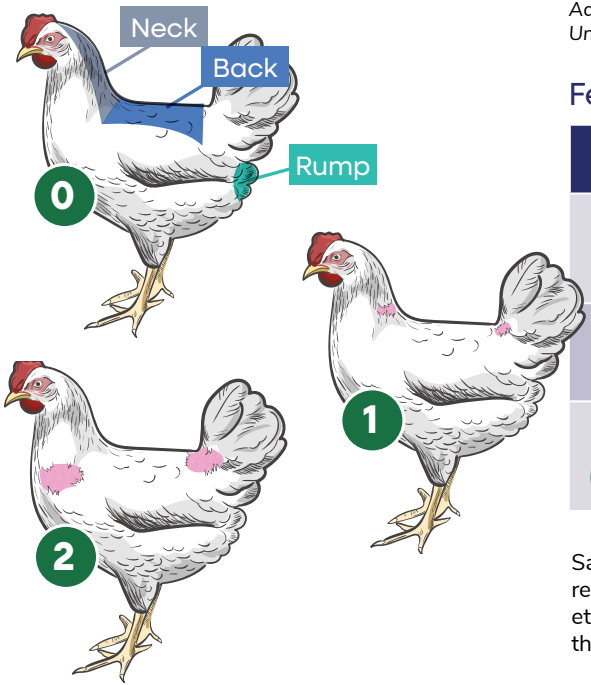
FEATHER SCORING GUIDE



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Feather Scoring Criteria

Score	Description
0 (Best)	Intact feather cover; no or slight wear; only single feathers missing.
1	Damaged feathers (worn/deformed); bald patch visible sized 2 inches or less.
2 (Worst)	At least one bald patch visible greater than 2 inches.

Sample 10 random birds at 10 different locations, chosen to represent different parts of the house (floor, nest, feedline, etc.) The auditor is to perform observations without touching the birds and should not handle the birds.

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