

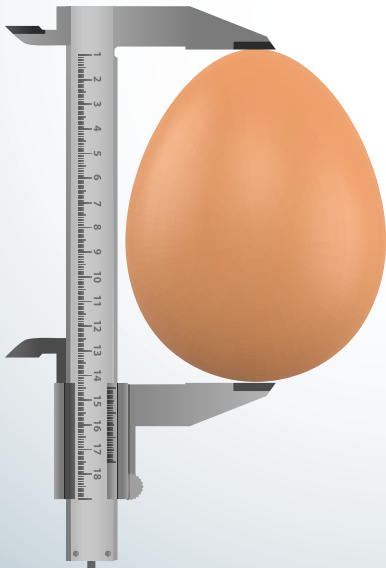


# 11-17 weeks build the feed intake



**Build the feed intake your  
birds in rearing period**

**Why?**



- ✓ **Better start of production.**
- ✓ **Cheaper feed at start of production.**  
No need to used pre-peak diets
- ✓ **Bigger egg size at the beginning of production.**
- ✓ **Better egg shell at the end of production.**



# Key points



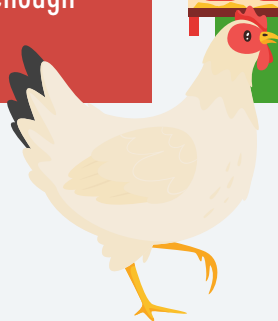
- ✓ **Body weight needs to be on standard.**  
If not, review previous feeds and management.
- ✓ **Train hens to develop a good feed intake capacity**  
by working with diluted feed and adapted feeding times.

## Attention:

This is only possible if the hens are kept at the right stocking density and there is enough feeder space.

## Feeder space:

$\geq 5$  cm



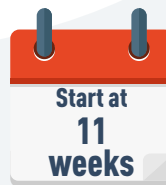
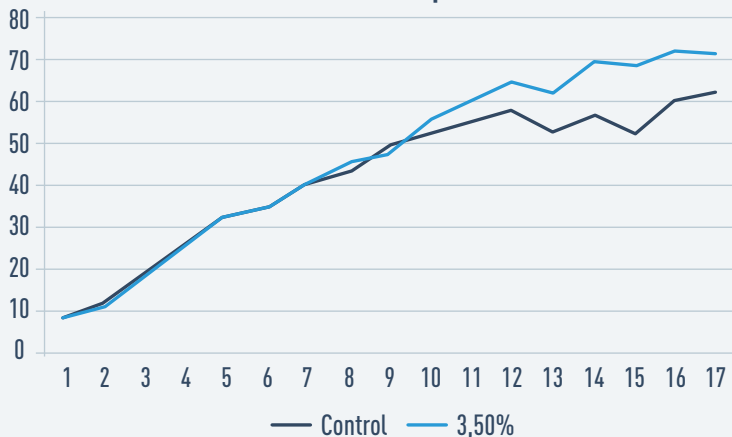


# Feed intake training



**Giving the right diet, low density and some fiber (at least 3.5%) ends up in a hen with higher feed intake capacity. (See trial below in Nick chick).**

## Feed intake pullet



**62 vs 71**  
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# How to formulate?



## You will need by products:

- ✓ **TOTAL:** up to 25%
- ✓ **Minimum fibre:** 3.5%
- ✓ **Maximum energy:** 2750 kcal
- ✓ **Recommendations nutrients:** page – 40 management guide



## Salt

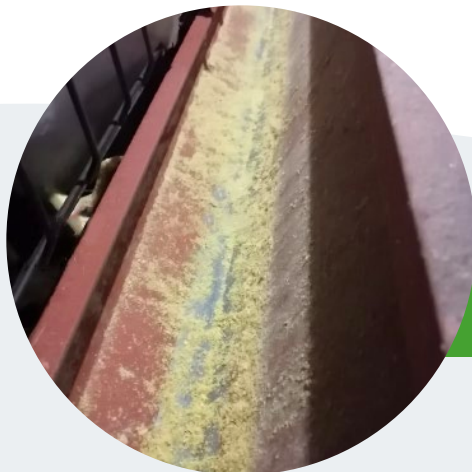
Salt is important to support water and feed consumption. (Min. 2.6 kg per ton)



# How to feed?



- ✓ **6 feeding runs per day**
- ✓ **Leave space morning-noon.** Feeder needs to be empty (*see picture*)
- ✓ **Feeding afternoon needs to be double**



**Feeders before  
first afternoon  
feeding**

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