Monitor and maintain the preparation of birds for fertilisation



Overview

This standard covers the monitoring and maintenance of the preparation of birds ready for fertilisation. Fertilisation may take place through artificial insemination or through natural means.

This standard covers the planning of bird requirements for fertilisation and ensuring that the handling of birds is in accordance with welfare requirements.

The person completing this role will require considerable knowledge and practical skills and must be capable of identifying and resolving any problems that occur.

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 monitoring and maintaining the preparation of birds for fertilisation.

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Performance criteria

ou must be able to:	P1	monitor systems for identifying birds suitable for fertilisation
	P2	ensure the suitability of birds for breeding purposes are in accordance with the reproduction plans
	P3	monitor the physical condition of birds and their readiness for fertilisation
	P4	select birds at the optimum time in line with reproduction plan
	P5	monitor and maintain the environmental conditions to ensure
		fertilisation takes place in accordance with reproduction plans
	P6	monitor and maintain the handling and collection of birds in accordance with legislative and welfare requirements
	P7	ensure tools, equipment and machinery is fit for use and properly set up prior to undertaking activity
	P8	manage waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislation
	P9	ensure appropriate records are maintained and stored as required by relevant legislation and the organisation
	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

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:	K1 K2	how to monitor the suitability or unsuitability of the birds for fertilisation
		the different principles of fertilising birds
	K3	the system for identifying and gathering birds for fertilisation
	K4	relevant legislation and codes of practice in relation to insemination
	K5	how to assess the readiness of the birds for fertilisation
	K6	how changes in the physical condition of the birds may impact on their reproductive cycle, fertilisation and any actions to take to rectify this
	K7	ways of monitoring the physical condition and behaviour of the birds
	K8	how to prepare birds for fertilization from both natural and artificial insemination
	K9	the required semen dosages and the use and purpose of diluent (if required)
	K10	the process of artificial insemination in birds
	K11	the correct environmental conditions required for fertilisation
	K12	types of tools, equipment and materials required and how to maintain and use these safely and effectively
	K13	the requirements for feed and water and how this should be supplied
	K14	the types of problems which may occur and how these should be deals with
	K15	the purpose of the reproduction plan and the importance of keeping appropriate records
	K16	appropriate records to be kept and how long they should be retained
	K17	your responsibilities under current environmental, animal welfare and
		health and safety legislation and codes of practice
	K18	the legal and organisational requirements for the handling, transport, storage and disposal of waste

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Glossary

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Links to other NOS

Production planning is covered in AgM10

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