

FLESHING SCORE An extra bit of information

As **parent stock males** have become more difficult to grow uniformly, the major breeders are adding fleshing to a regular weighing routine. Male flock evaluation by weight and visually by **flesh scoring is becoming the norm**.

Fleshing can determine the body conformation, i. e. a tall slim 2 kg male is different than a short dumpy 2 kg male. Lean, well-conditioned males are **more active and will complete more mating** than heavily fleshed males.

Proper fleshing also plays a role in the **ability of hens to lay a high number of eggs**. The birds have to build up enough fleshing to deposit fat at the moment of light stimulation.

The BAT1 poultry scale comes with an **easy tool to monitor the fleshing score**. Fleshing is determined at the same time when handling the birds during weighing, so it is time effective and convenient. Although fleshing is assessed by humans, precise calculations in the BAT1 bring **accurate and consistent results**.

ADVANTAGES OF THE FLESHING SCORE

- 🕂 Important tool in breeding
- Good indicator of bird condition
- More active males
- Prevention of problems with mating and fertility
- Highly productive females mean higher egg production

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FLESHING SCORE IN THE BAT 1

The fleshing score is stored as an extra information to every weighed bird. The BAT 1 can calculate an average fleshing score and distribution of birds in individual fleshing categories. Complete statistics including the fleshing score can be easily monitored **on the scale's display or in the PC software**.

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What do we mean with the term *fleshing*? This is an indication of how much muscle is developed on the breast and wings. The fleshing score usually ranges from 1 to 5 and is given by the breast shape. Ideal score is 2-4 depending on the age of the birds.

