

- Fan noise will be mitigated with the addition of shrouds, a solid angled wall in front of the fan to defuse the noise and control the dust. The fans are run by computer and the speed may be set to reduce the amount of noise depending on the climatic conditions. I contacted the manufacturer and no one has complained about fan noise and they have no data on the amount of decibels the fans produce. The Hypermax 54" fan made by Valco, will be used. Vegetation existing and planted will also be used to control fan noise.

Outside Pen Test:

We have heard and received comments concerned with an increase in odor and flies when hens use the outside pen. We do not know where the commenters are receiving their documentation (facts) that there will be an increase in flies and odor when the hens are let out of the building. If there are no flies on the inside there should be no flies on the outside. The existing hen barns located in Iowa and Illinois have shown no increase in odor or flies (if any) when the hens are permitted to use the pen.

The program allows for a lot of flexibility in how often the pen will be used. Hens will be placed in the pen in the afternoons after laying their eggs when the weather is nice. The pen will not be used on cold days below 54 degrees or days with a temperature greater than 82 degrees. The chickens have to be trained and growers have said only about 30% will actually go out.

We are agreeable to keep the hens in the building the first 60 days so the amount of odor and flies (if any) in the neighborhood may be determined. On the 61st day or when the climatic conditions are right, we will turn the hens out in the afternoons. We will daily visit the neighboring area to see if there is any increase in the number of flies or odor (if any). We need to complete this test to determine if letting the hens use the pen will increase the impact (if any) on the neighborhood. If there is an increase, we will make the needed changes to the operation to insure to our neighbors letting the hens use the pen will not increase flies and odor.

Rodents: Rodents will be monitored on a continual basis. Tin Cats will be placed at 50' intervals around the exterior of the building. A map and capture log will be maintained. Tamper proof bait stations will be maintained around the facility. A rodent control plan will be prepared and filed with Delta County as a condition of approval of the specific development application.