



# BUTTERFLY FEEDER MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

Operating and managing the Butterfly® Feeder is easy. Follow these simple instructions to ensure top bird performance and cost savings.

## VERY IMPORTANT

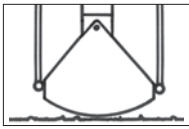


Fig. 1

A. Butterfly Tray bottoms should only touch the litter. Avoid putting any weight or upward pressure on the feed trays. (Fig. 1)

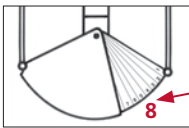


Fig. 2

B. Never adjust the trays wider than the Position 8 except when emptying the feed trays between production cycles. (Fig. 2)

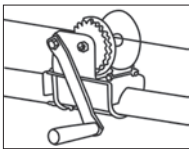


Fig. 3

C. Never turn the Actuator Winch more than two clicks per day when adjusting the tray opening. (Fig. 3)

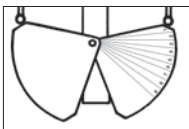


Fig. 4

D. The Butterfly Trays **must** remain fully open throughout the entire period between production cycles. (Fig. 4)

E. Make sure that feed is always present in the tray during the first three days after chick placement. This prevents young chicks getting caught in the space between feed dispenser and the feed tray.

## DURING PRODUCTION CYCLE — DAY ONE TO DEPLETION

### 1. Butterfly Tray Height:

- Observe standing birds in the act of eating from the trays.
- Lower or raise the feeder line so that the bird's back is slightly higher than the bird's head while eating.
- Adjust tray height at least two to three times a week.

### 2. Butterfly Tray Position:

- Use the Actuator Winch to open and close the Butterfly Trays. (Fig. 6)
- Note the Indicator Sticker on a Butterfly Tray adjacent to the Actuator Winch. (Fig. 7)
- Starting with Position 0 for the day olds open the Trays as shown in the illustrations below throughout the production cycle.
- Never adjust beyond Position 8 during the production cycle.

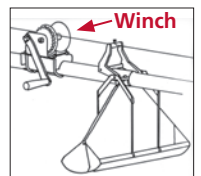


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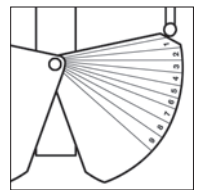


Fig. 7

## BEFORE CHICKS ARRIVE

1. With the bottom of each feed tray at least 20 centimeters (8 inches) off the litter, do the following:

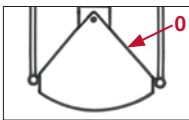


Fig. 5

- Adjust all the Butterfly Trays to Position 0. Note the Position Indicator sticker affixed to a Butterfly Tray. (Fig. 5)
- Run the feeders until all the feed trays on the line are filled with feed. (Fig. 5)

2. Lower the feed trays until tray bottoms just touch the litter.

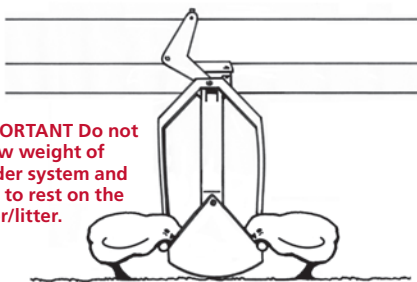
## BIRD DEPLETION DAY

1. Turn off the feeding system before bird removal and allow the birds to empty the trays of any remaining feed.
2. Once empty, open the trays to maximum position and winch up to a height shown in Fig. 8 (See reverse side).
3. Allow the birds at least 2-3 hours to eat the remaining fine feed from the fully opened trays. Again keep trays fully open (do not close them) until you run the feeders for a new flock of baby chicks.

Please note:

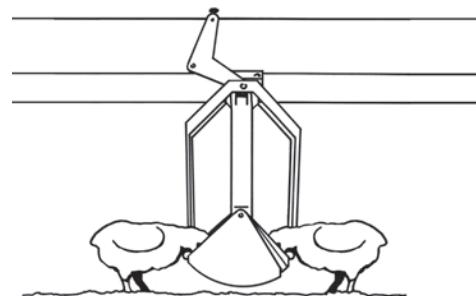
We recommend that you use our management guidelines initially, but if you find that your situation (feed rations, bird type, etc.) requires slightly different management both for Tray Height and Tray Position, please feel free to do so.

**IMPORTANT** Do not allow weight of feeder system and tray to rest on the floor/litter.



**Week 1**

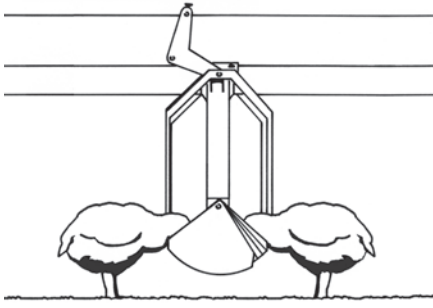
Tray Position: **0 - 1**  
Feeder Height: Trays just touching the litter



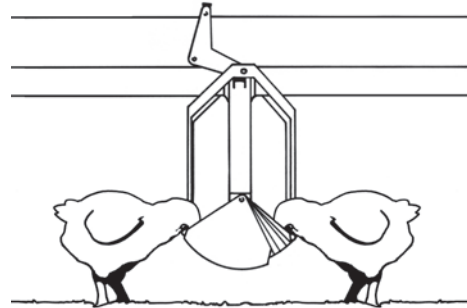
**Week 2**

Tray Position: **2**

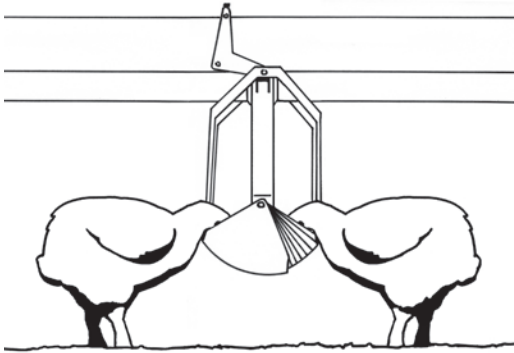
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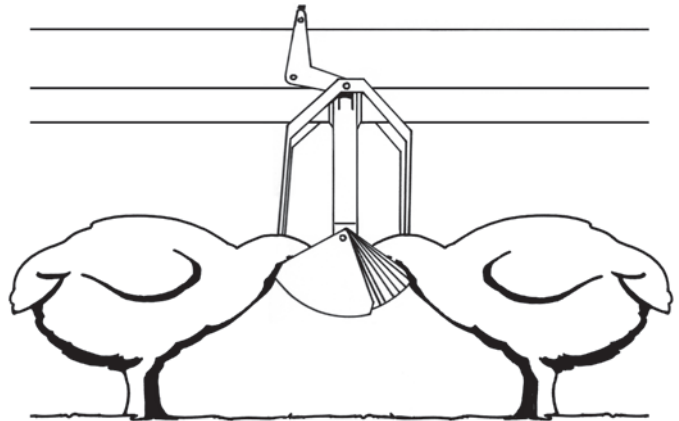
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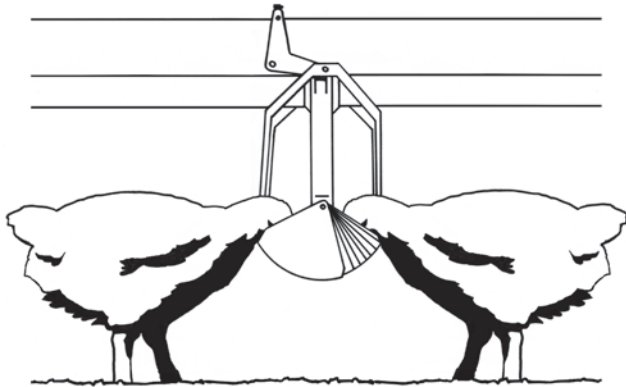
**Week 4** Tray Position: 4



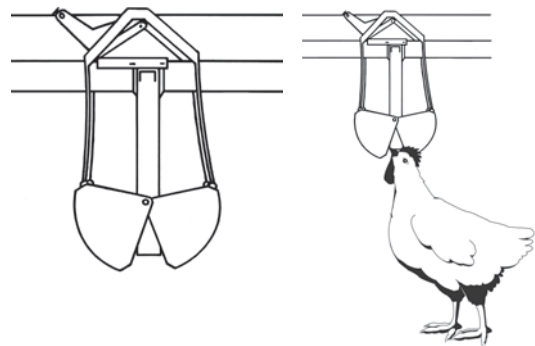
**Week 5** Tray Position: 6



**Week 6** Tray Position: 7



**Week 7** Tray Position: 7 - 8



**Week 8** Between Production Cycles  
Tray Position: Fully Open

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Fig. 8



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