



ORGANIC CONTRACT EGG PRODUCTION

Key Indicators - Financial

Feed price per tonne	£524
Pullet price	£7.55
Capital investment for existing producers (per bird)	£69

Key Indicators - Performance

Cycle length (weeks)	Eggs per hen housed	Feed use (g/bird/day)	Mortality (%)
16-78 weeks + 4 weeks between flocks	341	128.4	8

Egg grading assumptions

Very Large	Large	Medium	Small	Farm seconds	Graded seconds
3.0%	37.0%	50.0%	4.0%	3.0%	3.0%

Organic production costs

Income items	Unit	Current price
Egg price	Pence per dozen eggs	226.2
End of lay hen (17p per bird)	Pence per dozen eggs	0.56
Manure (£5/t)	Pence per dozen eggs	0.79
	Total Income	227.55
Cost Items	Pence per bird	Pence per dozen eggs
Feed	2803.0	98.65
Pullet – standard vaccination programme	729.0	25.65
Additional pullet vaccines	26.0	0.91
Pullet finance	49.0	1.72
Labour	639.0	22.49
Electricity (excluding renewables)	151.0	5.31
Water	20.6	0.72
Veterinary and medication	58.8	2.07
Litter	12.7	0.44
Enrichments	18.8	0.66
Range management costs	8.4	0.30
Pest control contractor	49.0	1.72
Disinfectants and biosecurity	18.0	0.63
Egg printing consumables	3.4	0.12
Dead bird disposal	24.8	0.87
House clean-down costs	82.0	2.89
Repairs and maintenance	42.3	1.49
Insurance (buildings etc.)	39.4	1.39
Insurance (disease, AI, salmonella)	109.0	3.84
Vehicle and fuel	40.2	1.41
Office expenses	10.8	0.38
Accountant fees and bank charges	49.0	1.72
Training and memberships	28.6	1.01
Land rental equivalent	13.2	0.46
Capital and interest repayments	1113.0	39.17
Total Production Costs	£61.39 per bird	216.0 pence per dozen
Margin	£3.27 per bird	11.51 pence per dozen