these crates were placed at the bottom, to ensure the chickens can't escape.
2. Some crates were broken, these crates were not used.
3. People with bakkie and trailers who loaded the chickens loose, did not have non-slip gridding. We used sand at the bottom to ensure the chickens don't slip and injure themselves.

Recommendation to buyers:

1. Replace broken crates
2. Ensure all crates have lids
3. All vehicles transporting loose must have non-slip flooring.

Everyone was compliant and any issues were resolved immediately.

The chickens observed were in good condition, no abnormalities, diseases or injuries were observed.

Mr. Booyens asked if I can please send them a list of requirements for the vehicles and handling as he will then make a print out and share with all the buyers. I agreed and advised that I will have this done by next week.

ACTIONS

OWNER EDUCATED

REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2024-11-20

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

NIL