

New Zealand White

Rabbit Production Specification



DESCRIPTION	HIF-New Zealand White Rabbit (<i>Harlan Interfauna</i>)
ORIGIN	Hsdlf: NZW

ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA

- 12 Hours Light/12 Hours Dark controlled by automatic Time Clock
- Temperature range: 15°C to 21°C
- Humidity range: No less than 45%
- Ammonia levels: Max 25ppm

DIET CRITERIA

- Rabbit Diet: All stock inventory animals are fed dry pellets (Teklad 2930.ROB), fed Ad lib.
- Replacement breeding stock are fed Teklad 2930 at 11 weeks+
- Bucks are fed on 2931C.12
- Animals used for time mating are given Teklad 2930 5 days before mating

BEDDING, HAY AND ENRICHMENT CRITERIA

- **Bedding:** Irradiated paper shavings
- **Hay:** Irradiated Hay
- **Enrichment:** Scheduled rotation of the following - Cardboard tube, Flavoured bunny block, Aspen Block, Bed R Nest, Tray Liner, Scent Blocks

HEALTH CHECK CRITERIA

- A full health check, including weighing, is performed biweekly (males one week, females the next). Health Check Includes: Microchip Identification Number, Gender, Eyes, Dewclaws, Jaws and teeth alignment, Tail, Ears, Trim Nails

BREEDING CRITERIA

- Females from 16 weeks; retired at 2 years
- Males from 19 weeks; retired at 2 years
- Litter Sizes: General litter sizes of 8-12 kits
- Rabbits are weaned at 5 weeks of age, and given individual identification

HOUSING CRITERIA

- Rabbits housed in pairs from weaning until 2.5kg; in 4560cm² caging
- Pair housed animals greater than 2.5kg are transferred to 5293cm² caging
- Animals larger than 3kg housed as singles (on request, animals can be paired for longer. To facilitate this, the adjoining cage side is removed to create a larger floor space).