
Overview

This standard covers the brooding and growing of young birds.

The brooding and growing of birds will involve the monitoring and maintenance of appropriate environmental conditions, the correct handling of the birds and the methods involved in the monitoring of bird growth.

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 involved in brooding and growing young birds.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 select, prepare and use tools and equipment and materials that are appropriate to the work safely and effectively
- P2 check brooding/growing areas and environmental conditions are suitable for the reception of young birds
- P3 maintain brooding/growing areas and environment in accordance with instructions
- P4 move young birds to the brooding/growing areas in the required numbers, to maintain their health and welfare
- P5 maintain and adjust environmental conditions to optimise growth, health and welfare
- P6 monitor and replenish food and water supplies when required
- P7 monitor young birds behaviour and take the correct actions to promote their health and well being
- P8 remove and deal with sick or damaged birds in the correct way
- P9 check, as instructed, that the growth of young birds meets production targets and report any issues to the appropriate person
- P10 maintain records as appropriate
- P11 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
- P12 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with instructions
- P13 maintain suitable levels of hygiene and bio-security

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

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| K1 | types of tools, equipment and materials required and how to maintain these safely and effectively |
| K2 | the environmental conditions to optimise growth and health and welfare |
| K3 | the correct litter conditions for brooding/growing young birds |
| K4 | how to set up and adjust environmental controls and the effect these have on the brooding process |
| K5 | how young birds should be handled and the requirements of welfare codes in relation to the movement of young birds |
| K6 | types of food and water supply and how these are maintained |
| K7 | production targets relevant to the enterprise |
| K8 | indications of health and the methods for identifying and dealing with sick or damaged birds (e.g. culling) |
| K9 | common problems with the brooding/growing of young birds and the correct actions to take within the limits of your responsibility |
| K10 | the records which need to be maintained |
| K11 | how to deal with the different types of waste produced by the activity |
| K12 | your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and company policies |
| K13 | the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this |

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Glossary

Instructions: verbal or written

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