

LATIN AMERICA PARENT STOCK

ROSS 408

Nutrition Specifications

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Introduction

This booklet contains the nutritional recommendations for Ross® 408 parent stock and is to be used with the **Ross Parent Stock Management Handbook** and the **Ross 408 Parent Stock Performance Objectives**.

Performance

To achieve optimal reproductive performance, it is important that the body-weight profiles recommended in the **Ross 408 Parent Stock Performance Objectives** are followed. For the nutritional recommendations that follow, nutrient specifications presented have been based upon daily energy allocations that enable body-weight profiles and reproductive performance objectives to be achieved.

The nutrient specifications recommended in this booklet include:

- **3-Stage Rearing Program** - This program comprises 3 feeds in rear and 3 feeds in lay.
- **Separate Male Feed** - only for males in production.

Please note, these nutrient specifications are based on a common dietary energy level of 2800 kcal/kg (1271 kcal/lb), which must be adapted according to local environmental conditions, ingredient quality and availability, and feeding strategies. Thus, nutrient values must be adjusted proportionally to reflect the feeding of different energy levels, which is especially important when considering digestible lysine. Feed allocations provided in the **Ross 408 Parent Stock Performance Objectives** should be adjusted proportionally to any change in the energy density. Feed volume is an important tool that can be used to lengthen feed clean-up times and prevent body-weight uniformity loss in the rearing period even when multiple grading sessions are adopted. Feeding a lower dietary energy density Pullet Grower can be achieved using a combination of diluent ingredients (some examples include wheat bran or middlings, rice mill-feed, rice, oat or soy hulls, and inert mineral clay sources such as aluminum silicates). It is crucial to closely monitor feed clean-up times to ascertain that all pullets receive their fair share of feed to maintain good body-weight uniformity.

Peak energy intake of 468 kcal/hen/day is the general recommendation for hens in the **Ross 408 Parent Stock Performance Objectives**, but several factors can influence the energy needs of hens in production. Some of these factors include body weight, egg mass output and season/house temperature. A feeding program with 3 diets in the laying phase is presented to optimize egg size, egg shell quality, hatchability, chick output, and quality.

The energy values used in these specifications are based on assays for Metabolizable Energy (ME) published by the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA). The values for amino acid digestibility are based on Standardized Ileal Digestibility (SID) assays.

It may be beneficial to use a specific diet for males during the production period. A specification for a male diet is provided in this booklet.

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Female Parent Stock Nutrient Specifications

3-Stage Rearing Program

		Starter	Grower	Pre-Breeder	Breeder 1	Breeder 2	Breeder 3
Age Fed	days	0-28 days	29-133 days	134 days to 5% production	>5% production to 224 days	225-350 days	After 351 days
Energy per kg*	kcal	2800	2800	2800	2800	2800	2800
	MJ	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7
Energy per lb	kcal	1271	1271	1271	1271	1271	1271
DIGESTIBLE AMINO ACIDS							
Lysine (max)**	%	0.95	0.53	0.48	0.62	0.56	0.52
Methionine	%	0.45	0.36	0.34	0.38	0.35	0.34
Methionine & Cystine	%	0.82	0.62	0.59	0.62	0.56	0.52
Threonine	%	0.70	0.52	0.50	0.55	0.53	0.51
Valine	%	0.80	0.60	0.57	0.64	0.60	0.56
Tryptophan	%	0.18	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13
Arginine	%	1.12	0.78	0.75	0.85	0.82	0.79
Leucine	%	1.20	0.84	0.79	0.95	0.90	0.86
Isoleucine	%	0.68	0.50	0.45	0.52	0.50	0.49
Histidine	%	0.40	0.28	0.22	0.30	0.28	0.26
Crude Protein (min)	%	19.0	14.0	14.0	15.0	14.0	13.0
MINERALS							
Calcium	%	1.05	0.92	1.50	3.00	3.20	3.40
Available Phosphorus	%	0.50	0.46	0.45	0.36	0.34	0.32
Sodium	%	0.20-0.23	0.20-0.23	0.20-0.23	0.18-0.23	0.18-0.23	0.18-0.23
Chloride	%	0.20-0.23	0.20-0.35	0.20-0.35	0.18-0.23	0.18-0.23	0.18-0.23
Potassium	%	0.60-0.90	0.60-0.90	0.60-0.90	0.70-0.90	0.65-0.90	0.60-0.90
ADDED TRACE MINERALS PER KG							
Copper	mg		16			16	
Iodine	mg		2			3	
Iron	mg		40			50	
Manganese	mg		120			120	
Selenium	mg		0.3			0.3	
Zinc	mg		120			120	
ADDED VITAMINS PER KG							
Vitamin A	IU		13000			15000	
Vitamin D3	IU		4000			5000	
Vitamin E	IU		100			130	
Vitamin K (Menadione)	mg		6			9	
Thiamin (B1)	mg		5			6	
Riboflavin (B2)	mg		15			20	
Niacin	mg		50			70	
Pantothenic Acid	mg		20			25	
Pyridoxine (B6)	mg		5			8	
Biotin	mg		0.3			0.6	
Folic Acid	mg		3			5	
Vitamin B12	mg		0.05			0.07	
MINIMUM SPECIFICATION							
Choline per kg	mg		1400			1600	
Linoleic Acid	%		1.25			2.00	

* Energy base value. Nutrients should be factored accordingly when feeding different energy values.

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NOTES: These feed specifications should be used as a guide. They may require adjustment for local conditions, legislation and markets.

Female Parent Stock Nutrient Specifications

Nutrient Allocation at Peak Production

NUTRIENT	NUTRIENT ALLOCATION AT PEAK
Energy (kcal/bird/day)	468
DIGESTIBLE AMINO ACIDS (mg/bird/day)	
Lysine	1036
Methionine	635
Methionine & Cystine	1036
Threonine	919
Valine	1070
Tryptophan	251
Arginine	1421
Leucine	1588
Isoleucine	869
Histidine	501
MINERALS (mg/bird/day)	
Calcium	5014
Available Phosphorus	602

Male Parent Stock Nutrient Specifications

Separate Diet in Production

		MALE DIET
Age		after 175 days
Energy per kg*	kcal	2800
	MJ	11.7
Energy per lb	kcal	1271
DIGESTIBLE AMINO ACIDS		
Lysine**	%	0.35
Methionine	%	0.33
Methionine & Cystine	%	0.58
Threonine	%	0.43
Valine	%	0.47
Tryptophan	%	0.15
Arginine	%	0.68
Leucine	%	0.66
Isoleucine	%	0.41
Histidine	%	0.16
Crude Protein	%	12.0
MINERALS		
Calcium	%	0.70
Available Phosphorus	%	0.35
Sodium	%	0.18-0.20
Chloride	%	0.20-0.23
Potassium	%	0.60-0.75
ADDED TRACE MINERALS PER KG		
Copper	mg	16
Iodine	mg	2
Iron	mg	40
Manganese	mg	120
Selenium	mg	0.3
Zinc	mg	120
ADDED VITAMINS PER KG		
Vitamin A	IU	13000
Vitamin D3	IU	4000
Vitamin E	IU	100
Vitamin K (Menadione)	mg	6
Thiamin (B1)	mg	5
Riboflavin (B2)	mg	15
Niacin	mg	50
Pantothenic Acid	mg	20
Pyridoxine (B6)	mg	5
Biotin	mg	0.3
Folic Acid	mg	3
Vitamin B12	mg	0.05
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