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Program Transparency				
<p><u>Transparency:</u> The organization behind an eco-label should <u>make information about organizational structure, funding, board of directors and certification standards available to the public.</u> If such information is withheld, it is difficult to determine the meaning and clarity of the standards or the independence of the certifying organization.</p>	<p><u>The Certified Humane® Program is completely transparent:</u> www.certifiedhumane.org Contains: -Program/Policy Manual (organizational structure, funding, details of complaints and appeals procedures.) -All standards -All staff, board of directors and scientific committee -All certified producers -Applications necessary to apply for the program -inspection fees -Fact sheets -Profiles of the farmers on our program</p>	<p><u>The AWA program is completely transparent.</u> www.animalwelfareapproved.org Contains: -Program/Policy Manual (organizational structure, funding, details of complaints and appeals procedures.) -All standards -All staff and consultants -All certified producers -Applications that are necessary to apply for the program -Profiles of the farmers in program -Technical Advice Fact Sheets</p>	<p><u>Not transparent</u> http://www.americanhumane.org/protecting-animals/programs/farm-animals/ Contains: - - All certified producers -List of Scientific Committee on website -Producer profiles -Copies of standards and overview on how program works</p>	<p><u>Transparent</u> http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/nop Contains: -Program requirements -Accreditation and Certification information -Rulemaking -Contact information -National Organic Program Handbook -Compliance and Enforcement -National Organic Standards Board Information and more.</p>
<p><u>Independent and protected from conflict of interest:</u> Organizations should not receive funding from the sale of certified products, no other fees beyond fees for certification. <u>Employees of companies whose products are certified, or applying for certification should not be on the board of directors of the certifier.</u></p>	<p><u>I Independent and protected from conflict of interest.</u> -No ties with and receives no funding from the sale of certified products -No contributions from logo users outside of certification fees -No employees of any companies that are certified or may be certified on the HFAC board of directors. -None of the HFAC board of directors is affiliated with any certified company or producer.</p>	<p><u>Independent and protected from conflict of interest.</u> -No ties with and receives no funding from the sales of certified products. -Is a program of the Animal Welfare Institute. -No employees of any companies that are certified or may be certified on the AWI Board of Directors. -No one on the Animal Welfare Institute Board of Directors affiliated with any certified company, nor are any producers on the board of directors.</p>	<p><u>Not enough information available.</u> No information available as to whether funding is received from sales of certified products or equipment being used by certified producers or contributions of logo users.</p>	<p><u>Independent and protected from conflict of interest.</u> -Secretary of Ag appoints the NOSB for 5 year terms. -Currently on board: 4 farmers/growers, 2 handlers/processors, 1 retailer, 1 scientist, 3 consumer/public interest advocates, 3 environment-alists, and 1 USDA accredited certifying agent -Members come from all four U.S. regions. -All NOSB meetings are public and results are open to public comment.</p>

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Entry into program requires (Levels of compliance)	<u>All producers must comply with all standards in order to be certified. Pass/Fail – 100% of standards must be met.</u>	<u>All producers must comply with all standards in order to be certified. Pass/Fail – 100% of standards must be met</u>	Farms are audited using the audit checklist on a percentage basis; <u>85% is required for passing score. 85% of standards must be met.</u> Auditors score the forms and determine what corrective actions are required. Farms have 90 days to submit verification of corrective actions. (See Corrective Actions Forms on Checklists for Beef, Chickens & Pigs)	All producers must comply with all standards regarding feed, and medicines, antibiotics and other additives.
Traceability: Birth through Slaughter Management	Animal must be audited throughout life, from birth through slaughter. (p.4, Item B, Policy/Program Manual; Standards, Part 7)	Animal must be audited throughout life, from birth through slaughter.	Not clear	Animal must be raised organically throughout life, from last third of gestation.
Feed Prohibitions	All animal by-products are prohibited except for eggs (§FW4.a).	Meat or animal by-products, including fishmeal, is prohibited; milk and milk products are allowed (§6.0.5)	Allows animal byproducts to be fed to hens. This includes avian and mammalian proteins.	Mammalian or avian slaughter by-products are prohibited (§205.237.b.5)
Growth Hormones	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Antibiotics	Prohibited. Allowed for disease treatment of individual animal. (§FW4c,d)	Prohibited unless required for disease treatment.	<u>Beef: Prohibited-only disease treatment (§M7)</u> <u>Chickens: prohibited – only for disease treatment (§M7)</u> <u>Pigs :Prohibited - only for disease treatment (§M7)</u>	Prohibited Also prohibited for disease treatment of individual animal (this means if it is treated it cannot be sold under the organic program)

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Living Conditions				
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Pasture Requirement				
<u>Space</u>	The minimum outdoor space requirement is 2.5 acres/1000 birds (108 sq.ft/bird) (R 1c).	AWA standards require that all birds are pasture raised. Must have continuous access to at least 4 sq.ft range and foraging area, maximum flocks size is 500 birds. (5.4.11).	No requirements.	No pasture requirements. Organic Standards just say, "outdoor access required, weather permitting."
<u>Time Outdoors</u>	Birds must be outdoors 12 months per year, every day for a minimum of 6 hours per day. In an emergency, the hens may be confined in fixed or mobile housing 24 hours per day for no more than 14 consecutive days (R 1g).	Birds must have access to land that meets standard 7.3.1 for at least 50% of daylight hours (7.3.2). Birds may only be housed with no management plan and no pasture access in an emergency situation and to a maximum of up to 28 days (7.5.2).	No requirements.	Weather permitting (§205.239).
Free-Range Requirement				
<u>Space</u>	The minimum amount of uncovered outdoor area required is 2 sq.ft per hen (0.19 sq.m) (R 3b).	Pasture requirement only (see above).	Where access is provided, free-range areas must be provided at a minimum rate of 1 acre of ranger per every 1000 birds (43.1 sq.ft per bird) (E28).	No free range requirements. Organic Standards say, "outdoor access required, weather permitting."

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Time Outdoors	Outdoor access must be provided for a minimum of 6 hours per day during the daytime, except during inclement weather or for veterinary or emergency reasons (R 3e).	Pasture requirement only (see above).	Not specified.	Weather permitting. (§205.239).
Cage-Free Barn Raised Requirement				
Cages	Not allowed.	Not allowed.	Furnished cages allowed .	Not allowed.
Space	In a single level house, a minimum of 1.5 sq.ft/bird is required. In a house with a raised slatted area, the minimum space allowance is 1.2 sq.ft/bird (E16a,b).	Laying hens must be provided with a minimum of 1.8 sq.ft/bird space allowance (8.1.1).	In a single level house, a minimum of 1.25 sq.ft/bird is required. In a house with a raised slatted area, the minimum space allowance is 1.2 sq.ft/bird for brown egg layers and 1.0 sq.ft/bird for White Leghorns.	None
Litter Management <u>Chickens can get burns on their hocks and feet caused by contact with litter which is both wet and contains a high level of ammonia from feces.</u> Such burns can cause pain, act as a gateway for bacterial infection and have been shown to be associated with lameness.	Litter management required. A minimum of 15% available floor space must be suitable substrate (E8.c).	Litter management required.	Litter management required. A minimum of 15% available floor space must be suitable substrate (E21).	No litter requirement. ; must provide clean dry bedding.

Humane Farm Animal Care Comprehensive Animal Welfare Standards Comparison By Program – Laying Hens

Perching	Linear perches must be provided at a minimum of 6 inches/bird. 20% of that linear perch space must be elevated (E24).	Must have access to 7 inches aerial perch/bird.	Linear perches must be provided at a rate of not less than 6 linear inches/hen. At least 20% of required perches must be elevated (E26).	No requirement.
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Air Quality	Maximum 10 ppm , no higher than 25 ppm for very brief periods, and <u>must record ammonia level at bird height every 2 weeks; these records are reviewed by HFAC inspector (E19b).</u>	Housing must be managed to <u>eliminate ammonia above the 5ppm detectable level.</u>	Not to exceed 25 ppm (E16).	No requirement.
Beak Trimming	Prohibited except as a preventative measure in flocks that are susceptible to outbreaks of cannibalism. Must be done at less than 10 days of age.	All mutilations or physical alterations are prohibited, including de-beaking (beak clipping, tipping and trimming) (5.9.1).	Beak trimming/tipping may only be performed where there is a concern about cannibalism (M38).	Performance of physical alterations as needed to promote the animal's welfare and in a manner that minimizes pain and stress (§205.238).