



The Better Chicken Commitment (BCC) is the leading set of standards for broiler welfare driving the food industry towards higher welfare practices. The BCC is a sustainable and science-based policy that addresses key chicken welfare protections missing from other standards.



**COMPLIANT WITH
BCC STANDARDS**



**NOT COMPLIANT WITH
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Better Chicken Commitment (BCC)	USDA Organic
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USDA Organic does not meet BCC standards for stocking density, enrichments, litter, breed, lighting, or slaughter. Please see below for more details.

Maximum Stocking Density	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 lbs/sq ft 	✗	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No measurable requirements All organic livestock and poultry are required to have access to the outdoors year-round. Animals may only be temporarily confined due to documented environmental or health considerations.
Litter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 3 inches of friable litter covering the whole floor of the house, managed to maintain dry, friable condition and prevent caked or wet areas 	✗	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No requirements for litter
Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 8 hours of continuous light (≥50 lux) and 6 hours of continuous darkness daily (<1 lux) 	✗	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No measurable light requirements
Enrichments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For every 1,000 sq ft (93 sq m), or part 1000 sq ft (93 sq m) of indoor space there must be a minimum of 1 enrichment 	✗	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No requirements for enrichments
Slaughter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process chickens in a manner that avoids pre-stun handling and instead utilizes a multi-step controlled-atmosphere processing system that induces an irreversible stun 	✗	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No requirements for slaughter method
Breed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt breeds that demonstrate higher welfare outcomes, either: Hubbard Norfolk Black, JA757, JACY57, JA787, JA957, JA987, JACY87, REDBRO, or Redbro M; Aviagen Rambler Ranger, Ranger Classic, Ranger Gold, Ranger Premium, or Rowan Ranger; Cobb-Sasso 200 (CS200); Cooks Venture Pioneer, or others that meet the criteria of the RSPCA Broiler Breed Welfare Assessment Protocol or Global Animal Partnership (GAP). 	✗	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No requirements for higher welfare breeds
Auditing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate 100% compliance with all standards via third-party auditing 	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% compliance with standards

REFERENCES

Please note: This document is not intended to be used for official purposes such as auditing. It is a general summary of the key components of the Better Chicken Commitment and USDA Organic standards. For the complete official standards, please reference the resources below:

Better Chicken Commitment
betterchickencommitment.com

Global Animal Partnership
(GAP) standards referenced in
the Better Chicken Commitment:
globalanimalpartnership.org/standards/chicken

USDA Organic
ams.usda.gov/grades-standards/organic-standards