

## Your flock is your business. Protecting it is ours.

Mycotoxins are produced by moulds in the field, at harvest and during storage. They affect animal performance and producer profitability in a number of ways.

### How do mycotoxins affect breeders?

#### REPRODUCTION

- Lower egg production and decreased egg quality
- Increased embryonic mortality
- Poor fertility and hatchability
- Decreased chick viability

#### **GUT HEALTH**

- Damage to gut integrity (decreased villi height and surface area)
- Lower feed intake
- Poor intestinal digestion and absorption of feed
- Inconsistent faeces quality
- Necrotic enteritis/cocci infection/bacterial infections

#### **IMMUNITY**

- Poor antibody production/vaccine titers
- Reduced cell-mediated immunity
- Altered cytokine profile
- Increased duration of diseases
- Increased mortality rates

#### **ORGAN DAMAGE**

- Gizzard erosions
- Oral lesions, ulcers and plaques
- Liver and kidney damage
- Liver enlargement or fatty liver
- Bile duct hyperplasia
- Uric acid crystals in kidneys and joints (gout)

## How much can mycotoxins cost breeder producers?

 $\downarrow$  0.59 decrease in number of eggs/week/bird

12.9% decrease in hatchability

↑ 10.1% increase in early embryonic mortality

† 12.8% increase in late embryonic mortality

\$0.35 decrease in profit/hen/week (based on decreased egg production and hatchability)

# What could you save with ALLTECH MYCOTOXIN MANAGEMENT?

↑ 0.01 increase in number of eggs/week/bird

↑ 17.8% increase in hatchability

↓ 9.8% decrease in early embryonic mortality

↓ 12.9% decrease in late embryonic mortality

↑ \$0.24 increase in profit/bird/week compared to mycotoxin challenged birds (based on improved hatchability)

#### **RESEARCH:**

Total number of birds = 450 | birds fed control diet = 135 | birds fed mycotoxin contaminated feed = 265 | birds fed mycotoxin contaminated feed + MYCOSORB = 50

References: Qureshi et al., 1998; Brake et al., 1999; Brake et al., 2000; Brake et al., 2002; Yegani et al., 2006; Girgis et al., 2010





MYCOSORB A+®, from ALLTECH®, is Europe's number 1 authorised mycotoxin binder. MYCOSORB A+ reduces mycotoxin absorption, negating the damaging effects of mycotoxins on the health and performance of animals.\*

- A proven, broad spectrum mycotoxin binder, which tackles mycotoxin challenges as a whole rather than dealing with individual mycotoxins
- Fast acting, interacts with mycotoxins within 10 minutes
- Effective at a low inclusion level
- Proven by scientific research
  - 7 functional carbohydrates
  - 11 studies supporting mode of action
  - 65 studies supporting efficacy in animals

MYCOSORB A+®, from ALLTECH®, offers producers a solution that limits the effect of more mycotoxins than ever before.

The graph on the right shows the risk associated with mycotoxin contamination in a particular feed sample with and without MYCOSORB A+.



Feeding rate: 0.5 - 2 kg/t

Feeding rate varies based on mycotoxin risk level in feed and life stage of the bird

\*Article 13, Regulation (EC) No. 767/2009

ALLTECH'S MYCOTOXIN MANAGEMENT program is designed to reduce risk while improving performance and profitability for individual herds. Actual results may vary by herd. Program response and ROI will depend on specific farm scenarios.



