

# LANLP25 SQA Unit Code H5AR 04

## Collect, grade and prepare eggs for transport

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### 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:*

- 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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