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Collect, grade and prepare eggs for transport



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 manual or mechanical.

This standard relates to many 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 need to be appropriately trained in line with current legislation, and hold a relevant award where appropriate.

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:

- P1 select, prepare and use tools, equipment and materials that are appropriate to the work, safely and effectively
- P2 collect eggs using methods that minimise stress to the birds, and are in accordance with welfare codes and instructions
- P3 collect eggs at the right time of day as instructed
- P4 grade eggs
- P5 regularly check any damage to eggs
- P6 handle eggs correctly to prevent damage, and prepare them for selection
- P7 accurately grade and remove eggs that are unsuitable for use
- P8 apply identification markings that are clear, accurate and complete and comply with instruction
- P9 position the eggs correctly onto suitable trays
- P10 prepare and pack the eggs in required containers in a manner that minimises damage during transport
- P11 position containers in the storage area safely and securely, and in accordance with organisational requirements
- P12 leave the work area and equipment in a condition which is suitable for subsequent use
- P13 monitor and maintain storage conditions in accordance with organisational requirements
- P14 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
- P15 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with instructions
- P16 maintain hygiene and biosecurity whilst handling and grading eggs in accordance with instructions
- P17 maintain records as appropriate

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

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| K1 | types of tools, equipment and machinery required and how to prepare, maintain and use these safely and effectively, including the use of new technology |
| K2 | the methods of collecting eggs that minimises stress to the birds |
| K3 | the importance of correct timing when collecting eggs |
| K4 | how the egg collection system can damage eggs and how this is minimised |
| K5 | the problems that can occur with egg collection and who to report to |
| K6 | the different categories of eggs |
| K7 | how to grade eggs |
| K8 | methods use to prevent contamination and damage of eggs |
| K9 | the appropriate identification markings and the importance of checking them |
| K10 | the importance of identification markings and how these are applied |
| K11 | methods for packing and traying eggs |
| K12 | signs of poor egg quality and the appropriate action to take |
| K13 | the types and condition of the storage areas |
| K14 | the requirements for the storage conditions for the eggs |
| K15 | problems with the storing of eggs, and what action to take |
| K16 | how to prepare eggs to minimise damage during transport |
| K17 | your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and company policies |
| K18 | how to deal with the different types of waste produced by the activity |
| K19 | the records which need to be maintained |
| K20 | how to maintain hygiene and biosecurity |

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Glossary

Instructions - verbal or written

Hygiene and bio-security includes - personal as well as site/work area hygiene

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