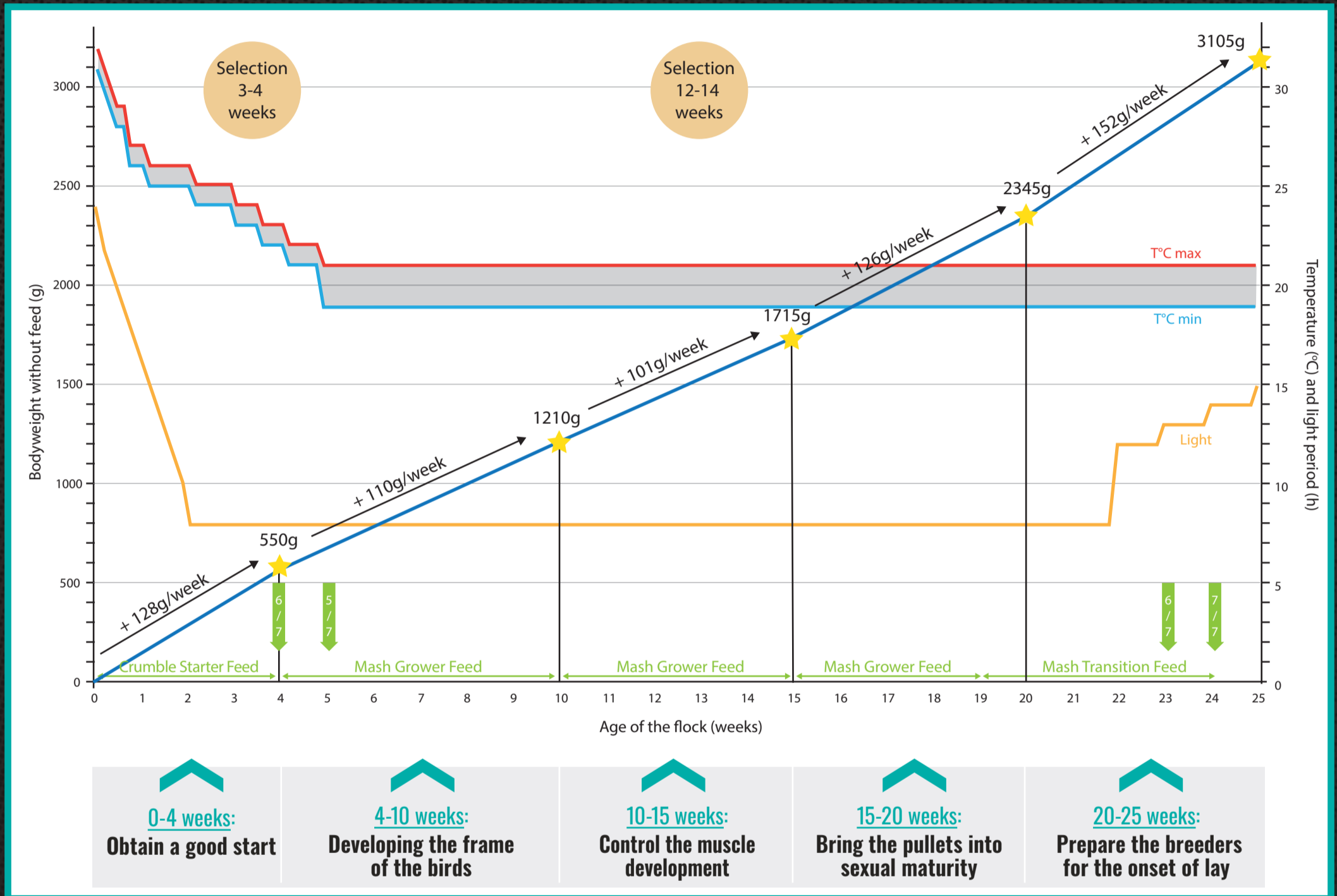


PULLET REARING EFFICIENCY PLUS

To obtain a uniform flock, ready to lay at 25 weeks

N.B.: The information in this document should be adapted to the specific rearing conditions (e.g.: open/dark house, climate, etc.)



- ✓ Ad lib. feeding during the first 3 weeks. See poster "Start up period" for more details about 0 - 4 weeks.
- ✓ Reducing day length in the first 2 weeks should be combined with lowering the light intensity (24 h / 60 Lux → 8 h / 5 - 10 Lux). To be adapted to achieve the target weight at 4 weeks of age.
- ✓ Provide 3 cm of perch space per pullet from the 4th week to train the pullets to jump up to the nests.
- ✓ 1st mandatory selection (100 % of the birds to be weighed) before 4 weeks of age. Objective: uniformity above 85 % after selection. 2nd selection before 15 weeks of age is useful in case uniformity is lower than 80 %. See Technical Bulletin "Selection".
- ✓ It is important that the pen with the small birds reaches the bodyweight standard at 10 weeks of age to secure skeletal development.
- ✓ No light stimulation before 154 days in dark houses and when the females are not sexually ready yet (bodyweight, pelvic opening, coloration of the comb and wattles). Target: uniformity higher than 80 % at the time of first stimulation.
- ✓ Avoid disruption in growth between 20 - 25 weeks, especially when changing feed type.
- ✓ A good performing flock in lay is strongly related to good management during the rearing period:
 - Assure good distribution of both feed and water (complying with the recommendations for the equipment, Poster "Quality of feed distribution").
 - Maintain good quality litter.
 - Provide a healthy environment for the flock.