## Maintain egg production



#### **Overview**

This standard covers monitoring and maintaining egg production through 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, till just after peak production has been reached, a period of normally about two months.

When working with livestock or machinery you need to be appropriately trained in line with current legislation, and hold a relevant award where appropriate.

This standard is suitable for those who monitor and maintain egg production.

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# Performance criteria

ou must be able to:	P1	select, prepare, use, maintain and store tools, equipment and machinery that are appropriate for the work, safely and affectively
	P2	take steps to ensure eggs are laid in the appropriate place
	P3	carry out egg production tasks in accordance with instruction
	P4	maintain the health and welfare of birds to maintain egg production
	P5	monitor the behaviour of the birds, identify concerns and report to the appropriate person
	P6	monitor egg quality and report any concerns to the appropriate person
	P7	check the environmental conditions where necessary according to organisational requirements
	P8	monitor and maintain bird health and welfare in accordance with legislative and organisational requirements
	P9	deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with instructions
	P10	carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental, health and safety legislation and animal health and welfare legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies
	P11	keep accurate up-to-date records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation
	P12	maintain suitable levels of hygiene and bio-security
	P13	maintain effective communication with colleagues and others involved or affected by the work

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# Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:	K1	types of tools, equipment and materials required and how to maintain and use these safely and effectively
	K2	how to check environmental conditions and to whom they should be reported
	K3	expected egg production levels of the birds
	K4	normal and abnormal behaviour of the birds in the system and appropriate action to take
	K5	how to monitor and maintain the health and welfare of birds
	K6	how to monitor egg quality
	K7	appropriate records to be kept and their significance
	K8	limits of your responsibility
	K9	your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and company policies
	K10	how to deal with the different types of waste produced by the activity
	K11	the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security, and the methods for achieving this

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### Glossary

Instructions: verbal or written

Environmental conditions - lighting, weather, heat, humidity, ventilation

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