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A LeakReceipts Field Guide

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The Field Guide: where the money leaks, how to prove it, and how to close it

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The short answer for your trade

You own the houses and carry the debt. The integrator owns the birds, the feed, and the math that decides what you're paid — and you're never shown the full settlement group you're ranked against.

Your leak map

Every leak this book covers, biggest first. The size grade is VyRal's research grade for how much money a leak tends to move in this trade. It is a grade, not a dollar figure. Your own paper sets the dollars.

#	Leak	Size grade	Evidence	Fixes
1	The 2024 Disclosure Rights Already In Force	Significant	VERIFIED	1
2	Household Income Is Variable, Not Low — Frame Accordingly	Moderate	VERIFIED	1
3	Integrator Controls the Grade You're Paid On	Major	STRUCTURAL	1
4	Self-Employment Tax Boundary	Major	STRUCTURAL	1
5	The Base-Price Floor Reform Is Not Law Yet — and May Never Be	Major	STRUCTURAL	1
6	Tournament Settlement Formula	Major	STRUCTURAL	1
7	Pride Economy — The Houses and the Barns	Small but common	STRUCTURAL	1
8	Mandated Upgrades Financed by the Grower, Not the Company	Significant	STILL BEING MEASURED	1

What people in your trade say hurts

Before we built a single fix, we went and read what people in this trade say out loud: forums, trade press, regulators' complaint files and court records. These are the pains that kept coming up, the ones with the most sources first. If one of them is yours, you're not imagining it.

Ranked against my neighbors on chicks and feed I don't control

My pay depends on how my flock ranks against other growers, but the company supplies the chicks, feed and medicine. The company must now show me the inputs and rankings with each flock, but if I never read them I can't see when weak chicks or a feed outage dropped my rank.

Found in 3 public sources; newest dated 2026-05-18. VERIFIED count from VyRal's public research log; the sources are listed at the back.

Get your paper together

Every fix in this book starts with paper, not memory. Memory rounds in the other side's favor. Paper doesn't.

Pull the last 90 days. Put it all in one folder, paper or phone, and label each piece with its date. Black out account numbers and Social Security numbers before you share anything with anyone.

The paper that proves each leak:

- Your contracts, invoices, statements, pay records and the messages around them.

My folder checklist

Last 90 days of statements or pay records _____

Every contract or agreement I work under _____

Every invoice, ticket or settlement for the same 90 days _____

The messages that changed a price, a scope or a date _____

Leak 1: The 2024 Disclosure Rights Already In Force

Size grade: Significant · Evidence: VERIFIED

What it is. Since Feb 12, 2024, integrators must disclose to growers: 5-year company litigation/bankruptcy history, grower turnover rates, feed-outage/disease/disaster procedures, historical settlement data broken out by quintile, and per-flock inputs (breed, sex ratio, breeder-flock age, stocking density) and ranking data — without revealing other growers' identities.

Why it leaks. Most growers have never read this disclosure because they don't know the integrator must deliver it before signing — leaving them to judge a settlement against memory instead of the quintile-level history and turnover data they are now legally entitled to see.

The number to hold it against. Broiler growers only (not hog): the integrator must deliver the contract and its disclosure document at least 14 calendar days before signing, new or renewed, plus five years of quintile grower pay where the complex has 10 or more growers. Source: 9 CFR §201.102 (USDA AMS), effective Feb 12, 2024.

VERIFIED · Primary — government or regulator

> **Ask yourself:** Did your integrator give you the quintile settlement-history disclosure the 2024 rule requires before you signed or renewed your contract?

1. Never used the company's settlement-history disclosure

Fix approved · leak evidence: Verified

Fix 1 — Do it yourself (free).

1. Ask the company for its current disclosure document if you don't have one. Under the 2023 USDA rule it must be given to you at least 14 days before you sign a renewal or new contract. It includes 5 years of average yearly pay to growers at your complex, broken into fifths (top 20% to bottom 20%), per square foot of house, plus grower turnover.
2. Find where your own yearly settlements fall in those fifths.
3. Read the policies section: what the company does about sick flocks, feed outages, feed-quality complaints, and how to appeal.
4. Use it before you sign the next contract — take it to your lender or extension office. Smaller companies (under 2 million live pounds a week)

don't have to follow the 14-day rule on a plain renewal. USDA has said it plans to propose removing this rule — while it stands, use it. Hog growers: this federal disclosure rule covers broiler (chicken) growers only — ask your company for the same records anyway.

Fix 2 — The words to send, under your own name. Fill in the brackets, keep a copy, and send it from your own email or by mail. Nobody sends it for you.

> Subject: Request for Current Disclosure Document — [FARM NAME]
>
> To: [COMPANY CONTACT]
> Date: [DATE]
>
> Please send me a copy of your current Live Poultry Dealer Disclosure Document for the [COMPLEX NAME] complex, including the 5-year gross payment tables and turnover table. My contract [renews on DATE / is under discussion].
>
> Thank you,
> [YOUR NAME] — [PHONE]

Fix 3 — Done for you. **LeakReceipts · Statement Audit**

WE DO: read the disclosure document, place your own settlements against the complex's pay fifths, and pull out the policies and appeal steps. YOU DO: decide whether and how to renew.

Keep it closed. Never sign a renewal without the disclosure document in hand at least 14 days before.

What this fix can't decide for you. Rule in force as of 2026-10-13 but USDA plans to propose removing it (target Oct 2026). Exemptions apply to small dealers. Whether a company complied is USDA's call.

My receipt for this leak			
Owed by my paper	Paid or billed	Gap (CALCULATED: owed − paid)	Fix 2 sent · answer

FREE FIRST CHAPTER

That's Leak 1 of 8.

The full Field Guide for Contract Poultry & Hog Growers walks through every leak on the map you just read: why it happens, the paper that proves it, and three fixes for each one — one you do yourself for free, the words to send under your own name, and what LeakReceipts can do for you while the decision stays yours.

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WE WALK BY FAITH NOT BY SIGHT — 2 Corinthians 5:7