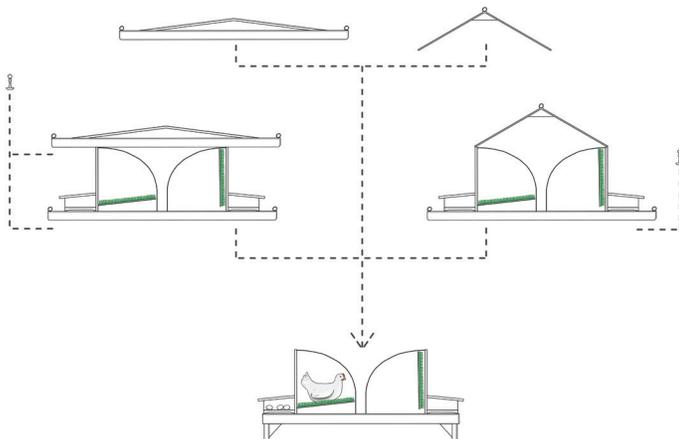


The Castle aviary delivers even more options

Now, managing cage-free birds is easier than you think.



Built to last, the Castle floor-housing system for breeders and layers is a perfect marriage between bird welfare, strength, quality, clean eggs, and capacity to meet producers' bottom lines.

We first introduced our cage-free Castle aviary in 2015. One of the most important features of this system was its modular design which ensured an optimal fit for every poultry house, whether it was new construction or retrofit. We're now pleased to announce the release of new options that provide even more versatility.

The Castle starts with a solid base that is built to last, which can then be outfitted with one- or two-tier nests alternating across the length of the house. The Castle can be topped with either a flat roof, providing extra living surface for birds, a traditional peaked roof, or a combination of both which will maximize bird density. A single nest option with either one or two tiers allows for a system row to be placed adjacent to barn walls or work around building support structures.

The alternating profile of the Castle allows for a great overview of the system by the barn manager; this ease of management allows farmers a straightforward transition to cage-free.

In line with Vencomatic's quest to provide innovative and sustainable systems to the poultry industry, these new options further the modular style of this aviary by maximizing its flexibility for the end user.

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New Peeps in the Vencomatic Flock



Bruce Schroeder

We are pleased to have Bruce Schroeder join our team as Sales Representative for the Eastern United States.

Over the past two years, Bruce has filled the role of Sales Director for Vencomatic BV. He brings considerable industry knowledge, technical expertise, and a very good understanding of the needs of farmers and dealers in the Eastern and Midwest United States. His spare time is spent enjoying outdoor activities and livestock shows with his wife, Brandy, and son, Lincoln in Kalida, Ohio. He also finds time for projects in his woodworking shop, in addition to volunteering with local organizations.



The Starks

On November 16, Vencomatic Service Technician Dan Stark and his wife, Dana, welcomed their newest addition, daughter Rylee Lynn.

Although the new parents are a little tired, they report, “everyone is doing great, and Rylee has been amazing so far. She’s very alert, always looking at her surroundings.”



The Barrows

It was only a short time ago that we were welcoming Willie Barrow to our Vencomatic family as a Service Technician. He and his wife, Amber, are now pleased to announce their newest family member. Aubree Nichole

was born on November 18, and her dad says, “She’s been good at keeping us up at night wanting to feed...but it’s all worth it!”

Congratulations to both families!

Cage-Free Panelist: Aaron Willey

The 2017 Iowa Egg Symposium proved to be an excellent opportunity for egg producers and allied-industry members to gather information and guide their future decisions.



The one-day meeting in Ames, Iowa highlighted topics touching on regulatory and flock health issues as well as an afternoon session focused on presentations discussing a variety of implications impacting the industry’s movement toward cage-free production. Panel experts reported from various fields including animal welfare, economics, production, health and disease, equipment and biosecurity.

Vencomatic Central U.S. Sales Rep Aaron Willey presented on the different generations of cage-free housing design, assuring the attendees the concept of cage-free doesn’t have to be a big scary monster. “There are a lot of systems available on the market today that are very capable and acceptable.”

Willey explained equipment companies are all attempting to improve by listening to their customers and industry researchers, using two examples to illustrate this improvement. One example is the move to a terraced aviary system instead of a vertical front; the terraced design is aimed at encouraging more natural bird movement, as it allows for jumping versus flying. This change in bird movement results in less stress and fewer injuries.

The newest Vencomatic model combining the best of the last two generations of the company’s equipment was put forward as an important second example. The new design is sturdy enough for hen handlers to walk on, allowing them to move over the entire system while conducting their inspections. Additionally, the system encourages hens to migrate back into the system to get water and lay their eggs.

Willey encouraged producers to ‘future-proof their investment’ by suggesting cage-free can go very wrong if the focus is only to skirt the cage-free minimums.

“Be more forward-thinking in your investments,” he encouraged.

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