

The welfare of broilers



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About DOSO

- DOSO (DyreværnsOrganisationernes SamarbejdsOrganisation) is an association of 22 Animal Welfare organisation and donors covering a membership of 127.000.
- **DOSO works** to improve animal welfare for all animals. Farm animals is a focus area.
- **Overall policy** in this context is to work towards a production which originates in due consideration for animal welfare, the environment and the quality of the produce

DOSO on broiler breeding

- 1) Legislation must be changed to abandon restrictive feeding of parental generation
- 2) The breeding programmes must be changed towards developing slower growing breeds
- 3) Danish breeding should be reestablished to take into account as well special requirements of organic broiler farming

DOSO on broiler farming

- 1) DOSO acknowledges that the problems of tibial dyschondroplasia has been reduced, but it is not acceptable that the number of animals having less severe walking problems is increasing.
- 2) Number of broilers kept in one house should be reduced from the now up to 40.000.
- 3) In relation to organic production steps are to be taken to reduce the problems of pododermatitis.

DOSO on problems related to slaughtering

- 1) DOSO acknowledges that the methods for catching the broilers has been improved, but finds that a less stressful and harmful method should be sought.
- 2) Broilers should be transported to the nearest slaughterhouse.
- 3) Broilers should always be anaesthetized before being slaughtered

EU legislative needs

- Denmark should continue taking the lead and engage in securing that EU moves towards legislation, which gives more attention to animal welfare of broilers.**
- 1) Breeders must be obliged to select breeding programmes for slower growth
- 2) Broiler farmers must be obliged to provide facilities offering far more space for the individual animal

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