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# Single Source solutions for **Cage-Free**



Count on Chore-Time for experience, reliability, performance and confidence.

Aviaries

Nests

Feeding Systems

Drinking Climate Systems Control Egg Collection

# **Combining Strengths.** Improving Cage-Free Solutions.

Chore-Time has advanced innovation in cage-free bird management to a new level. This is because of Chore-Time's decades of global leadership in egg production systems combined with Dutch industry experience in cage-free products for egg production.

Chore-Time's product line perfectly combines with a large global network of independent distributors and leading designs in feeders, drinkers and ventilation technology. Investing its substantial resources, Chore-Time is also spurring new innovations and product development to meet the ever-changing needs of poultry and egg producers around the world.



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### CHORE-TIME

# **Our Unique Approach** to Cage-Free

Chore-Time's experienced team understands that it takes a system approach to make cage-free egg production work. For instance, birds will underperform in an aviary system if they are not reared properly as pullets. Production will also suffer if houses are not ventilated adequately. Through lessons such as these, we have embraced the philosophy of training birds well and keeping them as healthy as possible, so they live a longer life and produce more, and better, eggs.

To achieve this, Chore-Time's solutions mimic natural bird environments and behavior as closely as possible. We also keep the future of bird welfare in mind when developing solutions. That is why we do not sell "combi" systems or winchable platform rearing systems.

## The Principles We Live By:

#### + Producer-Oriented

We stay in tune with the ever-changing needs of producers — understanding their challenges and working to develop the best solutions for them and their flocks.

#### + Simplicity

#### + Minimize Labor

- We keep designs simple with products that are easy to build and maintain.
- Finding good help is not easy. Our

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#### + System Approach

- We offer a complete line of proven solutions to help ensure the success of the entire operation.

solutions not only minimize the amount of labor needed, but also provide a better environment for workers.

#### + Stick to Our Beliefs

We do not sell products that we do not believe in. And we do not sell systems to producers that we are not confident will best meet their needs.

# ()+() **VOLUTION**<sup>™</sup> Rearing System

Years of experience have proven that proper pullet rearing is the foundation of successful cage-free egg production. That is because better-trained birds will live longer, healthier and more productive lives. This is where Chore-Time offers a huge advantage to producers. **Our VOLUTION™ Rearing System requires less labor and is easier** to manage than other competitive systems. It caters to natural bird behavior by training pullets to jump, move around and perch from day one, optimally preparing them for both aviary systems and floor layer production.

#### Train Them Like a Pro<sup>®</sup>

#### Labor-Saving Design

Every aspect of the VOLUTION<sup>™</sup> system is designed for minimal labor requirements. The need for bird management labor is minimized, which reduces overall production costs.

#### **Double Sliding Doors**

Unique double sliding doors allow workers to easily reach birds for vaccination or other purposes. The doors also provide secure containment of the pullets during the startup phase.

#### Highly Adjustable Design

A flexible design allows producers to adjust the VOLUTION<sup>™</sup> Rearing System as the pullets grow. Specific features include:

+ Adjustable-height platforms and drinking lines inside the system that are gradually raised as the pullets grow.

LAYOUT

• Two-tier system.

- + Automatically extendable perches that help birds access the upper tier.
- + Movable interior perch helps birds jump to an outer perch more easily.

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• Partitions in the length and width inside the system. • Feeding and drinking lines on every level. • One or multiple rows of rearing systems in the house. • Excellent visibility for easy inspection.

#### **Wire Mesh Fences**

When the house is first populated, foldable wire mesh fences close off the area underneath the rows. Eventually, the fences are opened to give birds full access to the entire floor area of the house, including underneath the system rows.

# → VIKE<sup>™</sup> Aviary Systems

#### Successful aviaries allow optimal movement of hens throughout the poultry house.

And that is exactly the philosophy behind our VIKE<sup>™</sup> Aviary Systems. They are available in multiple configurations with low profiles to fit well in new and existing poultry houses, including those with low ceilings. VIKE Aviary Systems are designed for gentle egg handling, ideal bird climate, easy installation and maintenance, and low labor requirements, all resulting in lower total cost of production.

#### VIKE™ ADAPT™ AVIARY SYSTEM

Integrated VALEGO<sup>™</sup> Nests.
Fits lower height house profile and optimizes bird density.

#### VIKE<sup>™</sup> TRADITION<sup>™</sup> AVIARY SYSTEM

• Low system allows birds to reach upper levels easily from the bottom tier.

 VALEGO<sup>™</sup> nest designed to be placed across the aisle, providing a separate area for laying.

#### VIKE<sup>™-5</sup> STEP CONFIGURATION

Promotes movement, visibility and access to the next level.

- 2 manure belt tiers and 1 nest tier.
- Upper tier width: 71.9 in.

VIKE<sup>™</sup>-5 IEB

- (1,825 mm).
- Lower tier width: 102.8 in. (2,610 mm).

# VIKE™-5 IEB

VIKE™-4

#### **Configurable Layouts**

With multiple configurations and system widths available, VIKE<sup>™</sup> Aviary Systems are highly adaptable to many poultry house layouts, including multi-story houses with integrated flooring. The various configurations can also be used to create the desired layout and promote optimal movement of hens throughout the house.

#### Low Height

A low-profile design not only helps VIKE<sup>™</sup> Aviary Systems to fit in existing poultry houses with low ceilings, but it also allows full visibility for easy inspection of the entire house.

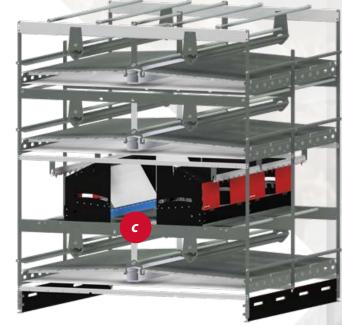
#### Integrated VALEGO<sup>™</sup> Nests

VIKE<sup>™</sup> Aviary Systems have integrated VALEGO<sup>™</sup> Nests (page 10), featuring highly efficient rack-drive expulsion (RDE) systems. VALEGO Nest Systems also offer durable, A-grade, film-faced plywood construction, easy installation and maintenance, self-cleaning nest pads and more to provide the ideal bird environment.





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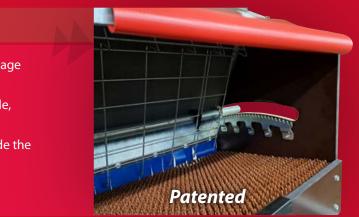


#### VIKE<sup>™</sup>-4 CONFIGURATION

- •3 manure belt tiers and 1 nest tier.
- Available widths: 82.3 and 102.8 in. (2,090 and 2,610 mm).

#### VIKE<sup>™</sup>-2 STANDARD CONFIGURATION

- 2 manure belt tiers and 1 nest tier.
- Available widths: 71.9, 82.3 and 102.8 in. (1,825, 2,090 and 2,610 mm).



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Available as floor nests and as integrated nests in aviary systems, VALEGO<sup>™</sup> Nest Systems feature a proven design to create a sturdy, quiet, clean environment, resulting in higher-producing birds and reduced labor needs. When used with Chore-Time's innovative feeding, drinking, climate control and egg collection systems, VALEGO Nests are the ideal solution for use with cage-free production systems.

#### VALEGO™ RDE-58 FLAT TOP NEST • Flat roofs to maximize

available living surface for the birds. • Patented Rack Drive Expulsion (RDE) system.

• Film-faced plywood construction.

#### CHORE-TIME<sup>®</sup> VALEGO<sup>™</sup> PAGODA<sup>™</sup> NEST FOR LAYERS

- Nests provide more space for birds in less area.
- Patented Rack Drive Expulsion (RDE) system.
- Designed for flexibility

#### **Rack-Drive Expulsion System**

Every aspect of the VALEGO<sup>™</sup> Nest System, such as the patented Rack-Drive System, is designed for minimal labor requirements. Not only does this reduce production costs, but it also minimizes the burden of finding employees in tough labor environments.

#### Film-Faced Plywood Construction

The walls and roofs are made with durable, A-grade, film-faced plywood, which provides a sturdy, quiet environment for birds that is easier to clean and more durable than plastic or steel construction. Its ability to quickly dissipate moisture also makes it an ideal material for use in nest systems.

#### Slats

Plastic slats are a proven design and are easy to maintain.

#### **Egg Collection & Control**

Egg belts, expeller and controls comprise a total egg collection system that ensures a safe trip for the egg from the hen to the collection table. The Control Unit programs the daily opening and closing of the expeller to optimize the period when hens have access to the nests. The Control also initiates slight movement of the expeller during egg collection, which permits birds to stay in the nests yet helps to prevent accidental bird damage to the eggs.



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A total system approach is required for the success of cage-free egg production. That is why Chore-Time offers a full line of feeding, drinking and egg collection systems with proven designs that lead the industry in performance.

#### **ULTRAFLO®** Feeders

ULTRAFLO<sup>®</sup> Feeders feature a fast delivery speed. Unlike other trough-style feeders, this means birds do not eat until the feeder stops, helping to ensure that each bird gets a uniform ration of feed.

#### **GENESIS®** Feeders

GENESIS® Feeders with special anti-roost devices are an ideal solution for feeding floor-raised layers. This innovative double-pan system allows producers to feed more birds in less space with uniform feed delivery and less feed waste.

#### Nipple Drinking Systems

Chore-Time's RELIA-FLOW<sup>®</sup> and STEADI-FLOW<sup>®</sup> Nipple Drinkers feature a water metering system with all stainless steel or stainless steel on plastic parts in the flow control area for long-term delivery of the intended flow rate.



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#### CHORE-TIME<sup>®</sup> Egg Collectors

CHORE-TIME® Egg Collectors feature reliable motorized drive units, which each handle one 19.6-inch (50-cm) or two 9.8-inch (25-cm) egg belts. The drive can be equipped with a conveyor unit (not pictured) to transport eggs to the needed height. An egg elevator (pictured) is also available to transport eggs from different heights at the same time. Various combinations of these components contribute to maximum flexibility for a variety of system configurations.

# **Climate Control** Systems

A better climate leads to better-performing birds. And without the proper air delivery systems in place, not even the best aviary or nest system will perform up to expectations. This is why proper ventilation and climate control products are vital to the success of any operation. From the simplest to the most complex system design, Chore-Time offers the expertise and reliable ventilation products to meet any need.



#### Controls & Software

A variety of CHORE-TRONICS® Controllers and Management Tools are offered to monitor and maintain all aspects of your operation, as well as the software for precise, flexible in-house control and analysis.

#### **Cooling & Heating**

Innovative TURBO-COOL<sup>™</sup> Evaporative Cooling Systems provide uniform water distribution to maximize house-cooling efficiency, and DURA-THERM<sup>™</sup> Space Heaters provide reliable, efficient heat for young birds as well as for use during cool weather.

#### Fans & Shutters

From economical minimum-ventilation fans to industry-leading, 57-inch (145-cm) diameter ENDURA® Fans, Chore-Time offers solutions to ensure proper, efficient airflow with high performance.



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#### Inlets & Winches

Air inlets include highly efficient tunnel doors, ceiling inlets and sidewall inlets for proper air mixing throughout the house. Effective winch designs simplify inlet control.



Since 1952, Chore-Time has been feeding the world with proven poultry and egg production systems that are *Made to Work*. *Built to Last.*<sup>®</sup> Our well-established global network of distributors offers unmatched service and support with experienced personnel who not only understand your unique animal care challenges, but also the needs of your region. You can have confidence knowing our company and distributors will stand behind you for the long haul with our *Peace of Mind*<sup>®</sup> Solutions. And as a division of CTB, Inc., a Berkshire Hathaway company, we have the vast resources needed to ensure further innovation, stability and longevity. Count on it!



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