



The Bell & Evans Humane Animal Welfare Standard

National and third-party animal welfare standards are not inclusive of the chickens' ENTIRE life cycle. Bell & Evans holds itself to a higher standard from hatch to harvest. See how The Bell & Evans Humane Animal Welfare Standard compares to others*.

	Bell & Evans' Humane Standard	Other Humane Standards
BREED		
Breed chosen with higher-welfare attributes	✓	✓
HATCHERY		
Organic-certified facility	✓	
Access to organic-certified feed, water and light immediately at hatch	✓	
Chicks not handled by machinery for a low-stress environment	✓	
No antibiotics or prohibited substances while in the egg and at hatch	✓	
No antibiotics or prohibited substances after the 2nd day of life	✓	✓
Slow Induction Euthanasia of sick chicks at the Hatchery	✓	
HOUSING		
Cement floors & curbs in houses for thorough cleanout and to prevent pests	✓	
Full cleanout and 2-week empty period between flocks for disease control	✓	
100% fresh litter for every flock	✓	
No partial house brooding, meaning chicks have full access to the house	✓	
No physical alterations (beak trimming, caponization, de-spurring, etc.)	✓	✓
Plentiful windows for natural daylight and sleep hours for wellness	✓	
Enrichments, such as tunnels and ramps, to encourage natural behavior	✓	✓
Outdoor access	✓	✓
On-farm humane euthanasia by trained person	✓	✓
FEED AND WATER		
Continuous access to drinking water	✓	✓
Continuous access to feed and feeders without restriction	✓	✓
All-vegetarian diet with no fillers or junk	✓	
100% U.S. grown grains	✓	
Soybean that is expeller-pressed and hexane free	✓	
Added nutrients like oregano oil, cinnamon and yucca to support gut health	✓	
Feed kept clean, dry and rodent proof	✓	✓
TRANSPORTATION AND PROCESSING		
Modular drawer systems – no wire cages or dumping systems	✓	
Short commute of less than one hour (on average) from farm to harvest	✓	
Live-haul trailers sit in a Calming Barn to reduce stress prior to harvest	✓	
Live-haul trailers cleaned & disinfected between flocks for low stress	✓	
Slow Induction Anesthesia (SIA) to render birds unconscious prior to harvest	✓	

*Updated March 2020 against *Global Animal Partnership (GAP) v3.1* certifications. Also see this *NY Times* article.