



**POLICY OF IMPROVING THE WELFARE  
AND PROTECTION OF LIVESTOCK**  
*September 2025 (consolidated figures for 2024)*





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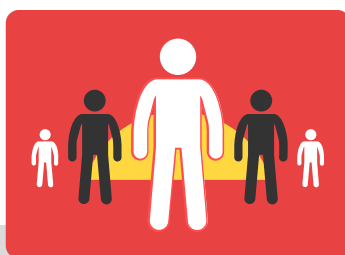
# 1. WHO ARE WE?

The LDC Group's activities in France and Europe include hatching, cereals storage, livestock feed manufacturing, production organisation, egg packaging, poultry slaughtering and cutting, the manufacture of processed poultry and delicatessen products (meat, egg and egg products, dairy products, seafood and plant-based products), and product marketing. The Group operates in France, Poland, Hungary, Belgium, the United Kingdom, and, since 2024, Germany and Romania. This policy of improving animal welfare and health applies to all activities over which the Group has operational control in these countries.

Livestock farming in France is carried out by independent farmers who are contractually bound to the Group or to partner organisations (cooperatives, groups).



**+ 120 SITES**  
**17 PLATFORMS**  
(as at 21/05/2025)



**+ 26 700**  
**COLLABORATORS**  
(as at 21/05/2025)



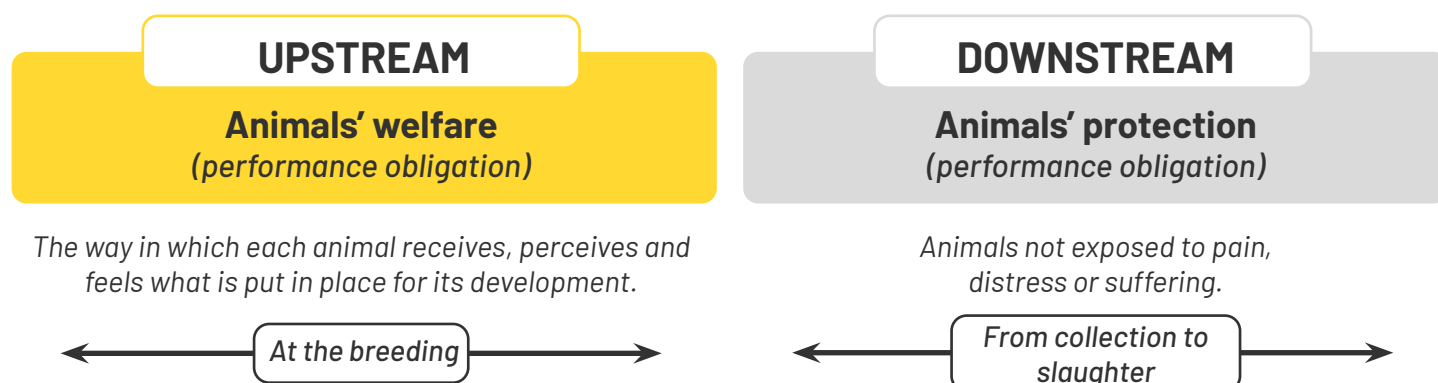
**8 000**  
**PARTNER BREEDERS**  
including 6 500 in France

As the leading historical player in poultry reared under official quality labels (15 labels in France supported by LDC, organic poultry, Bresse poultry AOP, etc.), the LDC Group meets the needs of its customers and consumers by promoting different rearing methods, including both traditional free-range poultry and poultry reared in henhouses.

With regard to associations involved in animal protection and welfare, the Group is a member of the Humane Slaughter Association and regularly exchanges information with several NGOs, including CIWF. Since 2017, the Group has been included in the global ranking of the Business Benchmark on Farm Animal Welfare (BBFAW) and is ranked at level 4 in 2024 (for an assessment of the year 2023).

## 2. THE LDC GROUP APPROACH TO ANIMAL WELFARE

The LDC Group is committed to improving animal welfare and protection. This means treating all animals as sentient beings with respect and decency, ensuring their welfare from birth to rearing, and protecting them during collection, transport and slaughter.



The Group adheres to the definition given by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), which is now the benchmark, and incorporates it into all its purchases from ingredient suppliers through a specific paragraph in the framework purchasing contract and its associated "quality and CSR" charter. This definition refers to the **five key principles set out by the Farm Animal Welfare Council (FAWC)**.

LDC's actions therefore focus on:

- **Free access to fresh water** and a **diet** suitable for maintaining health and vigour;
- An **appropriate environment**, including rest areas and allowing the animal to enjoy a certain level of physical comfort;
- The **preservation of health** through prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment;
- **Adequate space and equipment** for the animals, and contact between animals of same species;
- Breeding conditions and treatment that **avoid fear and stress**.

As such, animal protection and welfare are a priority for LDC in all countries where the Group operates, for all species and for all products marketed within the Group. In addition to complying with regulations and inter-professional initiatives, LDC is implementing the Nature d'Éleveurs initiative in its meat production, breeding and hatching activities. This progressive approach aims to improve the living conditions and welfare of poultry raised in poultry houses by addressing several issues such as poultry house layout, available space, natural light, health preservation, etc.

In addition to official checks by the authorities to ensure compliance with animal protection regulations, operational responsibility for animal welfare and protection and for monitoring compliance lies with:

- **at hatching:** via daily monitoring of hatching activities, supervised by the site's animal welfare representative; as well as via audits carried out by independent organisations based on various customer and internal Group standards.
- **within farms:** on a daily basis by breeders, accompanied by technical teams, monitored by veterinarians who supervise the health of the animals, and audited by independent organisations according to the quality approaches in which the actors are engaged;
- **as part of slaughtering activities:** via monitoring and internal controls by the teams in charge of animal protection, and via controls carried out by independent organisations based on different customer and internal LDC standards developed by the quality department.

## Governance

The policy for improving animal protection and welfare is proposed by a steering committee **Welfare and Protection** at the Poultry COPIL (Management of the Upstream division and regional divisions of the Group's Poultry activity), and validated by the Group Management Committee.

The Animal Welfare and Protection COPIL is responsible for ensuring the coordination of this policy, monitoring and leading action plans, and collecting and reporting data to report on performance on this subject. The objective is more precisely to ensure the operational coordination of the policy, to monitor, to define and monitor the key performance indicators specific to animal welfare and animal protection, to capitalize on the good practices observed, to propose and manage improvement plans.

This steering committee is made up of a **multidisciplinary team** involving representatives of the Group's upstream and downstream activities: Management of the Upstream Pole and each profession (harvesting, breeding (organisation of production), Collection), Management of the Poultry Pole and the Poultry Sector, Upstream-downstream technical coordination, Directions Upstream and Group Quality, Commerce, Marketing and CSR Departments.

### 3. LDC GROUP ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

#### *Our general practices and commitments*

In France, in 2024, 89% (compared to 80% in 2023) of the 6,500 partner poultry farms slaughtered by the Group will be audited by an independent body which guarantees a better level of animal welfare through the following procedures: AOP, Organic, Label Rouge, Free-range, European Chicken Commitment, Product Conformity and Nature of Breeders Certification. 100% of broiler and rabbit farms are audited according to certifications of good basic breeding practices. The Group is committed to ensuring that by the end of 2025, all chicken farms be audited as part of the procedures guaranteeing a better level of animal welfare.

In addition, the Group sets up training programs at all levels to support performance and continuous improvement with breeders and our employees concerned throughout the sector, at the breeding level as well as at the production site level. production. These training courses concern the protection and welfare of animals, the preservation of animal health, the behavior of humans in the presence of animals, etc.

#### *Support and well-being of breeders*

In accordance with regulations, each LDC partner farm participates in official "animal welfare" training, provided by an approved training organisation, providing an animal welfare representative within each farm. The referent can be the farm manager or an employee of the farm. He is in particular responsible for raising awareness of animal welfare among all people carrying out their activity in contact with animals on the farm.

Breeders benefit from specific support linked to the quality approaches to which they adhere. Training and information meetings are also organized regularly for all breeders, during which BEA is discussed. Breeding advisors within producer groups advise and support breeders on a daily and individual basis. The quality managers of each upstream production organisation (OPA) also audit the breeders in order to ensure control of the quality of the breeding and verify compliance with the specifications, including in terms of BEA, an integral part of the specifications. loads.

A production contract makes it possible to guarantee prices and protect the income of breeders. Bonuses and penalties for product quality, based on animal health and welfare indicators, are put in place. Investment aid is also paid to breeders, in order to support them in their work to adapt livestock farms. This aid allows in particular the establishment facilities to improve the atmosphere, straw blowers or windows in livestock buildings. In addition to ensuring animal welfare, these measures offer comfort and undeniable quality of work to our breeders.

Our policy and its upstream support systems contribute to the well-being of breeders, which is an essential prerequisite for animal well-being. The economic security of contracts over time, the technical support and the human relations shared with the breeders aim at good working conditions and daily satisfaction, conditions necessary for good monitoring and care of the animals.

## Genetics and biodiversity

The Group firmly prohibits, for any animal, the practices of genetic modification of animals and cloning for all its activities, in all the countries in which it operates and for all its products manufactured and marketed.

From its inception, the Group has positioned itself on the protection and diversity of species, with Loué farm poultry, then, with its gradual establishment in all French production areas, on the red label and regional poultry, notably through example with Landes poultry, Ardèche farm poultry (IGP) or Bresse poultry (AOP). Other contributions to the preservation of ancient breeds are also being made.

## Breeding methods

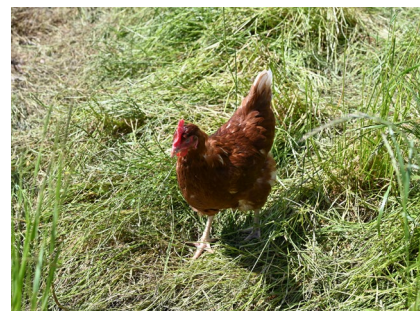
Through discussions with stakeholders (customers, breeders, suppliers, partners, associations, research organisations, public authorities, etc.), the Group adapts its practices and recommendations, always seeking the right balance for everyone. LDC is thus developing outdoor production for all species in France and Europe (red label and organic poultry, outdoor laying hens, certified poultry going outside etc.), in henhouses (everyday poultry and certified poultry, poultry access to verandas), as well as in new types of housing for rabbits, according to the needs of all markets and all consumer trends.

### Eggs

In the table egg sector, the Group is strengthening every day its historical position as a specialist and leader in eggs from farms of alternative chickens to cages (label, organic and free-range). The LDC Group leads in has always had a policy in favor of alternative breeding methods, and is also recognized for this action by its customers and partners. He continues in particular to contribute to the development of label free-range eggs red and organic. 98% of partner farms in its historic egg sector already exclusively practice alternative breeding methods to cages. Rented has always only offered 100% alternative eggs. And for the whole of its recipes, Marie and Traditions of Asia already opt exclusively for eggs and egg products all from free-range hens.

Following the buyouts, first of the Matines (shell egg) activities in 2022, then recently Ovoteam (produced eggs) in 2023, LDC remains determined to support the transformation of the new breeders concerned for a transition to alternative farming methods throughout its scope. On the new scope of shell eggs produced and marketed, 90% eggs come from hens raised in alternative systems to cages.

100% of eggs will come from hens raised in alternative systems to cages for our Matines (shell eggs) and Ovoteam (processed eggs and egg products) brands by 2027, despite the tense market situation.



### Nature d'Éleveurs

The Nature d'Éleveurs approach is deployed within the rabbit and meat poultry breeding sectors (chickens, turkeys, guinea fowl, ducks) and reproduction and hatching activities.

**The LDC Group is committed to ensuring that 100% of chicken farms slaughtered in France comply with the Nature d'Éleveurs progress contract by the end of 2025**, by being referenced after audit by an independent body. The approach is currently being deployed by all LDC partner organisations and groups. It contractually commits the players in the sector to respect its requirements.



Each actor is monitored internally by the quality departments of the production organisations, and externally **by independent organisations** each year using a 60 points audit grid. In 2024, the control framework was simplified in order to reduce the administrative burden on farms, without compromising on the requirements of the criteria.

Farms are approved on the basis of a specific audit grid with 24 points to be checked, 15 of which relate to animal welfare and health (such as natural light), some of which are essential for certification (major non-compliance = MNC). The absence of MNCs is a prerequisite. The assessment must demonstrate a minimum of 70% compliance and no MNCs for the farm to be approved. If this threshold is not reached, the farm may be approved subject to compliance with the various points within three months.

For farms that have not reached the 90% rating, the continuous improvement approach requires at least audits to renew the approval each year with the requirement of an improvement in the score compared to the initial audit. and increasing the number of compliant points.

Each breeder is supported in the process on a technical and financial level by their partner production organisation, and has the support of quality teams carrying out internal audits. In the event of breeding not complying with the Nature d'Éleveurs approach after an external audit, breeders are again supported to join Nature d'Éleveurs within a reasonable and ambitious period of 9 months. **Batches of poultry (including rabbits) from breeders which do not comply with the Nature d'Éleveurs specifications are downgraded and not marketed under the approach.**

The Nature d'Éleveurs approach, for all of the Group's activities in France, also allows broiler poultry farms in henhouses without access to the outside to respect commitments that go beyond compliance with regulations:

- **Space available:**

Density reduction of 10% compared to standard practices in the French sector (example for chickens: objective of 38 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, compared to 42 kg/m<sup>2</sup> maximum authorized by derogation from EU regulations). The Group's commitment to ensuring that 100% of farms respect Nature d'Éleveurs will therefore enable the production of chickens raised at densities of 42 kg/m<sup>2</sup> to cease from 01/01/2026. The freedom of movement of animals is also preserved through the total absence of cages and tiered systems.

In the rabbit industry, the density in Nature d'Éleveurs farms is 800cm<sup>2</sup>/rabbit.

- **Layouts of henhouses:**

Availability of food and water distribution equipment, as well as equipment to guarantee air quality. LDC is also committed to ensuring that 100% of the poultry and rabbits involved in the process have environmental enrichment adapted to the needs and expression of natural behaviors specific to the species:

### *In poultry sector*

- **With perches:**
  - ➡ Linear(bars): 2m linear/1000 chickens, 5m linear/1000 turkeys, 600m linear/1000m<sup>2</sup> guinea fowl,
  - ➡ Platforms : 20m<sup>2</sup>/1000m<sup>2</sup> for chickens/turkeys/ducks
- **And substrates for pecking** (1/500 chickens/ducks and 2/500 turkeys)

### *In rabbit farming sector*

*The environment is enriched with platforms, gnawing objects and/or hiding places to allow the rabbits to express their natural behaviour.*



- **Natural light:**

At a rate of 3% minimum window area in relation to the breeding area.

- ➡ *Minimum rest time for all species, control of environmental parameters and litter (dry and friable)*

- **Preservation and monitoring health:**

Good breeding practices, biosecurity, animal care, plan to reduce antibiotic treatments and eliminate critically important antibiotics with the development of alternative natural solutions (plant extracts, probiotics, etc.). Antibiotics can only be used as a last resort as a treatment to restore the health and welfare of a sick flock, after diagnosis and under veterinary prescription, for all species and products concerned.

- **Feed:**

Made in France, adapted to each species and age, compliant with Nature d'Éleveurs requirements and based on 100% French whole grains.

- **Compliance with good collection practices for poultry and rabbit at the end of breeding.**

- **Animal welfare assessment:**

- ➡ in breeding: monitoring of mortalities and health, deployment of the EBENE application to monitor health and behavior indicators (reliable and complete evaluation tool developed by Itavi in conjunction with the sector and professionals for following species: chicken, hen, duck, turkey, guinea fowl, quail and rabbit), such as reaction to humans, comfort, expression of natural behaviors specific to the species (resting, perching, dust bathing, positive interactions between conspecifics, etc.)
- ➡ at slaughter: condition of legs and wings, homogeneity of batches, etc.

- **Audit by independent control organisations.**

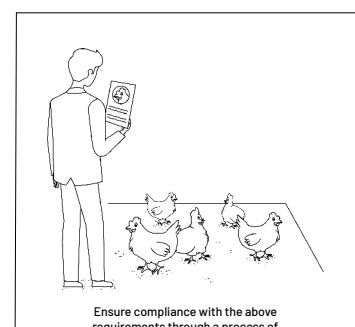
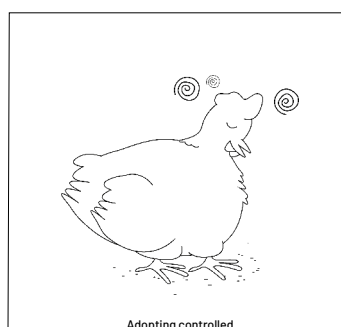
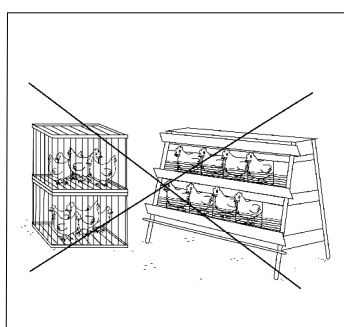
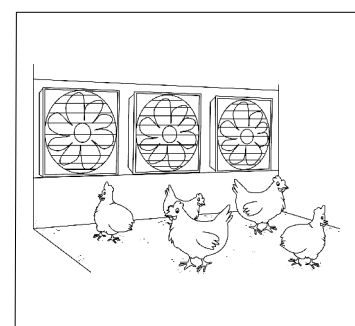
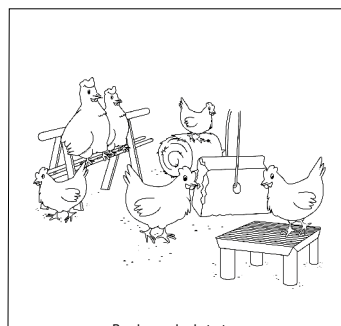
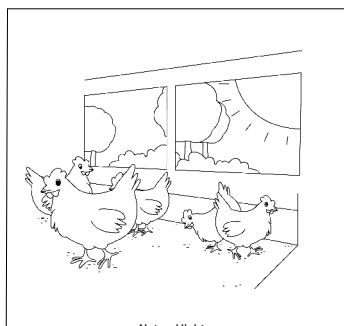
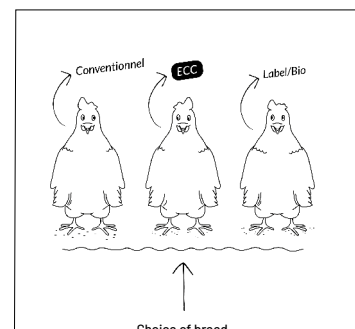
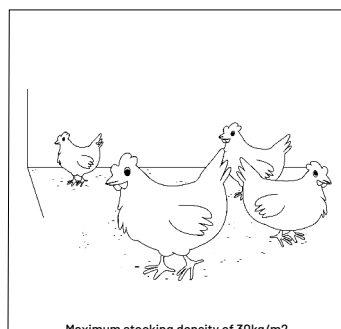
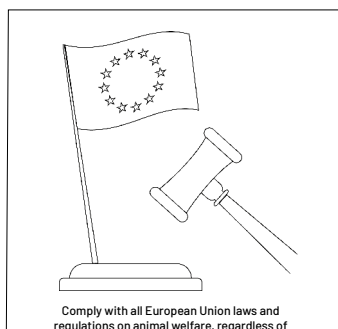
For the French rabbit farming industry, the Nature d'Éleveurs Lapin initiative received an honourable mention at the CIWF's Lapin d'Or awards in June 2021. It supports farmers and commits them to meeting requirements concerning product quality, the environment and animal health. It is based in particular on the deployment of new habitats that promote the welfare of rabbits in fattening farms (more space for rabbits, provision of objects to gnaw on, presence of tubes, burrows and platforms to facilitate the expression of the animals' natural behaviours, etc.). This award was presented to encourage the development of this cage-free farming system, which is more respectful of the welfare of fattening rabbits, and deploy in all farms producing under this initiative.



For poultry farming, the LDC Group already supplies chicken meat that meets all the criteria set out in the European Chicken Commitment (ECC) to all its customers who request it, and is committed to developing production across its entire scope in all countries to meet the needs of all customers who wish to do so. It offers and develops own-brand labels and ranges that meet at least all the ECC criteria. In addition to chickens produced and marketed according to free-range farming criteria, more than 340 000 chickens per week in 2024 were dedicated to the ECC (compared to 270 000 in 2023), taking into account all the specific ECC criteria.

The LDC Group is the leading producer of ECC chickens in Europe, which it develops to meet the needs of customers who request them and for its own brands. Specifically, as part of its policy to improve animal welfare and protection, the LDC Group will launch new ECC ranges for its Le Gaulois and Maître CoQ brands in 2026 with the aim of extending these production practices to achieve 100% ECC ranges by 2028, depending on market response. In addition, LDC will enable all its customers who have committed (or will commit) to complying with all ECC criteria to be able to honour their commitments by the 2028 deadline.

The LDC Group participates in workshops between ECC stakeholders (producers, processors, distributors) in order to share its experience and promote the development of the ECC. 100% of chickens destined for the **Nature & Respect** brand are raised and slaughtered in accordance with all ECC criteria and with access to the outdoors.



## Feed

In addition to the commitments set out in the specifications governing each sector, all feed production sites in the upstream division comply with the OQUALIM control and monitoring plan for the quality of raw materials and finished products.

To find out more about the LDC Group's sustainable poultry feed policy, visit: <https://www ldc.fr/ldc-partage-sa-politique-alimentation-des-volailles/>.

The Group is committed to guaranteeing feed that is free from **antibiotics, growth factors and hormones** across its entire scope: for all countries where it operates, all species and all products manufactured and marketed.

Through its contractual relationships with farmers and its farming specifications, LDC also monitors the quality of the water supplied to animals, in particular by checking the potability

## Biosecurity

In addition to the strict rules applied in breeding and monitored as part of the quality procedures relating to the various productions, the Group has put in place prevention and crisis management tools and is deploying a detailed action plan with:

- of the **simulation exercises**, with the support of the services of the Departmental Directorates of Population Protection;
- of the **specific training** teams involved in biosecurity (drivers, dock operators, quality teams, production managers, slaughterhouse managers, site directors, etc.);
- the distribution of a **repository** intended for all Group subsidiaries adapting to developments in avian zoonotic diseases;
- of the **regular checks** on site as part of internal audits by the Quality team;
- measures **controlled cleaning and disinfection** rolling stock (trucks, loaders, etc.) and installations (chicken coops, equipment, etc.).

In livestock farming, Nature d'Éleveurs also imposes increased biosecurity measures.

During loading, farmers and transporters work together and visually check that transport equipment is clean and in good condition, so as not to injure the animals. Control plans are in place to ensure that sensitive equipment is cleaned and disinfected in accordance with regulations.

## Health of animals

The Group relies on a plan to preserve animal health, for all species and countries in which the Group operates, prioritizing:

- biosecurity procedures and strict hygiene measures;
- mastery and application of good breeding practices;
- participation in official monitoring plans;
- the use of reference vaccination programs;
- continued reduction in the use of antibiotics;



- by reserving their use only for curative purposes and only on veterinary prescription to restore the health and well-being of animals when they are sick, in other words, by prohibiting their preventive use for meat poultry raised in the entire scope of the Group. The Nature d'Éleveurs rabbits approach prohibits the systematic use of antibiotics and the use of critical antibiotics after weaning in alternative housing, and by requiring the prudent use of antibiotics, limits their use;
- by developing alternative natural solutions in conjunction with the breeders' veterinarians.

The efforts made by LDC and its partners, farmers and veterinarians, have led to a drastic reduction in antibiotic use in recent years. This is true for all players in the French poultry industry. In its report on the monitoring of sales of veterinary medicines containing antibiotics in France in 2020, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty published in January 2025 that exposure to antibiotics for poultry in France had decreased by 67% compared to 2021. The Group's objective is to continue this momentum in order to increase its contribution to the fight against antibiotic resistance.

## *Intervention on animals*

The Group and its upstream partners, particularly in hatchery, have been researching and developing for several years **alternative solutions to the elimination of day-old chicks** in all poultry species either by in ovo sexing or by breeding all the animals. LDC is part of the inter-professional framework which prohibits the systematic elimination of male chicks for all shell eggs marketed in France. In 2021, the Group initiated a new breeding sector for the brothers of laying hens. In September 2022, the LDC Group obtained recognition from the public authorities by obtaining the certification of new specifications for breeding roosters that are brothers of laying hens, certified going outside. 20,000 cockerels have already been produced and marketed in 2024. The Group's sales teams are currently working on the development of this new sector.

The Group and its suppliers **avoid interventions on animals** (otherwise known as 'routine mutilations') and animal handling operations wherever possible, and develop alternative solutions. LDC has notably developed the implementation of automatic animal weighing systems on farms, in order to limit the handling of poultry. Working groups have been set up to identify areas for improvement and conduct trials. Alternatives to beak and claw treatment are currently being developed within the relevant sectors (chickens, turkeys, ducks) as part of a continuous improvement process.

When caponing is practiced, it is carried out by specialized teams and the Group acts to provide veterinary supervision of this practice.

In 2023, 89% of all animals (poultry, layers and rabbits) raised and slaughtered within the Group throughout its scope (in France and internationally) are free from any mutilation.

## 4. LDC GROUP ANIMAL PROTECTION POLICY

### *Inspection and training*

Each slaughter site is specifically trained in animal protection by an independent organisation. Also, all staff in contact with live animals must undergo regular training to become either Animal Protection Manager (RPA) or Animal Protection Operator (OPA). In order to strengthen the role of RPA and bring the approach to life within the Group, inter-site discussion meetings and an information sharing platform have been put in place.

The LDC Group is also developing a framework of good practices controlled by an independent body, in order to assess animal protection on all of its slaughter sites. This is a voluntary approach aimed at having an animal protection audit carried out by an independent external veterinarian and expert in animal protection at the slaughterhouse.

The Group invests and deploys video surveillance systems within its slaughterhouses. LDC is committed, by 2025, to the deployment of cameras in all of its chicken and turkey slaughterhouses in France.

### *Collection, transport and reception*

Regarding the collection of poultry for transfer to the slaughterhouse, as soon as the transport arrives on the farm, the breeders organise and direct the operations, from preparation to loading, until collection with their collection teams. Through his know-how, his training and the technical partnership with LDC, the breeder guarantees the correct application of procedures to respect the animals. LDC has also set up a progress contract between the teams of collectors, breeders, production organisations and slaughterhouses in order to guarantee biosecurity, safety at work and the protection of animals.

At the same time, the Group has set up catching observation sites, carried out by an external organisation.

For rabbits, work on collection has been underway since 2021: it involves the use of trolleys to facilitate this operation, both for the well-being of farmers and for animal welfare. This innovation is the result of collaboration between all stakeholders in the sector (feed suppliers, farmers, production organisations and LDC Group teams). This service is funded by the LDC Group's slaughterhouses in order to make its use more widespread: in 2023, 20% of the LDC sector was using this equipment. This figure will rise to 80% in 2024 (with one slaughterhouse at 100%). Roll-out is continuing with the aim of making it available to 100% of our farms in the coming years.

For 100% of poultry and rabbits transported from farms to slaughterhouses throughout the Group, journey times are limited to less than 3 hours on average. **They do not exceed 8 hours for meat poultry and 4 hours for Nature d'Éleveurs rabbits.**

## *Stunning and slaughter*

Across its entire scope, the Group has implemented a vast development plan for its reception platforms in order to improve the comfort conditions for animals in the waiting areas and in the access area to the stunning by limiting human contact, controlling light, ventilation and misting, if necessary. Comfort ramps are installed for poultry before electronarcosis.

The Group, for all species and its geographical scope, practices prior stunning systematically, even in the event of ritual slaughter. The stunning techniques used are either electronarcosis or stunning under a controlled atmosphere. The effectiveness of stunning is monitored on the lines by regularly trained and authorized operators.

The Group continually seeks to improve its techniques and facilities, and regularly invests in this context, by developing controlled atmosphere stunning as much as possible.

**Thus, 100% of animals slaughtered by the Group (for all species and countries) are stunned before slaughter.**



## 5. CONVENIENCE FOOD

The activity policy is particularly oriented towards the French origin of the meats. Marie and Asian Traditions brand products use 100% French beef, pork and poultry. For all of her recipes, Marie opted exclusively for eggs free-range chickens.

In 2023, a new animal welfare charter was created by the Marie and Espri Restauration teams. It is deployed to encourage suppliers to respect good practices in governance, breeding, transport and slaughter.

## 6. VEGETARIAN AND PLANT PRODUCTS

To learn more about our vegetarian and plan products: <https://www ldc.fr/nos-engagements/bien-nourrir/>.

	TONNAGES OF PLANT PRODUCTS
2023	3 000 T
2024	3 700 T
Goal 2026-2027	10 000 T

## 7. REPORTING OF OUR INDICATORS

In addition to the historical reporting of qualitative and quantitative data carried out each year as part of this policy, the Group is currently focusing its efforts on reporting more comprehensively and publicly on its website by 2026, providing data that illustrates its level of consideration for animal protection and welfare. Work is also underway to question our suppliers about their practices in terms of animal welfare and protection. In the future, we hope to gather enough information to include this data in our reporting.

In order to monitor the welfare of poultry for meat production within the Nature d'Éleveurs initiative (chickens, hens, turkeys, guinea fowl, ducks, rabbits, etc.), various indicators are collected and analysed. This initiative is part of a continuous improvement process and enables corrective measures to be implemented quickly and effectively in order to maintain the highest possible level of animal welfare.

- **The animals' environment:** availability of feeders and drinkers, density and mortality, atmosphere and air quality, litter quality;
- **Animal behaviors:** the distribution of animals in the henhouse, interactions between conspecifics, exploration of the environment, grooming, time spent resting, perching, dust bathing, interactions with other conspecifics... As well as freedom psychological: absence of fear, comfort, reaction to humans, etc.;
- **Health information:** such as mobility, the weight of animals, lesions and wounds (pododermatitis, breast blisters, etc.), the use of health products and in particular the precise monitoring of the use of antibiotic treatments. In addition to weight monitoring, each chicken or turkey slaughtered is subject to an assessment at the slaughterhouse of the condition of the legs and wings. The indicators are collected and transmitted to breeders, and financial bonuses (bonus or penalty) are applied by the slaughterhouses in order to encourage the continuous improvement of these criteria in breeding and during the transport stages;
- **Transport of animals:** duration of transport, health indicators, etc.;
- **Concerning sustainable breeding approaches** on all poultry species:
  - 89% of the 6 500 partner farms in France are now engaged in sustainable breeding approaches (AOP, Organic, Label Rouge, Certified including export, ECC and Nature d'Éleveurs).
  - 15 red label sectors are supported by LDC in the different French regions.
- **Concerning the chicken sector, regarding Loué:**
  - Since 2020, the farmers of Loué affix the AEBEA label on any chicken-based product to indicate to the consumer the level of animal welfare.
  - Since 2022, Loué has also applied the Planet-score environmental rating to its Loué chickens and eggs. All specifications for Loué chickens (Red Label, Organic and Product Conformity Certification) comply with all of the criteria of the Loué better chicken commitment and are based primarily on access to a vast range. To find out more about the animal welfare commitments of Loué chickens, click [here](#).

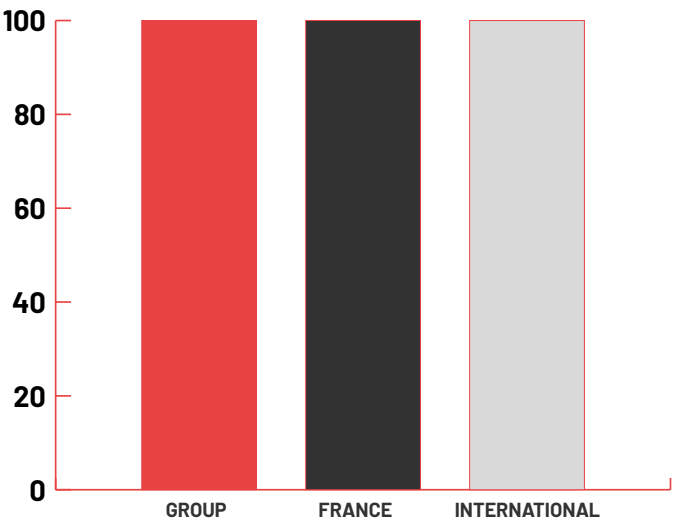
These indicators are listed upstream (at the breeding level) and downstream (at the slaughter site level). All these indicators are stored and analysed. The gaps are analysed and cross-referenced with the technical-economic results and then communicated to breeders and production organisation teams (technical, quality, planning). **Action and progress plans are then put in place in a concerted manner to eliminate non-compliance.**

# CHICKEN REPORTING FOR ALL LDC GROUP ACTIVITIES IN 2024

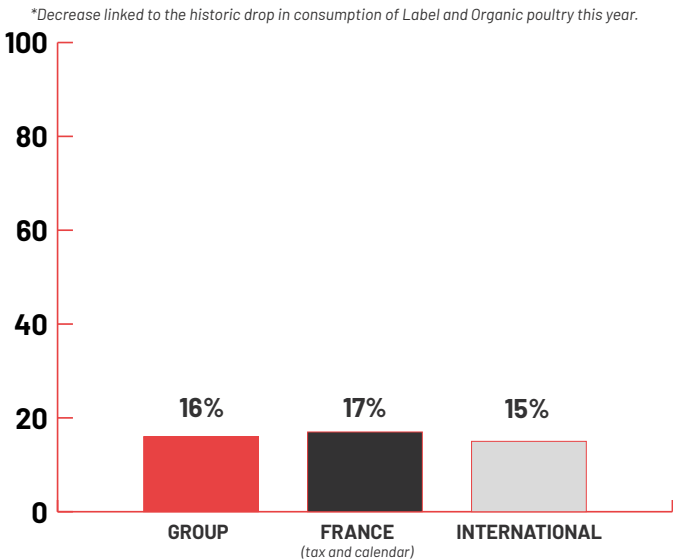
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## IN BREEDING

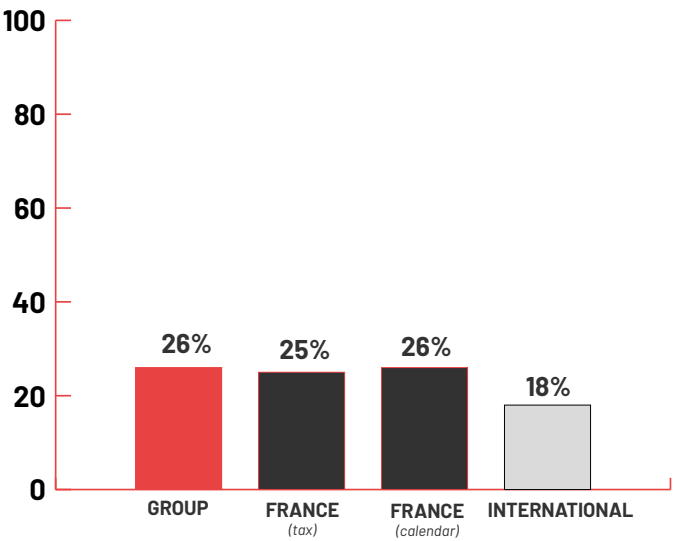
% of chickens raised in compliance with EU regulations



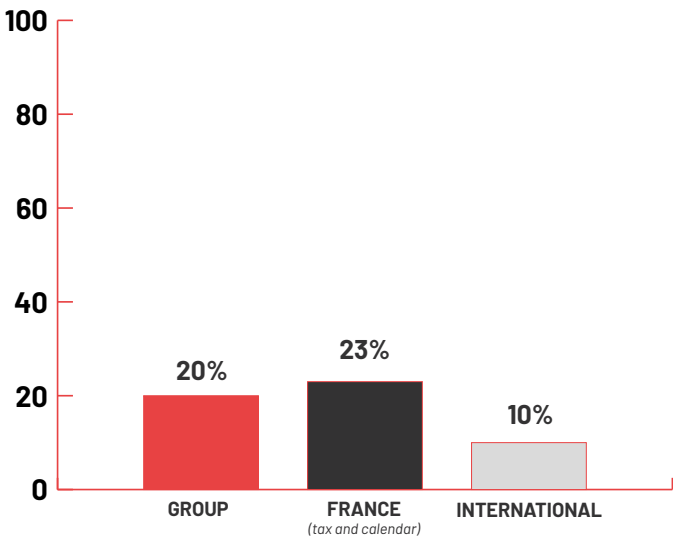
% of chickens raised with an outdoor access



% of chickens from breeds compatible with the RSPCA protocol

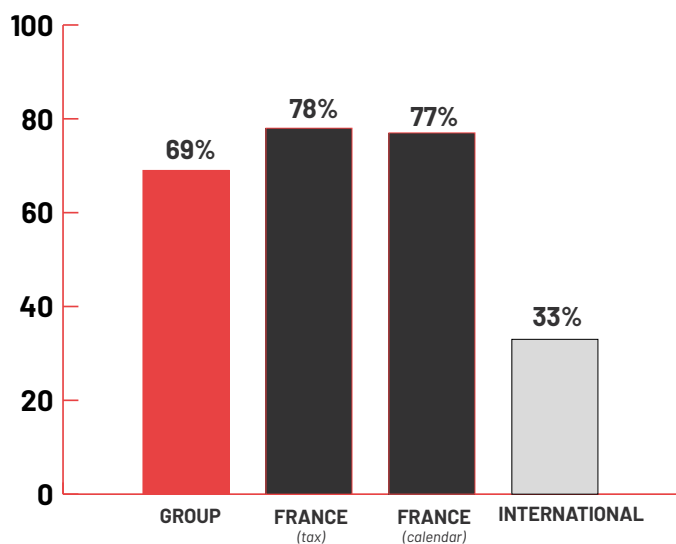


% of chickens raised at densities below 30 kg/m² in chicken houses

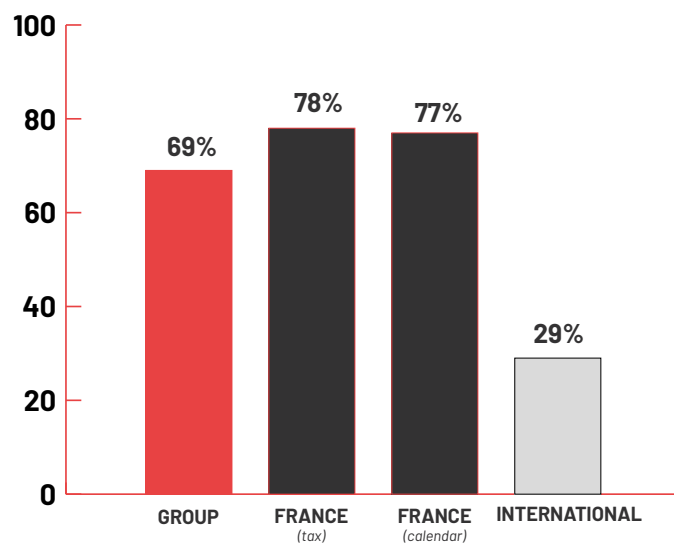




**% of chickens raised  
in enriched environments**  
(natural light)



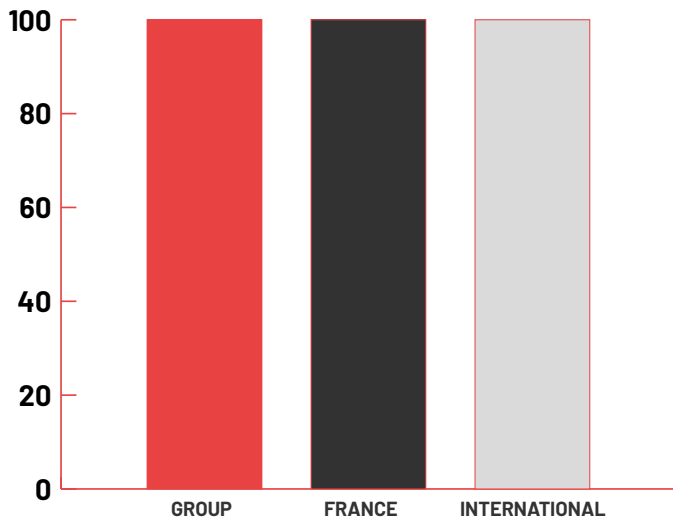
**% of chickens raised  
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(perching and/or pecking substrates)



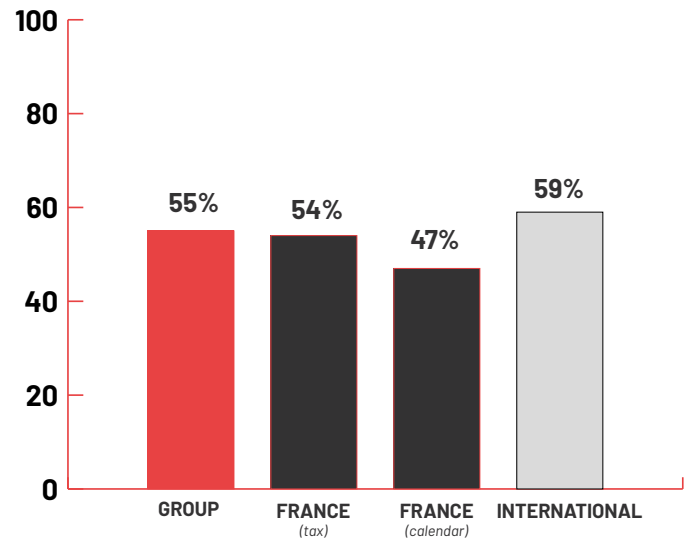
## IN SLAUGHTERHOUSES

### % of chickens slaughtered with prior stunning

(compliance with current European regulations)



### % of chickens slaughtered with prior stunning in a controlled atmosphere



### % of chickens slaughtered in a slaughterhouse equipped with video surveillance cameras

