

## 9. Free range layers

All valuations are expressed in pence per bird

Age (weeks)	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Valuation	590	626	663	701	741	782	824

Age	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Valuation	867	853	840	826	812	799	785

Age	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
Valuation	772	758	744	731	717	703	690

Age	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
Valuation	676	663	649	635	622	608	594

Age	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
Valuation	581	567	554	540	526	513	499

Age	51	52	53	54	55	56	57
Valuation	485	472	458	445	431	417	404

Age	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
Valuation	390	376	363	349	336	322	308

Age	65	66	67	68	69	70	71
Valuation	295	281	267	254	240	227	213

Age	72	73	74	75	76	77	78
Valuation	199	186	172	158	145	131	118

Age	79	80	81	82	83	84	85
Valuation	104	90	77	63	49	36	22

Age	86
Valuation	9

The majority of free range egg layers in NI are based on brown hybrid strains. For the purposes of valuation any differences between strains are deemed to be insignificant.

Almost without exception, laying flocks are kept for one laying cycle - generally 16 - 86 weeks of age. For flocks that exceed 86 weeks of age, or in the very unlikely event of a flock of birds having been kept on for a second, or third cycle of production (with moulting), additional advice should be sought.

Free range flocks are required to have 'continuous daytime access' to range. It is possible however that all the birds may be contained in the house either because the pullets have just been placed in the building, or because the owner has been instructed to do so following Government instructions.