

## Collect, grade and prepare eggs for transport

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### Overview

This standard covers the collection, grading and preparation of eggs for transport to either a hatchery or for retail. Collection and grading can be carried out either manually or mechanically.

This standard relates to a variety of systems and may include one or more of the following:

- Collecting and packing eggs ready to be taken to the grader or packing station
- Collecting and traying eggs ready to be taken for incubation and packing eggs unsuitable for hatching
- Collecting and preparing eggs to be graded on an on-line grader, where eggs are transported to the grader on a conveyor.

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

This standard is suitable for those who collect, grade and prepare eggs for transport.

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### 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 required tools, equipment and machinery safely and correctly
4. collect eggs using methods that minimise stress to the birds, and are in accordance with relevant welfare codes and **instructions**
5. collect eggs at the right time of day, in accordance with **instructions**
6. check regularly for any damage to eggs
7. handle eggs correctly to prevent damage, and prepare them for selection
8. grade eggs accurately and remove eggs that are unsuitable for use
9. apply identification markings that are clear, accurate, complete and comply with **instructions**
10. position the eggs correctly onto suitable trays
11. prepare and pack the eggs in the required containers in a manner that minimises damage during transport
12. position containers in the storage area safely and securely, and in accordance with **instructions**
13. leave the work area and equipment in a condition that, is suitable for subsequent use
14. monitor and maintain storage conditions, in accordance with business requirements
15. maintain communication with colleagues and others involved in your work
16. maintain hygiene and bio-security, in accordance with **instructions**
17. process waste safely and correctly, in accordance with **instructions**
18. carry out your 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
19. 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 collecting, grading and preparing eggs for transport
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 these safely and correctly
4. the methods of collecting eggs that minimises stress to the birds
5. the importance of the correct timing when collecting eggs
6. how the egg collection system can damage eggs and how this is minimised
7. the problems that can occur with egg collection and the action that should be taken
8. the different categories of eggs
9. how to grade eggs
10. the methods used to prevent contamination and damage to eggs
11. the identification markings and the importance of checking them
12. how to apply identification markings
13. the methods for packing and traying eggs
14. the signs of poor egg quality and the action to take in this case
15. the types and condition of the storage areas
16. the requirements for the storage conditions for the eggs
17. the problems that can occur with the storage of eggs, and the action that should be taken
18. how to prepare eggs to minimise damage during transport
19. the limits of your responsibility when collecting, grading and preparing eggs for transport
20. the importance of maintaining communication with those involved in your work and how this should be done
21. the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
22. the importance of meeting relevant food safety and industry quality assurance standards
23. how to process the different types of waste produced by the activity
24. your responsibilities for the welfare of birds under relevant animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice
25. your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and

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- safety legislation, codes of practice and business policies
- 26. the methods of stock control, record keeping and reporting used by your business

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**Glossary**

**Instructions:** verbal or written

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