

Site statistics

Envigo research products – Denver, PA rabbits

Security

The property is semi-enclosed by 6-foot perimeter fencing with a computerized, remote-controlled security gate with video monitoring. Production buildings, showers and office are primarily secured by individualized badge access. A few access points are lock-and-key secured.

Security alarms are in all animal housing areas and utilized to monitor unauthorized entry, high/low temperatures, fire, smoke, rate of temperature rise and water pressure. Monitoring of the alarm system is provided by an outside contractor. Additional after-hours security is covered by the local law enforcement agency and Envigo personnel.

Temperature and humidity

The temperature in the production colonies is 58-82°F. Temperature is monitored remotely on a continuous basis through alarms by a contract security company. If an alarm is triggered during business hours on working days, the alarm company calls the maintenance radio. During non-work hours, weekends and holidays, the security company calls the maintenance pager when the alarm is triggered. Humidity in production areas is ambient, though high humidity is controlled in T1. Generator backup is utilized as needed.

Ventilation

A minimum of 10 air changes/hour are performed. Generator backup is used during power outages. Exhaust air is not filtered or recirculated in the majority of the buildings.

Incoming/exhaust air is filtered in T1 through a coarse filter.

Illumination

A 14-hr light/10-hr dark cycle is maintained in all production buildings by light timers. The light/dark cycle can be overridden for procedures or other husbandry needs.

Vermin program

External prevention is conducted by an outside contractor. Internal prevention is conducted by the animal technicians.

Facility – Texter Mountain

Number of buildings:	7
Size:	100,200 sq. ft.
Species:	Modified Barrier: NZW Rabbits Dutch Belted Rabbits

Regulatory

USDA Class A Dealer License: #23-A-0180

AAALAC, International Accredited:

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IACUC Composition:

The IACUC is comprised of a chairperson, attending veterinarian, scientific members, non-affiliated member and non-scientific members

Physical Plant

Stand-alone generators supply full or partial power to the buildings during power outages. Frame/masonry construction with silicon-sealed concrete/composite floors or troweled on epoxy. Walls are sealed with fiberglass/polyboard and epoxy paint, with painted aluminum/steel ceilings. Doors are metal with painted epoxy. Durable plastic doors separate the animal housing area from the feed storage/support areas.

Sanitation

General housing is cleaned and disinfected by pressure washing every two weeks. Production caging is cleaned and disinfected by pressure washing every four weeks. One production facility utilizes an automated rack washing system.

Transportation

Vehicles used for transporting animals have refrigeration-quality insulated cargo boxes. Vehicles have temperature controlled independent units utilizing 100% fresh air changes during transportation. Alarms are installed to alert drivers of vehicle air temperatures that fall outside of 55-7°F.

Feed

All rabbits are fed a bulk breeder/grower diet (Cargill & Purina Formulas). Other bagged diets upon client request can be used to condition rabbits to client diet prior to animal shipment. With each batch of diet a proximate analysis is provided by the feed vendor. Nutritional diet guarantees a minimum protein 16% or greater, fat 2.93% or greater and fiber 16.90% or greater.

Water

The source of facility water originates from deep wells and is treated by a combination of particulate filtration (5µm), chlorine dioxide, ultraviolet disinfection and sodium hypochlorite. Monthly water is tested for coliforms by an outside vendor facility. Heavy metal, pesticide, herbicide and other potential contaminant testing is performed annually by a contract laboratory.



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