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Results indicated that live body weight (LBW), feed conversion ratio (FCR), egg production, egg mass, egg quality traits (external and internal), some blood components, immune responses to sheep red blood cells and litter microbial count were significantly improved ($P \leq 0.05$) by supplemental exposure of birds to UVA lamps for 2-3 hours daily.

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