
Overview

This standard covers the monitoring and maintenance of the receipt and selection of eggs for incubation and hatching.

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.

This standard is suitable for those with responsibility for monitoring and maintaining the receipt and selection of eggs for incubation and hatching.

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. monitor the systems for the selection and receipt of eggs for hatching
5. confirm that the incoming eggs are identified and that any discrepancies are dealt with in accordance with business practices
6. monitor the cleanliness of eggs and confirm that they are in a suitable condition for production requirements
7. maintain storage conditions
8. confirm that the eggs are correctly identified, handled, graded and placed in trays ready for incubation, hatching and storage, while maintaining the required control measures
9. check that chemicals are used safely, at the correct dilution rates, and in accordance with the relevant health and safety regulations and the manufacturer's instructions
10. maintain communication with colleagues and others involved in the work
11. maintain hygiene and bio-security, in accordance with business practices
12. manage waste safely and correctly, in accordance with the relevant legislation and business practices
13. 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
14. confirm that records are maintained and stored, as required by relevant legislation and the business

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 importance of monitoring the system for the selection and receipt of eggs for incubation and hatching
5. the methods for identifying the source, the date of lay, the number and code of incoming eggs
6. the types of discrepancies that may occur in the identification of incoming eggs and how these should be dealt with
7. the methods of monitoring egg cleaning and the required condition of eggs following cleaning
8. the information on incoming eggs and the process for recording and reporting
9. the ways in which eggs should be identified, handled, graded and trayed, and the control measures required
10. how eggs that are unsuitable should be disposed of and why this method is used
11. how to identify the quality of the eggs and how this affects the temperature and storage conditions
12. the chemicals used and the dilution rates
13. the importance of maintaining communication with those involved in your work and how this should be done
14. the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
15. the importance of meeting relevant food safety and industry quality assurance standards
16. how to handle, transport, store and dispose of waste, in accordance with the relevant legal and business practices
17. your responsibilities for the welfare of the birds under relevant animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice
18. your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and business policies
19. the methods of stock control, record keeping and reporting used by the business

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