

A group of white chickens is shown in a dirt enclosure. In the foreground, a yellow plastic bowl sits on the ground, with a large, smooth, grey stone resting on top of it. The chickens are scattered around, some looking towards the stone. The background features a brick wall and a wire mesh fence. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting an outdoor or well-lit indoor environment.

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Animal welfare is becoming increasingly important in poultry production. Poultry behavior is an indication of their welfare status.

It's very important to give the animals the opportunity to express their natural behaviors.

Pecking is one of the natural behaviors of poultry, so in modern poultry production this needs to be satisfied. To avoid severe feather pecking or even cannibalism, but also to give meaning to an higher animal welfare level.

PECKStone is an easy, effective, inexpensive and safe pre-occupation material with huge advantages for all kind of poultry.



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To well adapt to the age and behavior of the birds, different types of PECKStones are available.

	Bowl	Hardness	Use	Suits for
MEDIUM	Orange	Medium	As from day 1 to an age of about 8-10 weeks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rearing, layers - breeders • Broilers • Turkeys • Game birds
HARD	Yellow	Hard	As from about 8-10 weeks up to 20 weeks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rearing, layers - breeders • Broilers • Turkeys • Game birds
EXTRA HARD	Red	Extra-hard	As from about 20 weeks of age.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Layers • Breeders • Turkeys • Game birds
AKTIV	Black	Extra, extra hard	As from about 20 weeks of age.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Layers • Breeders • Turkeys
FRESH	Grey	Hard	As from about 20 weeks of age. Premium PECKStone, with essential oils and coarse limestone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Layers • Breeders
DUO	Blue	In between medium and hard	Possibility to split in two. Starting from day 1 to an age of about 15 weeks. Hardness "in between" makes it suitable for younger and slightly older birds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical in small(ler) housings • Utilization for animal welfare reasons or, specific "label" production.

UNIQUE FEATURES AT A GLANCE

- Mineral block in feed quality
- Satisfies the natural behavior of birds
- Supports natural beak wear
- Reduces stress as from the first day
- Promotes activity and mobility
- Possibility for individual additional mineral intake
- Entire product range is approved for organic production
- Produced in fully certified production facility

USE AND STORAGE

PECKStones are offered in different hardness grades to well adapt to bird age and also meet specific environment-, climate-, feeding-, husbandry and management conditions.

Minerals make up to 95% of the composition of the PECKStones, so if stored cool and dry they can last very long

APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

How to set up:

First remove the PECKStone out of its bowl.

For birds up to about 10 weeks of age and small size birds:

- Place the PECKStone directly on the bedding.

For birds from about 10 weeks of age and medium size birds:

- Place the PECKStone on top of the flipped bowl.

For larger size birds (as turkeys) a special hanging element is available to hang PECKStones at a suitable height for the birds.

- Therefore, the PECKStones **HARD**, **EXTRA HARD** and **AKTIV** are also available with hole in the centre of the PECKStone, so they can be used in combination with this hanging element.

Recommended use:

1 PECKStone per 500 to 800 birds - for controlling pecking behavior.

1 PECKStone per 1000 birds - for improving animal welfare.



Vilofoss is one of the world's most productive, competitive, resource efficient and sustainable agricultural productions. Our knowledge and experience is obtained through work with nutrition for all animal groups in animal production for more than 80 years.

Vilofoss create value-adding solutions for the globally competitive farmer through customized farm mixes for the animal production. In addition to our vitamin- and mineral compounds we have a wide range of supplementary products, e.g. milk replacers for cows and pigs, veterinary products, welfare products, products for disinfection and other unique trouble shooters.

In Vilofoss we focus on being trustworthy, value-creating and ambitious.

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