



# EarthClaims LLC

107 S. West Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

## Better Chicken Commitment ("BCC") Application

To comply with the Better Chicken Commitment (BCC), the operation must adhere to the BCC requirements, as outlined in [The Policy - BCC \[US\]](#). This includes the implementation of Controlled Atmosphere Stunning ("CAS") and the use of approved BCC Compliant<sup>1</sup> breeds. A comprehensive list of BCC Compliant breeds can be found in [The Policy - BCC \[US\]](#) and includes [Better Chicken Project \("BCP"\) approved breeds](#). Compliance and approval of the BCC is in addition to meeting the mandatory requirements for the designated G.A.P. Step Level the operation is certified for.

Name of Operation			
Contact Person(s)			
Position(s)			
Mailing Address (street, city, state/province, zip/postal, country)			
Contact Information	Tel	Email	
Preferred Method of Contact	<input type="checkbox"/> Tel <input type="checkbox"/> Email		
Name of supplier/ producer group/ coop/ marketing arm that the operation is affiliated with, if any.			

List ALL locations used in a given year where chickens are raised (**Site 1 is the home farm and/or main site**)

Location	Physical Address of the Operation (street, city, state/ province, zip/postal, country)	Size (acres)	Distance from Location 1 (time/hours)
1*			
2			
3			

\* Site 1 is the home farm / main site.

If your operation has more sites, provide the information requested above for all other sites in a supplemental document

1. Does the operation hold a current G.A.P. certificate?

Yes  No  Applying for certification

<sup>1</sup> **BCC Compliant** means "A chicken breed raised for broiler production that is authorized as a slow grow breed according to the [BCC commitment approved breeds](#) and the [G.A.P. Better Chicken Project \(BCP\) approved breeds](#)."

2. Indicate the G.A.P. Step Level to which the operation is currently certified or seeks to be certified:

- Step 1
- Step 2
- Step 3
- Step 4
- Step 5
- Step 5+

3. Does the operation currently utilize controlled atmospheric stunning (CAS)?

- Yes     No

A. If the answer to the above question is “No”, list the operation’s current processing method.

B. What is the operation’s proposed timeline and plans for transitioning to CAS?

4. Does the operation currently use BCC Compliant Breeds?

- Yes     No

A. If the operation currently uses BCC Compliant Breeds, list the breeds currently in use.

B. If the operation does not currently use BCC Compliant Breeds, describe the proposed timeline and plans for transitioning to approved breed(s)?

5. Does the operation maintain a maximum stocking density of 6.0 lbs./sq. foot and prohibit all forms of broiler cages?

Yes     No

A. If the answer to the above question is “No”, list the operation’s proposed timeline and plans to become compliant.

6. Does the operation provide all birds with an improved baseline environment, including:

- At least 3 inches of friable litter covering the whole floor of the house, managed to maintain dry, friable condition and prevent caked or wet areas.
- At minimum 8 hours of continuous light ( $\geq 50$  lux) and 6 hours of continuous darkness daily ( $< 1$  lux).
- One or more types of functional enrichment (such as perches, platforms, or straw bales) that multiple birds can use at any time. The enrichments must be available by 10 days old and maintained thereafter, dispersed throughout the house and available to the entire flock with 1 enrichment for every 1,000 sq. ft or 1 enrichment per 1000 birds, at a minimum.

Yes     No

A. If the answer to the above question is “No”, describe the operation’s proposed timeline and plans to become compliant.

7. Does the operation demonstrate compliance with all standards via third-party auditing and annual public reporting on progress toward the BCC Commitment?

Yes     No

A. If the answer to the above question is “No”, describe the operation’s proposed timeline and plans to become compliant.

8. Will all broiler houses/barns on-site be participating in BCC Certification?

Yes     No

A. If the answer to the above question is “No”, list the designated barns/houses where BCC Chickens will be raised.

9. If the operation will be a Split Operation, raising BCC approved and non-BCC approved birds, explain the segregation protocols to ensure how the operation will prevent non-compliant birds from being sold as BCC compliant, or attach a Standard Operating Procedure ("SOP").  
 Not a Split Operation.

Application submitted by:

the operation.

a designated representative (affiliated with a supplier/ producer group/ coop/ marketing arm.) *If so, complete the following:*

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of Contact  Phone  Email Address

I understand that to apply for the Better Chicken Commitment (“BCC”) Add-on Certification Program, the operation must be either certified by G.A.P. or in the process of obtaining certification. The operation must comply with the mandatory requirements for the designated G.A.P. Step Level that it meets. Additionally, the operation must meet the BCC requirements including utilizing Controlled Atmosphere Stunning (“CAS”) and using an approved BCC breed.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date