

European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare *Poultry SFA*



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Introduction to EU Reference Centres for Animal Welfare EURCAW-Poultry-SFA's team



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EURCAW-Poultry-SFA has 5 Priority areas

1. Broiler chickens on farm
2. Laying hens in alternative housing systems
3. Stunning and killing
4. Rabbits on farm, with a focus on alternative housing systems
5. Turkeys on farm and during transport



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5 Activities

1. COORDINATED ASSISTANCE
2. ANIMAL WELFARE INDICATORS
3. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL STUDIES
4. TRAINING COURSES
5. DISSEMINATING RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS



1. Questions to EURCAW-Poultry-SFA (activity 1)

<https://www.eurcaw-poultry-sfa.eu/en/minisite/sfawc/question-eurcaw-q2e>

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there → **QUESTIONS TO EURCAW (Q2E)**

Scientific and technical assistance

The centre has **Q2E windows** in the context of the regulation 2017/625 about official controls (art. 95) to support the European Commission and member states in the applications of legislation regarding poultry and other small farm animals' welfare.

The Centre offers scientific and technical assistance to Competent Authorities (CA), National Reference Centre (NRC), other Supporting Bodies (SB), from the EU Member States and the European Commission, regarding all aspects of welfare legislation implementation. The Centre is covering hatchery, farming, transportation and killing outside of risk assessment and risk management areas.

SLAUGHTER AND KILLING

2020-2023

Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2020-001 How captive bolt is used in Europe for the on-farm killing of small animals and how they addressed the issue of noise for other animals and security for the users?

Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2020-003 Head-only stunning and decapitation.

Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2020-004 Traumatism assessment protocol for broilers.

Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2021-006 Overview of the different on-farm killing methods for turkeys and ducks, due to disease control situations (avian influenza).

Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2023-005 Stun to stick time for a waterbath with frequency > 50Hz (soon).

2. Update on the Centre's actual work (activity 2 and 3)



Indicators at slaughter to assess broiler welfare on farm



ONLINE
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it [HERE](https://eur-caw.eu)



Webinar and audio-visual material on training for the assessment of consciousness after WBS of broiler chicken.

21 OCTOBER 2021



Webinar and audio-visual material on training for the assessment of consciousness after WBS of turkeys.

14 NOVEMBER 2022



- 45 min lecture about WB stunning in broilers and evaluation of consciousness
- 45 min discussion



5 Dissemination

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