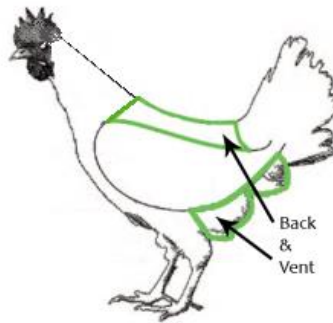


METHOD AND SAMPLING

- Visually assess the back/vent area of the bird
- Score at least 50 birds per shed i.e. 5 birds in each of 10 different areas of the house and/or range
- If borderline e.g. 0/1 or 1/2, allocate the lower score
- Feather re-growth = feather loss

AREAS TO BE SCORED



SIZE GUIDE

Less than ruler = score 1



More than ruler = score 2

When this guide is printed on A4 this ruler is 5cm in size

BACK/VENT SCORE 0 No bare skin visible, no or slight wear, only single feathers missing



BACK/VENT SCORE 1: Moderate wear, damaged feathers or 2 or more adjacent feathers missing up to 5cm bare skin



BACK/VENT SCORE 2: 5cm or more bare skin visible

