

Spiking Tips

Follow these guidelines to achieve the best results.



Feed

Slightly increase feed just after spiking so males have enough nutrients and energy to sustain their increased mating activity.



Age

Males must be at least 25 weeks of age with a minimum weight of 4.1 kg (9 lbs.) and be sexually mature.



Uniformity

Spike males must be uniform, good quality, free of defects and able to compete with older males.



Male-Female Ratio

If spiking is done as a normal management procedure, it may be possible to start with fewer males at housing (7-8 percent at 21-22 weeks of age) and add extra males as needed over time to increase the ratio to 9-10 percent. This will improve female receptivity and enhance mating activity.



Floor Space

Spike males and primary males should have the same amount of feed and floor space to help ease the transition when spike males are added to an older flock.



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