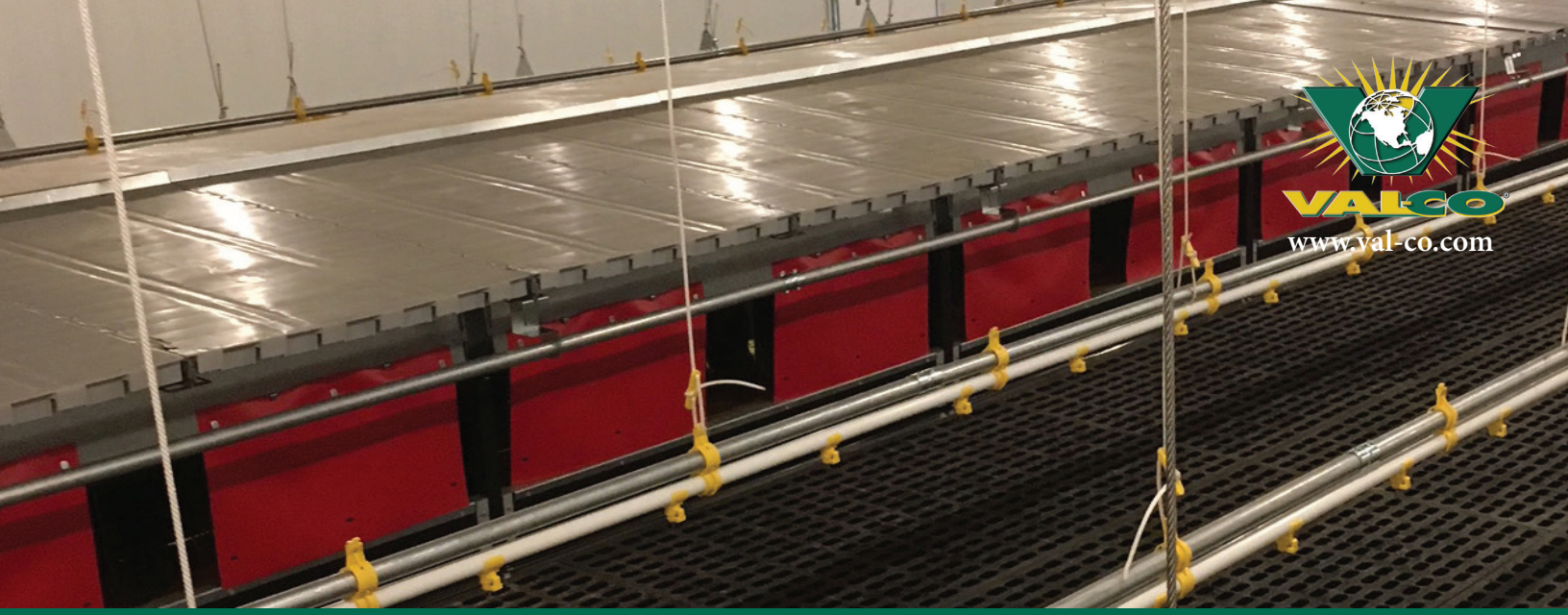

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Equipment Maintenance
Community Nesting

Preventative maintenance will keep community nests working better, longer.

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

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

To clean the community 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 egg belt of feathers and debris.
- ☐ Clear rolllers of feathers and debris.
- ☐ Check pinch roller for proper egg belt tension.

Weekly:

- ☐ Straighten and level nests and frame.

Monthly:

- ☐ Grease egg belt drive roller bearings with Valvoline Valplex EP wheel bearing grease.
- ☐ Lubricate the expeller drive acme screw with Valvoline Valplex EP wheel bearing grease.
- ☐ Grease all 10 zerk fittings of the expeller drive.
- ☐ Tighten expeller drive limit switch mounting brackets.
- ☐ Keep rollers clean and free of feathers and debris.

Between flocks:

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