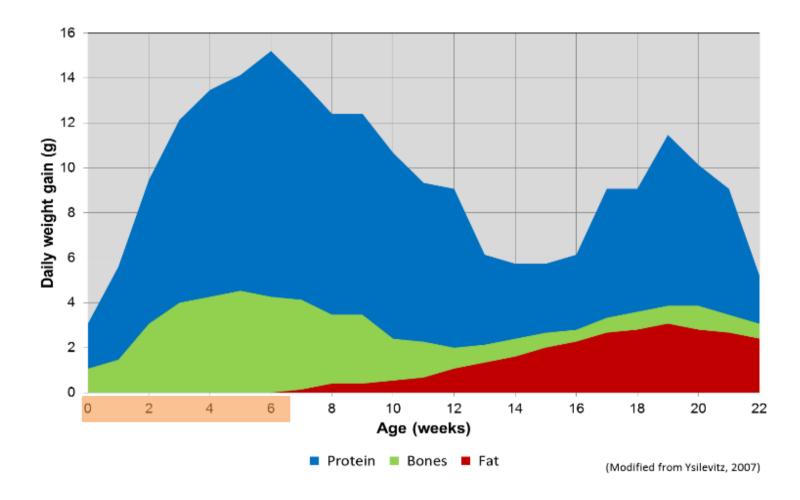


# Egg shell nutrition with a target egg size

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# Egg size and egg shell depend on raring





#### 0 – 5 weeks nutrition

#### Starter feed:

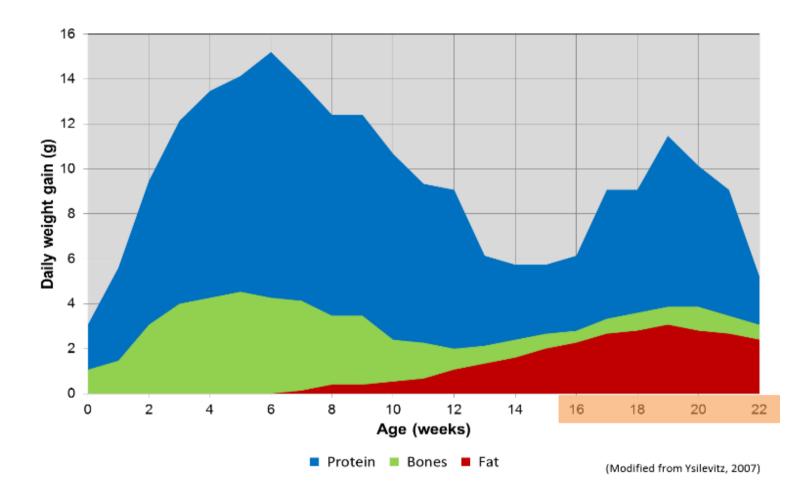
- High energy and digestible raw materials
- Salt

#### Feeder space

- 2.5 cm / bird until 3 weeks
- 5 cm / bird after week 3 house

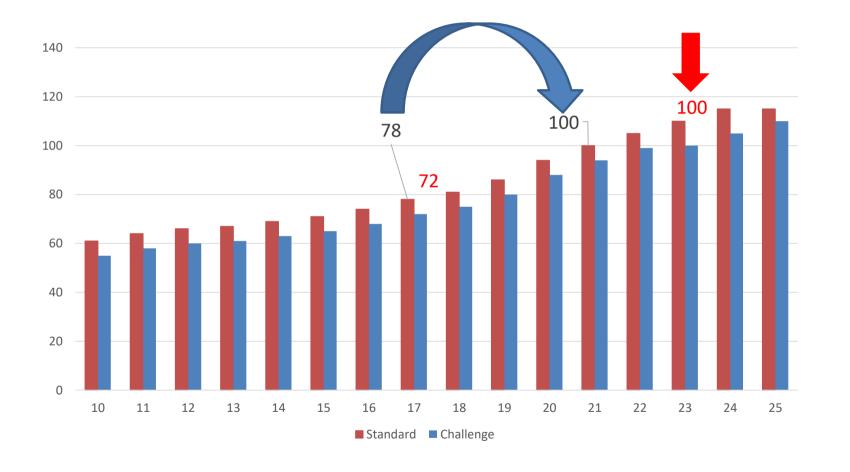


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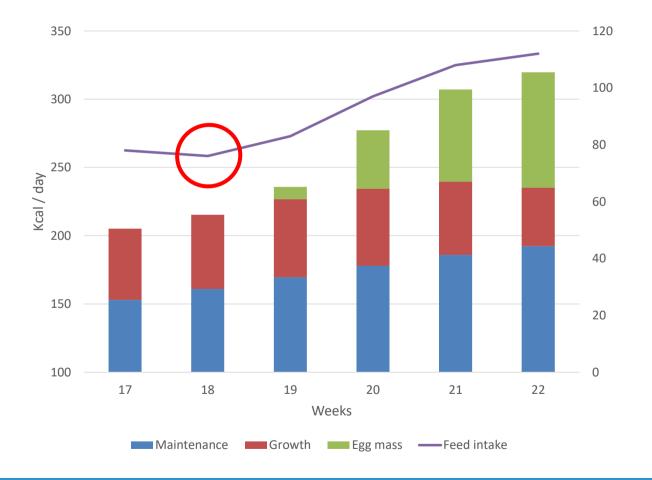


#### Feed intake evolution



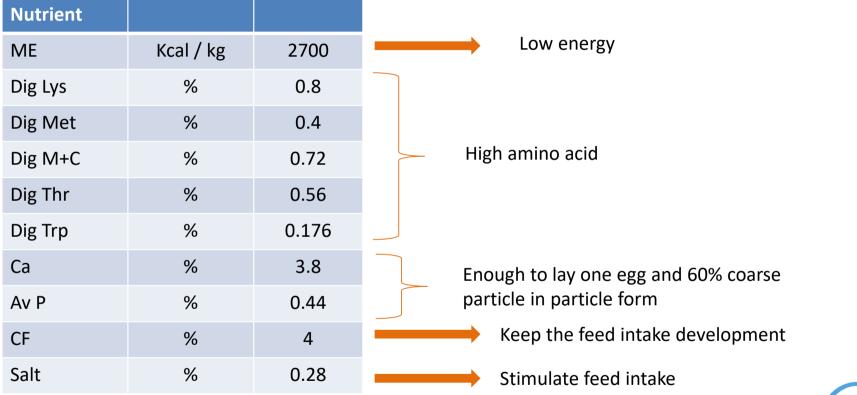


#### Super starter layer – 2850 kcal



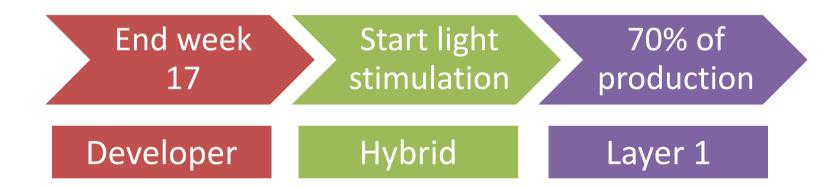


# **Hybrid feed - Concept**



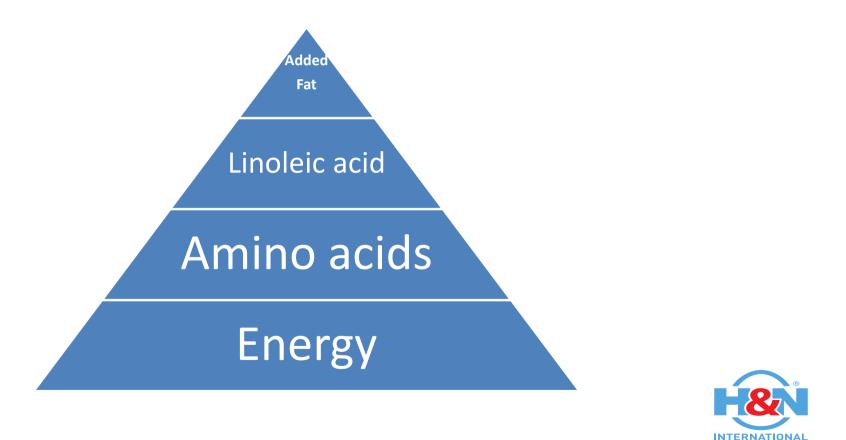


### How to use the Hybrid

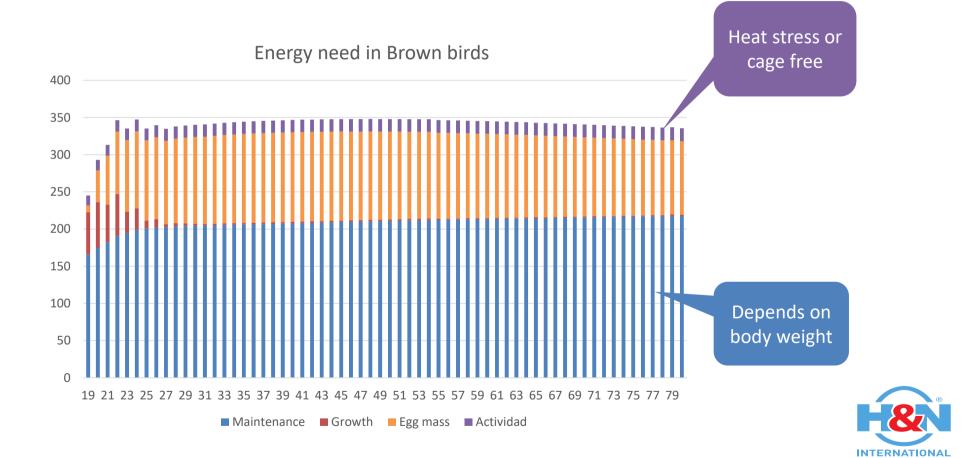




# Nutrition for egg size in production



# **Energy needs**



# Amino acids

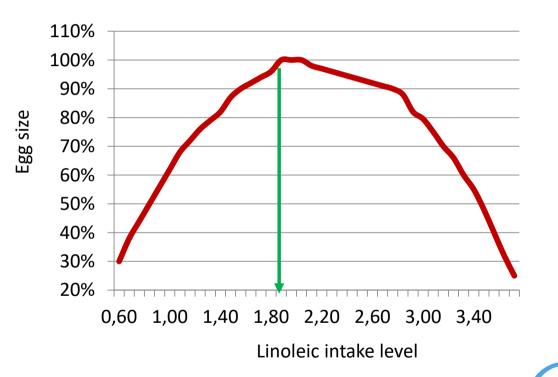


- The amino acids limit the egg size
- If one amino acids is missing, the egg size will be limited



### Linoleic acid

- Linoleic acid limits the yolk size.
- We need a minimum amount.
- It is about balance.



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# Fat addition

- Indirect effect of the fat, it leaves more amino acids available for egg mas production.
- Nutritionist trickery: increasing linoleic acid, increases fat in the diet.
  - How to test this, use wheat and palm oil or lard diets

#### Brown birds 22-54 weeks of age

	Soya oil	Veg. olein	Lard
Linoleic in RM	55%	25%	8%
Added fat	4%	4%	4%
Linoleic in diet (%)	2.2-2.6	1.7-2	1-1.4
Feed intake	115.6	115.8	116.6
% lay	91.7	92.6	92.2
Egg size	64.3	64.5	63.5

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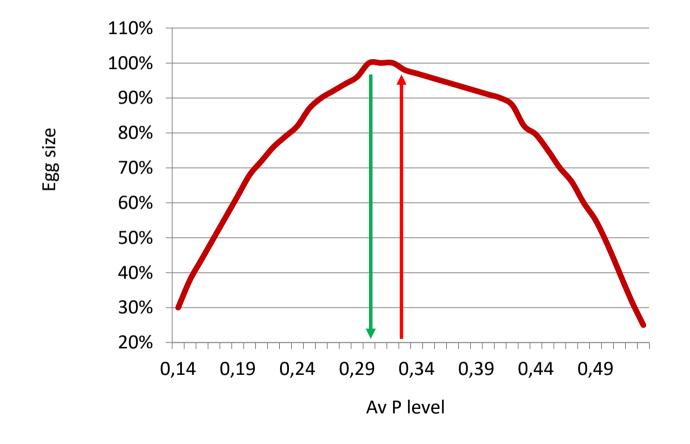


#### **Phosphorus addition**

- The phosphorus needs are high until peak of production.
- The needs will decline after peak of production.
- Phosphorus deficiency difficult to see, it is more common the opposite.



#### **Performance vs nutrients**





### **Calcium presentation and quality**

Coarse particle is needed in the long term.

Fine particle, not so fine.

Solubility a topic to discuss.



#### Take away messages

Raring controls the egg size and eggshell.

Nutrition controls egg size through:

- Energy
- Amino acid nutrition
- Fat and linoleic acid.
- Egg shell is about source of the nutrients and the balance among them.



## Egg size vs eggshell

- Time for some debate
  - Compare your egg size vs the standard.
  - Going beyond the standard has consequences in eggshell quality.
    - Good ones
    - Bad ones



# Thank you for your attention!

