



ORGANIC CONTRACT EGG PRODUCTION

Key Indicators - Financial

Feed price per tonne	£521
Pullet price	£6.88
Capital investment for existing producers (per bird)	£59

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%	40%	48.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%

Free range production costs

Income items	Unit	Current price
Egg price	Pence per dozen eggs	229.38
End of lay hen (21p per bird)	Pence per dozen eggs	0.74
Manure (£10/t)	Pence per dozen eggs	1.41
Total Income		231.53
Cost Items	Pence per bird	Pence per dozen eggs
Feed	2787.0	98.08
Pullet – standard vaccination programme	688.0	24.21
Additional pullet vaccines	24.0	0.84
Pullet finance	60	2.11
Labour	639.0	22.49
Electricity (excluding renewables)	153.0	5.38
Water	20.6	0.72
Veterinary and medication	53.2	1.87
Litter	12.0	0.42
Enrichments	18.8	0.66
Range management costs	8.1	0.29
Pest control contractor	49.0	1.72
Disinfectants and biosecurity	15.5	0.55
Egg printing consumables	3.4	0.12
Dead bird disposal	28.7	1.01
House clean-down costs	82.0	2.89
Repairs and maintenance	30.0	1.06
Insurance (buildings etc.)	34.3	1.21
Insurance (disease, AI, salmonella)	92.1	3.24
Vehicle and fuel	40.2	1.41
Office expenses	9.2	0.32
Accountant fees and bank charges	35.0	1.23
Training and memberships	24.1	0.85
Land rental equivalent	11.2	0.39
Capital and interest repayments	977.0	34.38
Total Production Costs	£58.96 per bird	207.47 pence per dozen
Margin	£6.84 per bird	24.06 pence per dozen