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HEN HOUSE CONVERSION: What comes with it?

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Establishing criteria

- What is the goal ?
 - Our goal in this presentation today is to address renovation and upgrading of existing High rise houses.
- What is your Long Term Goal ?

Option 1 - Remodel with Higher Density A-frame Cages



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Option 2 – Remodel to Enrichable



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Option 2a -Remodel to Enriched



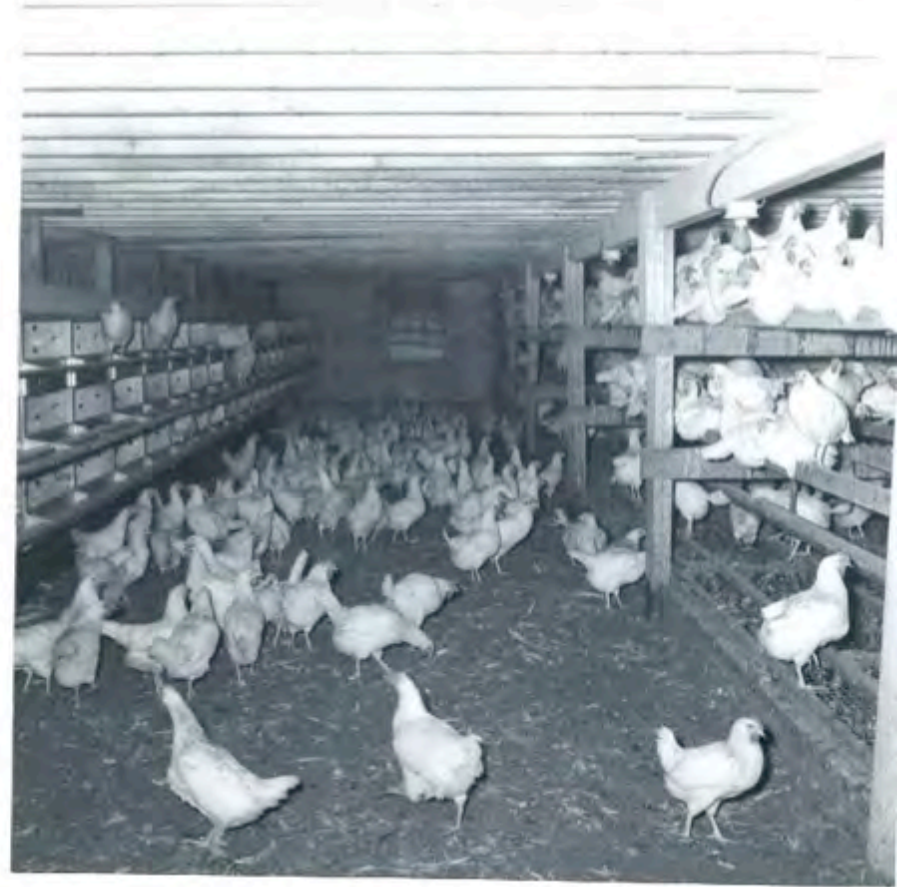
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Option 3-Back to the future...



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Option 3-Convert to Aviary Cage Free



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What is The Industry thinking?

Option 1 - Remodel with Higher Density A-frame Cages

Very little to no interest

Option 2- Remodel to Enrichable ,or Enriched

Currently top

Option 3- Change to Aviary Cage Free

Gaining momentum

It's All About **SPACE!**



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Working with the SPACE available to
MAXIMIZE efficient use and COST of
converting older/new layer houses.



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It's About SPACE!



- **Bird density at 67in² - 116in² - 124in²**
- **Enrichable or Enriched Colony Housing**
- **Cage Free – Aviary – Housing**

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Options

- Keep main structure
- Remove all interior cage equipment, floor joist, beams and support post
- Install new equipment, Enrichable, Enriched, or Aviary cage free
- Upgrade electrical, and ventilation
- Sounds simple but is it:

Photo of High-Rise barn



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What comes with renovation

- Structure engineering changes when cage support beams are removed to accommodate new system
- Hidden Issues within the walls that is not visible at the surface
- Concrete floor condition able to support the new system
- Dimensions of the building able to accommodate a sufficient amount of hens to make the renovation economical.

Demolition of all interior equipment and support beams requires reinforcement of side walls to withstand wind shear



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Add Buttress supports to exterior



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Example to possibly save the stability of the structure



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Concrete floor Damage



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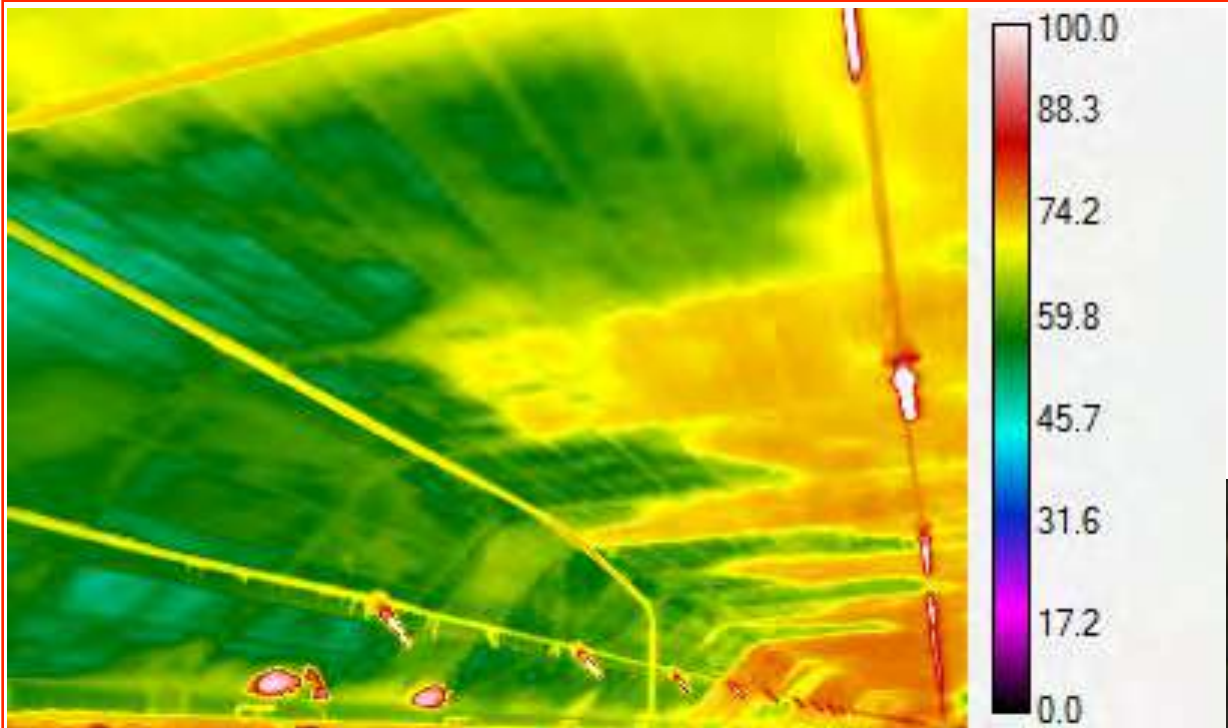


Insect Damage



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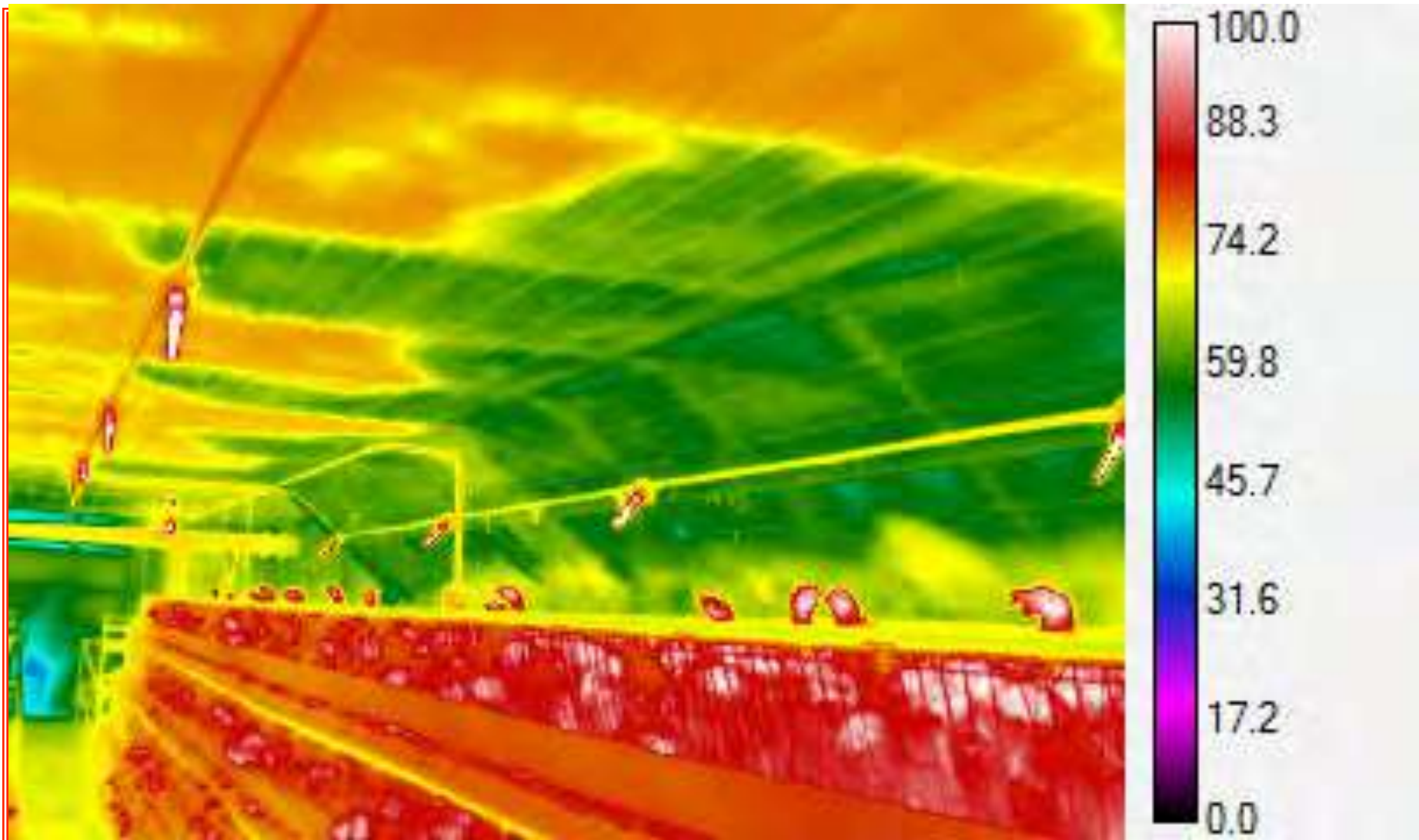


Lack of insulation



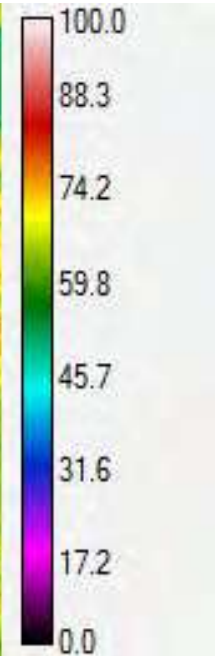
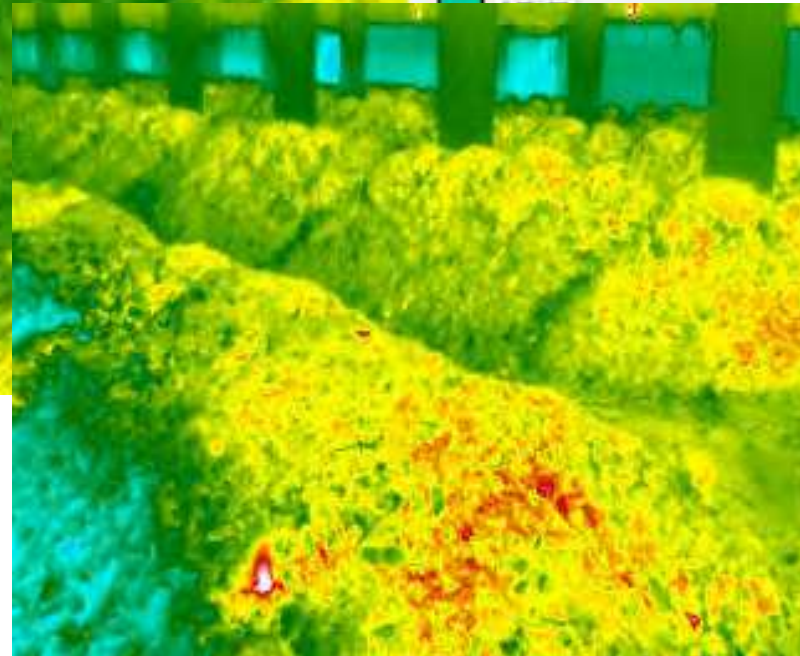
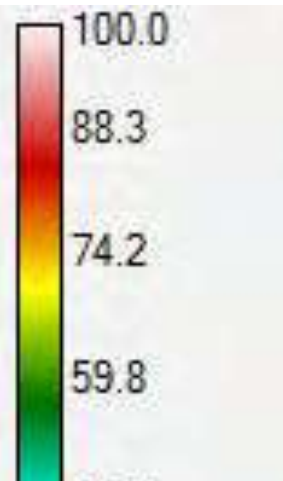
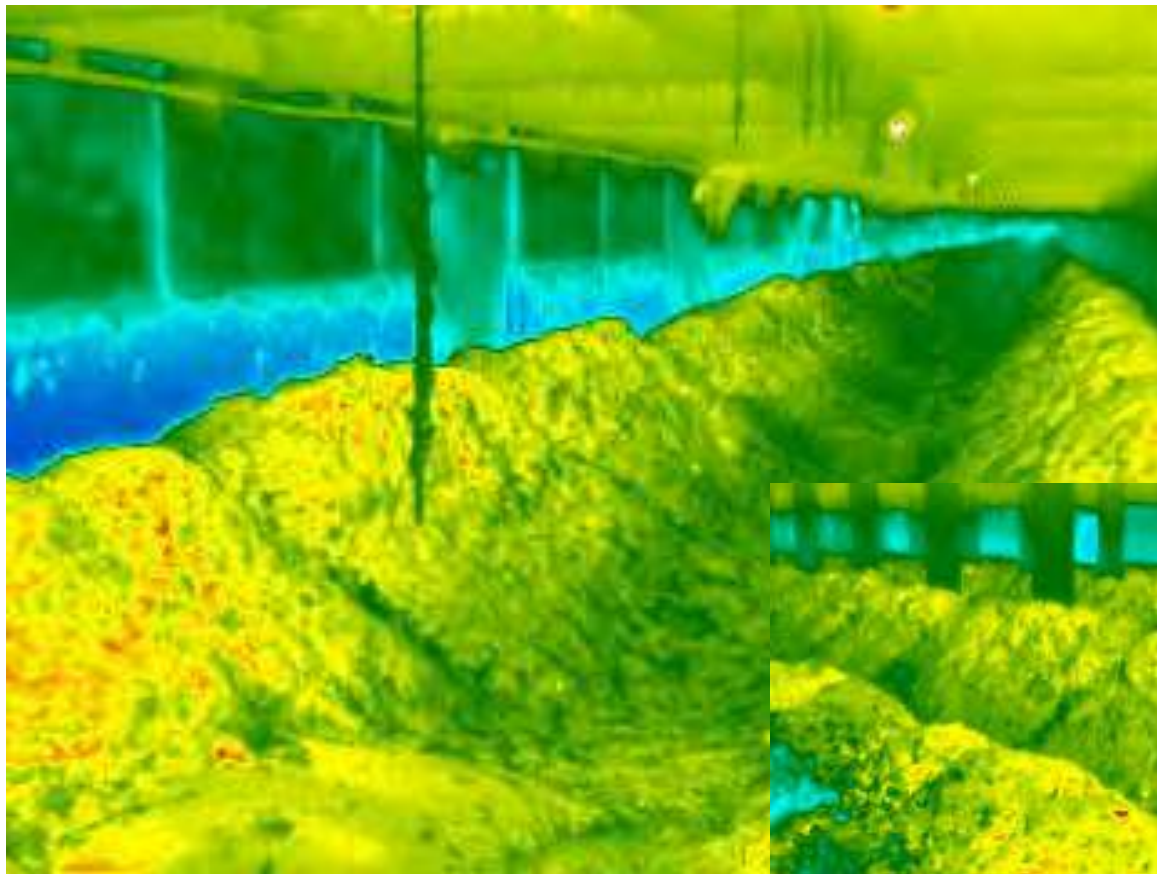
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Cold transfer through walls in pit

Strip walls and reinsulate



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Addition of fans



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After Remodel



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Before Remodel



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After Remodel

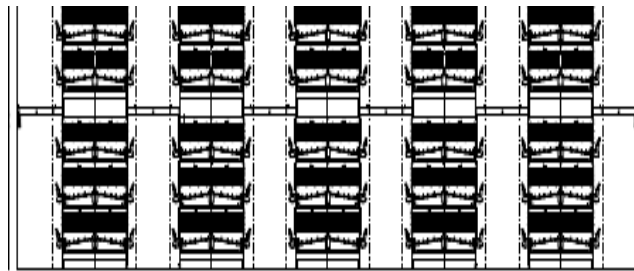
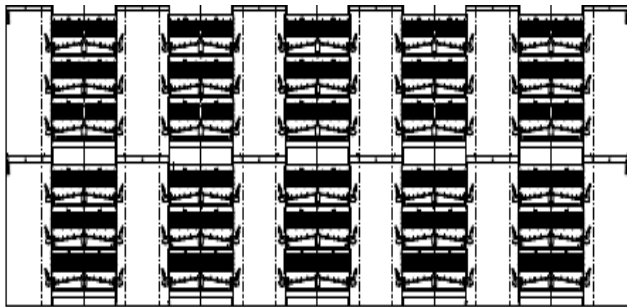


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Option 2- Remodel to Enrichable ,or Enriched

- How does remodel affect bird capacity
- We looked at two options for a 50 ft. x 500 ft. house
- 6 tier , 3x3 requires 18 ft. sidewall
- 5 tier , 3x2 requires 16 ft. sidewall



6 Tier Conversion

A High-Rise Manure Pit house holding 100,000 hens at today's density standard of 67 in²

➤ Convert that house to Enrichable at 67 in² making it a 3 + 3 = 6Tier.

- 200,000 hens
- You doubled the bird capacity in the same building foot print.

5 Tier Conversion

A High-Rise Manure Pit house holding 100,000 hens
at today's density standard of 67 in²

➤ Convert that house to Enrichable at 67 in²
making it a 3 + 2 = 5 Tier.

- 166,667 hens
- You increased the bird numbers in this house by 66%.

6 Tier Conversion

A High-Rise Manure Pit house holding 100,000 hens at today's density standard of 67 in²

- At the 116 in² House now holds 60,000 hens – 40% reduction
- Convert that house to Enrichable at 116 in² making it a 3 + 3 = 6Tier
 - 200,000 less 40% = **120,000 hens**
 - You still increased the capacity above the original hen numbers of 100,000

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A High-Rise Manure Pit house holding 100,000 hens
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- At the 116 in² House now holds 60,000 hens –
40% reduction
- Convert that house to Enrichable at 116 in²
making it a 3 + 2 = 5 Tier
 - 166,667 less 40% = 100,000 hens
 - You maintained the same level of birds in house after the conversion.

Projected conversion cost per bird includes demo, renovation, equipment, electrical, ventilation, manure storage

➤ **Option 2 – 6 tier**

» 67 in²- 200,000 hens = \$15.77 per bird +/- \$2.00

» 116 in² - 120,000 hens = \$23.34 per bird +/- \$3.00

➤ **Option 2 – 5 tier**

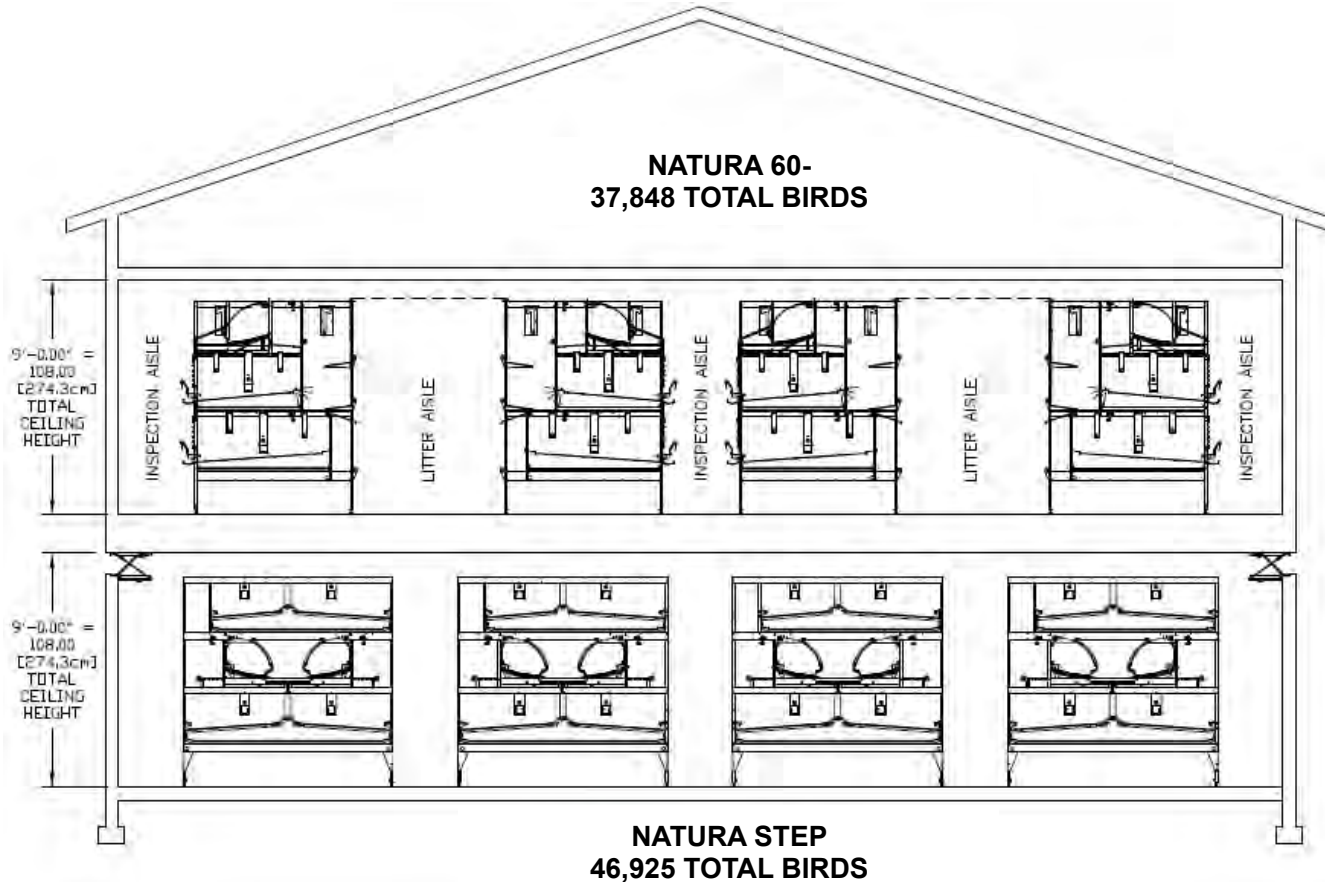
» 67 in²- 166,667 hens = \$16.55 per bird +/- \$ 2.00

» 116 in² - 100,000 hens = \$24.50 per bird +/- \$3.00

Option 3- Convert to Aviary Cage Free

- 54 ft. wide x 503 ft. x 19 ft. total ceiling height
- We looked at Two different systems
- Each system requires a minimum of 9 ft. ceiling height
- If structure has a height less than 19 ft. it would only be able to accommodate 1 system or 50% less birds.

Option 3 – convert to Aviary Cage Free



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Projected conversion cost per bird
includes demo, renovation, equipment,
electrical, ventilation, manure storage

54 ft. x 503 ft.

1.2 ft.² per bird

➤ **Option 3 – 2 floor**

» 75,696 to 93,850 birds

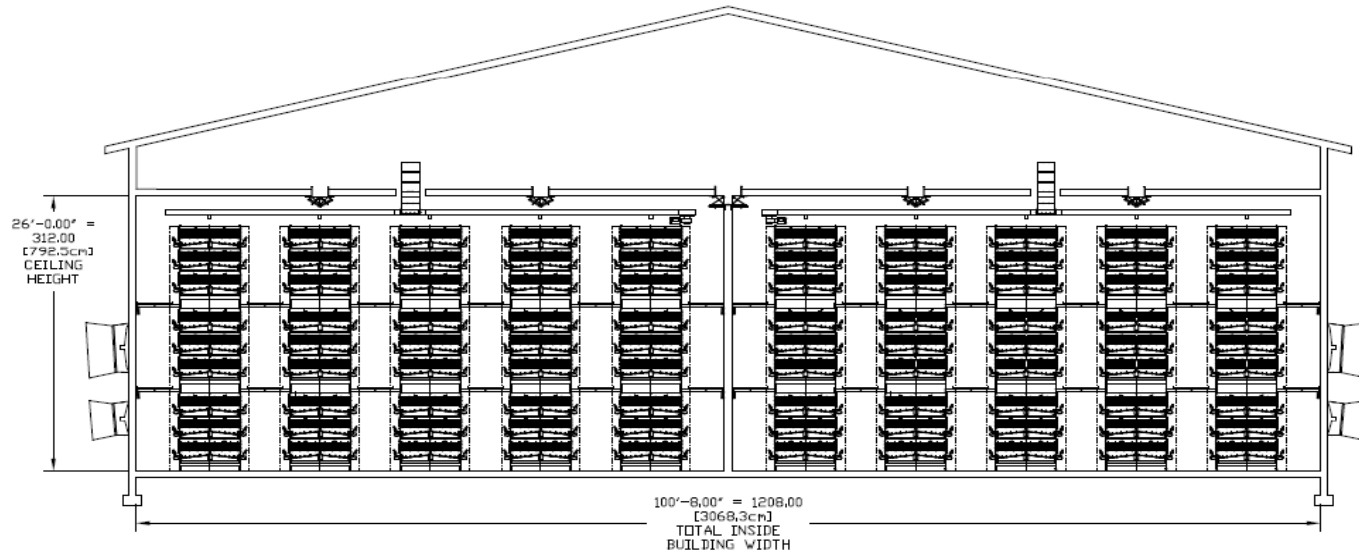
» \$25.58 to 29.38 bird +/- \$3.00

➤ **Option 3 – single floor**

» 38,983 to 46,925 birds

» \$29.35 to \$32.34 bird +/- \$3.00

Tear down Two High rise replace with New Construction



102 Ft. x 426 Ft. x 26 Ft Height

124 in² = 200,880 birds

116 in² = 214,734 birds

67 in² = 371,777 birds

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Option 3 -Before Demolition



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Demolition



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After Demolition



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Option 3- After new construction



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Demolition of Two high Rise capacity 100,000,replace with 1 house New Construction and Manure storage

- Enrichable 67 in² - 371,776 birds- \$ 14.87 per bird
- Enrichable 116 in² - 214,734 birds- \$ 25.74 per bird

- Enriched 116 in² - 214,734 birds- \$ 27.17 per bird
- Enriched 124 in² - 200,880 birds - \$ 29.04 per bird

CONVERT or Not CONVERT AN OLD HOUSE

- **Building permits – value of the permit and how you can utilize it.**
- **More difficult in todays World to gain a permit and it takes more time to gain approval.**
- **Cost of remodeling old housing with new Enrichable equipment averages \$16 to \$24 per bird.**
- **Cost of building new housing for Enrichable with new equipment averages \$15 to \$25 per bird.**

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