

Overview

This standard covers monitoring egg production by maintaining a flock of laying birds in accordance with **instructions**.

Egg production covers a period of time from shortly after delivery of the point of lay poultry, until just after peak production has been reached, a period normally lasting about two months.

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

This standard is suitable for those who monitor egg production.

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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 the required tools, equipment and machinery, safely and correctly
4. take steps to ensure that eggs are laid in the appropriate place
5. carry out egg production tasks in accordance with **instructions**
6. monitor the behaviour of the birds, identify concerns and report these, in accordance with **instructions**
7. monitor egg quality and report any concerns, in accordance with instructions
8. check the **environmental conditions**, where necessary, according to business requirements
9. monitor and maintain bird health and welfare, in accordance with relevant legislative and business requirements
10. maintain communication with colleagues and others involved in your work
11. maintain hygiene and bio-security, in accordance with **instructions**
12. process waste safely and correctly, in accordance with **instructions**
13. 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
14. 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 monitoring egg production
2. the type of clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable for the activity
3. the types of tools, equipment and machinery required and how to prepare, use, maintain and store them safely and correctly
4. how to check the **environmental conditions** and how these should be reported
5. the expected egg production levels of the birds
6. the normal and abnormal behaviour of the birds in the system and the appropriate action to take
7. how to monitor and maintain the health and welfare of birds
8. how to monitor egg quality
9. the limits of your responsibility
10. the importance of maintaining communication with those involved in your work and how this should be done
11. the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
12. the importance of meeting food safety and industry quality assurance standards
13. how to process the different types of waste produced by the activity
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 your business

Glossary

Environmental conditions include: lighting, weather, heat, humidity, ventilation

Instructions: verbal or written

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