

Egg conveyor is used to transport eggs (11), primarily in large laying hen facilities. Egg conveyors transport eggs (11) from chicken coops to, for example, egg sorting or packing stations (11). In egg conveyor systems with long conveyor lines (10), the drive chains (21), which move in a closed loop along the conveyor lines (10), are subjected to high loads. To keep the loads on the traction chains (21) within acceptable limits on long conveyor lines (10), at least one intermediate drive (28) is provided in addition to the main drive (27). As a result, drive forces are applied to the traction chains (21) at several points, thereby reducing the load on them. This also results in a smoother start-up of the egg conveyor. Generally, in the area of the intermediate drive (28), the drive chains (21) in the upper branch (23) of the conveyor line run along an arched rise (34). As a result, this provides a more favorable gear ratio between the traction chains (21) and the drive gears (36) that drive them. The intermediate drive (28) is adjustable so that it can drive the traction chains (21) either in the upper branch (23) of the conveyor line or in the lower branch (24) of the conveyor line. As a result, the intermediate drive (28) is universally applicable.