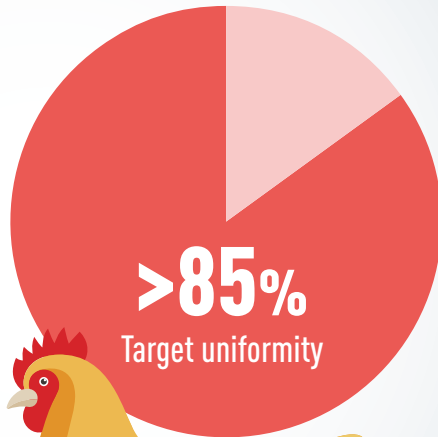




# Uniformity

**+** The success of the light program and feed depends on having a good uniformity.



## How to define:

% of birds in a range of  $\pm 10\%$  of the average.





# Is your hen ready for this period?



**Factors – check whether any of the below applies.**  
If so, correct them first.

Lack of feeder space at 4 weeks of age.

Lack of temperature the first 2 weeks of age.

Lack of 100% full crops in the first 24 hours after housing.

Feed restrictions.

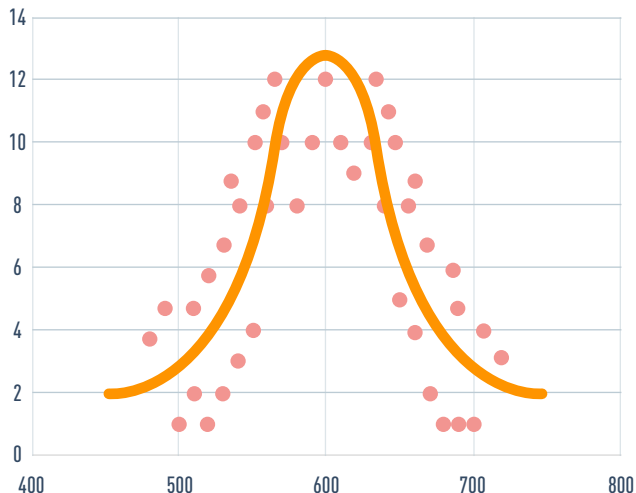
Lack of drinkers at any age.

Lack feeder space at adult age.

Vaccine applications.



# Uniformity is a view of the flock



## Cause and Effect:

- ✓ <85% Low peak of production and late start of production.
- ✓ <85% prolapse and mortality in the smallest ones.
- ✓ <85% big birds will develop aggressive behaviour and spread through the flock.



# 4 easy steps to improve uniformity after week 10



## Step 1

Reduce the feeding amount by 30% of the daily delivery once per week.



## Step 2

Ensure that the feeders will be absolutely clean.



## Step 3

The day after the first feeding needs to be a double run of the chains or trolleys. All birds need to eat.



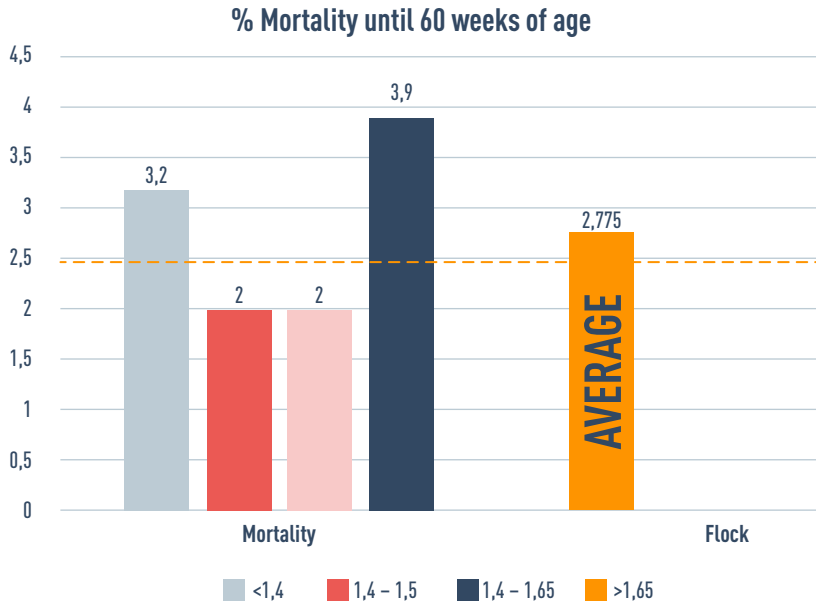
## Step 4

Deliver the missing feed the day after you made the reduction.



# Impact of Uniformity

**+** Impact of pullet body weight and uniformity at mortality at 60 weeks age.



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