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Free Range Laying Hen Operations

ROTATIONAL GRAZING & RANGE RESEEDING PLAN

FARM & PLAN DETAILS

Farm Name	
Flock/House ID	
Total Range Area (sq ft/acres)	
Number of Range Sections/Paddocks	*How many sections does your rotation use?*
Plan Created By	
Date Plan Created	
Date Last Updated	

SECTION 1 — RANGE DESCRIPTION & SECTION MAP

Describe the layout of your range and how it is divided into sections for rotation.

SECTION ID	AREA (SQ FT)	CURRENT VEGETATION TYPE (e.g. grass, clover mix)	NOTES/FEATURES
A			
B			
C			
D			
E			
F			

FIELD MAP — Add a sketch or diagram here, or attach an appendix, showing section layout, house location, water points, shade locations and perimeter fence. Label each section clearly with its ID from the table above.

SECTION 2 — ROTATION SCHEDULE

Describe your rotation schedule — how long each section is grazed and how long it rests. Adjust the schedule based on season, stocking density, and vegetation recovery rate.

2.1 General rotation approach

Number of sections in active rotation	*e.g. 4 sections — 1 active, 3 resting*
Typical grazing period per section	*e.g. 3–4 weeks*
Typical rest period per section	*e.g. 9–12 weeks*
Full rotation cycle duration	*e.g. approximately 4 months*
How is rotation triggered?	*e.g. by calendar schedule/by visual vegetation assessment*

2.2 Annual rotation calendar

For each section, mark whether it is Grazing (G), Resting (R) or Reseeding (S) in each period. Add more rows if you have more sections.

SECTION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC

G = Grazing (birds have access) R = Resting (closed, vegetation recovering) S = Reseeding (closed, seed applied)

SECTION 3 — RESEEDING & OVERSEEDING PROGRAMME

Describe your program for reseeding or overseeding sections to maintain vegetation cover.

3.1 Seed mix used

Primary seed mix species/blend	*e.g. perennial ryegrass, white clover, chicory, plantain*
Seed supplier	
Seeding rate (kg/acre or kg/sq m)	
Preferred seeding method	*e.g. broadcast, slot seeding, hand sowing in patches*
Weed/thistle management approach	

3.2 Reseeding records

Record each reseeding event below. Retain seed bags or delivery notes as supporting evidence.

DATE	SECTION(S)	METHOD	SEED MIX/RATE	NOTES/OBSERVATIONS

SECTION 4 — VEGETATION MONITORING

Record regular vegetation cover assessments for each section. This provides evidence of active management and supports audit readiness.

DATE	SECTION	ESTIMATED VEG COVER (%)	STATUS	ACTIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED
			e.g. Good/Monitoring/ Action needed	
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Audit readiness note: Bare, poached or heavily soiled ground counts as non-vegetated. Regular monitoring and early intervention are the most effective ways to maintain compliance.

SECTION 5 — ADVERSE WEATHER STRATEGY

Describe your strategy for maintaining vegetation cover during periods of adverse weather (prolonged rain, frost, drought). This is a required component of the plan.

5.1 Wet season/heavy rain strategy

Wet weather approach	e.g. temporarily close most vulnerable sections; install woodchip pads near pop-holes; reduce stocking on open range during prolonged wet periods; use covered areas to draw birds away from open range

5.2 Winter/frost strategy

Winter approach	e.g. close sections for winter rest and reseed in autumn; provide woodchip or grit in high-traffic areas; reduce grazing pressure during coldest months

5.3 Drought/dry summer strategy

Dry weather approach	e.g. reduce stocking on most exposed sections; overseed with drought-tolerant species; supplement with shade to reduce stress on vegetation