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Summer Poultry Management

Warm summer temperatures can result in decreased egg production.

A midnight feeding is a common practice to help maintain feed and water intake. Do this anytime feed or water intake drops and continue to do it for as long as the hot days continue.

- Complete a “midnight feeding” at least 2 hours after the lights go out and at least 2 hours before the lights come on.
- Turn on the lights for up to 1 hour and run the feeders. Then turn off the lights.
- The birds will get up and eat and drink during the cooler temperatures at night and then will settle back in. The birds will not remember that the lights were on. They will resume their normal eating and laying pattern in the morning.

Other tips to help prevent loss due to heat stress include:

- Make sure ventilation systems and air distribution systems are properly installed and maintained.
- Install alarms to alert you if there is a dangerous increase in temperature.

Non GMO Question and Answer

What is GMO? According to the World Health Organization, *Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are organisms (i.e., plants, animals or microorganisms) in which the genetic material (DNA) is altered in a way that does not occur naturally by mating and/or natural recombination. Genetically modified crops (such as corn and soybeans) are engineered for resistance to pathogens and herbicides, and to be toxic to insects.*

Why is non GMO important? According to the Grocery Manufacturer Association, *75% of conventional processed foods contain GMOs. The governments of the U.S. and Canada have approved commercial production foods containing GMOs. Nevertheless, there are significant concerns regarding the production of foods containing GMOs because they are not considered proven safe.*

Is Organic GMO Free? *The United States and Canadian governments do NOT allow companies to label products “Certified Organic” if they contain genetically modified foods. Purchasing certified organic products is the easiest way to avoid genetically modified ingredients. Organic certifiers do not require grain processing facilities to test their feed to verify that it is GMO-free. GMO contamination can occur in organic grain due to cross-pollination with GMO crops, harvesting and handling equipment that is not sufficiently cleaned, or due to contaminated seed.*

How does Cashton Farm Supply ensure my feed is GMO Free?

In addition to our organic certification, Cashton Farm Supply is also Non-GMO verified. The organic certificates for every producer that grain is purchased from are verified, and an in house GMO strip test is completed on each incoming load of Corn, Soybeans, and Alfalfa. The test provides both a quantitative and qualitative analysis. Grain that does not meet non-GMO standards is rejected.

While organic standards (NOP) do not require Non-GMO testing, we are committed to maintaining the integrity of the organic brand and have written the Non-GMO testing requirements into our Approved Organic Plan. Any conventional feed is mixed offsite to ensure there is no cross-contamination in the facility.

Summer Farm Safety for Kids



Grain bins aren't play areas

Don't play on or around grain. Seek help if someone is caught in grain.

Take care around chemicals

Don't drink and eat anything if you don't know what it is. Follow warnings on chemical containers.

No seat, no rider

Unless the vehicle was made to safely hold more than one person, don't ask to ride, and don't allow others to ride.

Protect yourself

Wear sunscreen and hats when in the sun. Wear dust masks when around dust.

Take care around animals

Stay outside the animal fence. Be alert to animal behavior.



Follow mowing safety rules

Mow up and down slopes with riding mowers and across when using a push mower. Never leave a running mower unattended. No extra riders on lawn mowers.

Be aware of machinery dangers

Walk around moving machine parts, and don't remove shields.

Ride safely

Wear a seat belt when in vehicles. Don't ride in the back of pickups. Obey traffic laws when driving. Be alert to slow moving vehicles and other dangers.

Be careful on ATVs

Wear protective equipment when on recreational vehicles. Ride vehicles that are appropriate for your size and ability and most importantly, drive them sensibly.

J O K E S	Q. What do you call a dog on the beach in the Summer? A. A hot dog!	Q. Why do bananas use sunscreen? A. Because they peel.	Q. What happens when you throw a green rock into the Red Sea? A. It gets wet.
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Featured Recipe – Easy Strawberry-Rhubarb Dump Cake

- 4 cups of cubed fresh rhubarb (cut in 1- to 1 1/2-inch pieces)
- 2 cups sliced strawberries
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 (3-ounce) package of strawberry-flavored gelatin (sugar-free works fine)
- 1 white cake mix
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1/2 cup melted margarine or butter

Grease a 9-by-13-by-2-inch baking pan. Heat the oven to 350 F. Put the cubed rhubarb in the baking pan. Top with the granulated sugar, then sprinkle the gelatin over the sugar. Sprinkle the dry cake mix over the gelatin layer, then pour the water over the cake mix layer. Drizzle the melted butter over all. Do not stir or mix the ingredients. Bake in the preheated oven for about 50 to 60 minutes. Serve the cake with whipped cream or ice cream