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Cathal

Many thanks for your prompt response on this and the offer to assist. This is very much an ongoing issue so no deadline as such and we will work with you in terms of your information gathering timeline. We welcome the fact that CAFRE offers good practice advice on heating to growers at training events and seminars and agree that your role is one of providing advice and not a policing role.

Regards

Seamus

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Seamus,

We will try and assist you as much as possible. This is an area in which I also have an interest and have been trying to persuade Moypark to provide us with the information or allow us to audit the farms. So far not much success. However I think I can get around this by discussing with some of the installers that we work with who have multiple installations up and running. They would know the exact requirements for the various house sizes, number of birds, type of heating system etc which I think would be more appropriate to your needs and I can tie in the growing cycles for the different crops of birds. These guys want their boilers to be operated as per specification not any old how.

There are rumours of houses running 24/7 (I don't think in NI yet!)- the reason to maximise the output from the boiler for RHI. During all our training workshops and seminars we issue a caveat with regard to using more heat than required, for the specific situation.

If this would be of use please let me know your deadline and we will try to help, shouldn't be a problem as long as we are clearly seen in an advisory role and not a policing role..

Regards

Cathal

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Cathal

I wonder if you would be able to assist us in an exercise we are undertaking to assess the average heat need for broiler houses. We are doing this to help with identifying RHI budget needs going forward given the uptake of RHI in the poultry sector.

We are trying to get a better understanding of the growing cycle for chickens, the heating requirement during the various stages, and indeed the times when no heat is required. Anecdotally we are led to believe that some houses are running 24/7 and if this is the case we are seeking an understanding of why this is happening.

I appreciate that this may not fall within your specific area of expertise but you will no doubt have access to colleagues within CAFRE who work within the poultry sector. If need be I am happy for you to sign post me to the relevant CAFRE contact.

Many thanks

Regards

Seamus

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