

## Monitor and maintain the hatching and despatch of poultry

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### Overview

This standard covers monitoring and maintaining the hatching and despatch of poultry.

You are likely to have overall responsibility for this part of production and be supported in this capacity by other workers. You will require a thorough knowledge and practical skills and must be capable of identifying and resolving any problems that occur.

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

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

1. assess the risks associated with the activity to be carried out
2. confirm that suitable clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) is worn
3. confirm that the tools, equipment and materials required are selected, prepared, used and maintained, safely and correctly
4. plan egg positioning and monitor the positioning of eggs, in accordance with production requirements
5. monitor and maintain the environmental conditions, in accordance with production requirements
6. monitor the condition of newly hatched poultry and confirm that they are correctly passed forward for sexing and/or boxing
7. confirm that sub-standard products are identified and disposed of using the correct methods
8. monitor the preparation of newly hatched poultry and confirm that it is ready for despatch
9. monitor and maintain the despatch of newly hatched poultry
10. confirm that equipment is left in a clean and hygienic state for future use
11. maintain communication with colleagues and others involved in the work
12. maintain hygiene and bio-security, in accordance with business practices
13. manage waste safely and correctly, in accordance with relevant legislation and business practices
14. 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
15. confirm that records are maintained and stored as required by relevant legislation and the business

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

1. how to identify hazards and assess risks
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 setting up, use and operating conditions of hatchers and hatching equipment
5. how to monitor production requirements for the hatching of eggs
6. the planned positioning of eggs and the importance of this to production
7. how to monitor and maintain the environmental conditions to promote hatching, and the necessary adjustments to the system that may be required
8. how to monitor the handling and transfer of newly hatched poultry
9. how to recognise sub-standard products and the correct method for their disposal in accordance with relevant legislation and business practices
10. the methods for preparing newly hatched poultry for despatch and transportation
11. the correct ways in which the newly hatched poultry must be boxed
12. the vaccines and probiotics that can be administered to poultry
13. the types of production problems that may occur and the action to take if they do
14. the methods for cleaning the hatching area and why it is important to monitor that this has been carried out
15. the importance of maintaining communication with those involved in your work and how this should be done
16. the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
17. the importance of meeting relevant food safety and industry quality assurance standards
18. how to handle, transport, store and dispose of waste, in accordance with relevant legal and business practices
19. your responsibilities for the welfare of birds under relevant animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice
20. your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and

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

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