

## Overview

This standard covers the brooding and growing of young birds.

The brooding and growing of birds will involve the monitoring and maintenance of the appropriate environmental conditions, the correct handling of the birds and the monitoring of bird growth.

When working with livestock or machinery you should be trained and hold current certification, where required.

This standard is suitable for those involved in brooding and growing young birds.

## Performance criteria

### *You must be able to:*

1. be aware of hazards associated with the activity to be carried out
2. wear suitable clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE)
3. select, prepare, use and maintain the required tools, equipment and materials, safely and correctly
4. check that brooding/growing areas and environmental conditions are suitable for the reception of young birds
5. maintain brooding/growing areas and environment, in accordance with **instructions**
6. move young birds to the brooding/growing areas in the required numbers, to maintain their health and welfare
7. check the environmental conditions, in accordance with **instructions**
8. monitor and replenish food and water supplies for the young birds, when required
9. monitor young birds' behaviour and take the appropriate actions to promote their health and well-being
10. remove and deal with sick or damaged birds in the correct way
11. check, as instructed, that the growth of young birds meets production targets and report any issues, in accordance with instructions
12. maintain communication with colleagues and others involved in your work
13. maintain hygiene and bio-security, in accordance with **instructions**
14. process waste safely and correctly, in accordance with **instructions**
15. carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and business policies
16. complete records as required by relevant legislation and the business

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**Knowledge and understanding**

*You need to know and understand:*

1. the hazards associated with brooding and growing young birds
2. the type of clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable for the activity
3. the types of tools, equipment and materials required and how to prepare, use, maintain and store them safely and correctly
4. the environmental conditions required to optimise growth and health and welfare
5. the correct litter conditions for brooding/growing young birds
6. how young birds should be handled and the requirements of relevant welfare codes in relation to the movement of young birds
7. the requirements for food and water supply and how these are maintained
8. the indicators of health and the methods for identifying and dealing with sick or damaged birds, including procedures for humane culling
9. the types of problems with the brooding/growing of young birds and the correct actions to take, within the limits of your responsibility
10. the importance of maintaining communication with those involved in, or affected by, your work and the best way to do this
11. the hygiene and bio-security requirements in relation to brooding and growing young birds
12. the importance of meeting relevant food safety and industry quality assurance standards
13. how to process the different types of waste produced by the activity, including carcasses
14. your responsibilities for the welfare of birds under relevant animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice
15. your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and business policies
16. the methods of stock control, record keeping and reporting used by the business

**Glossary**

**Instructions:** verbal or written

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