

# EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

## SIDE BELT NESTING

Preventative maintenance will keep side belt nests and Comfort Nests working better, longer.

There are some things to keep in mind as you begin the cleaning process:

- Nest pads should be replaced every 5-7 years.
- Regularly check egg belt tension.

### To clean the nests:

- Remove nest pads from the system.
- Lay flat to clean with hose. Be sure both sides are washed with a mild detergent.
- Disinfect nest pads and allow to dry.
- Hose down nesting system using a gentle detergent. Do not high pressure wash. Be sure to wash egg belts, slats, and nest tops.
- Allow to dry. Treat with disinfectant.
- Inspect nest for damage. Replace nest bottoms, dividers, or curtains as needed.
- Check egg belt tension. Adjust tension as needed.
- Replace nest pads into system.

We recommend following a maintenance schedule.

### Daily:

- Clean and disinfect egg belt and table of feathers, debris, or mess from broken eggs.
- Clear rollers of feathers and debris.
- Disinfect table and packing areas to prevent bacteria growth.

### Monthly:

- Grease egg belt drive roller bearings with Valvoline Valplex EP wheel bearing grease.
- Check roller chain for proper tension (if applicable) and clean sprockets.
- Check and adjust nests and slats for levelness.

### Semi-annually:

- Oil roller chain with SAE 20 oil.

### Yearly:

- Change oil in collection table gearbox using Mobil Glygoyle 460 oil.

### Between flocks:

- Inspect nest boxes.
- Clean and/or replace broken panels or slats.
- Remove, clean, inspect, and disinfect nest pads.