




Indoor-farmed meat ducks: key welfare requirements

UK FARM ASSURANCE SCHEMES/LABELS

		DUCK ASSURANCE SCHEME	LEGAL REQUIREMENT (UK MINIMUM)
Access to bathing water i.e. full body access to water	✓	✗	✗
Provision of natural light i.e. windows in the shed	✓	✗	✗
Littered floor i.e. straw bedding provided	✓	✓	✗
Mutilations prohibited i.e. beak trimming and tagging of wings and neck is not allowed	✓	✓	✗
Average number of ducks per square metre (stocking density)* i.e. maximum total bird weight per square metre	5.2 ducks (17kg)	7.6 ducks (25kg)	No legal requirement
Number of on-farm welfare standards/requirements	216	150	No specific legal requirements concerning the welfare of ducks

*Calculated from the stocking density figure using a bird weight of 3.3kg.