

# LANLP36 SQA Unit Code H5B5 04

## Monitor and maintain the brooding and growth of young birds

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### Overview

This standard covers monitoring and maintaining the brooding and growing of large numbers of young birds. You are likely to have overall responsibility for this part of production, and are likely to be supported in this capacity by other workers. This standard involves ensuring that the brooding/growth areas and environmental conditions are in accordance with production 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 brooding and growth of young birds.

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### Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 assess the risks associated with the site and the brooding and growth of young birds
  - P2 establish the housing and brooding/growing areas are established correctly for the reception of day old and young birds
  - P3 ensure tools, equipment, machinery and material are used and maintained in a safe and effective condition
  - P4 monitor and maintain environmental conditions in accordance with production requirements
  - P5 ensure young birds are moved to the brooding/growing areas in the required numbers in a manner which maintains their health and welfare
  - P6 monitor the living conditions on a regular basis and where appropriate modify to optimise growth to meet production targets
  - P7 ensure food and water supplies are monitored and replenished as required by the system and production requirements
  - P8 ensure appropriate records are maintained and stored as required by relevant legislation and the organisation
  - P9 ensure that environmental and health and safety policies and risk assessment requirements are put into practice across your area of responsibility
  - P10 establish measures for the recycling or disposal of waste in accordance with legal and organisational requirements
  - P11 establish measures to maintain suitable levels of hygiene and bio-security

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 how to identify hazards and assess risks
- K2 types of housing for different production systems and how to establish them
- K3 how the seasons and weather conditions can affect the brooding/growth of young birds
- K4 the tools, equipment, machinery and materials required and how to ensure that they are used and maintained in a safe and effective condition and stored securely
- K5 the necessary environmental conditions for effective production
- K6 how to monitor and maintain environmental conditions and the effect these have on production
- K7 production requirements and how to monitor and maintain targets in relation to the brooding/growth of young birds
- K8 how young birds should be checked and handled, and the requirements of welfare codes in relation to the movement of young birds
- K9 correct physiological development of the bird
- K10 how the stocking of young birds affects growth and production
- K11 how to monitor and maintain food and water supply
- K12 actions to take in the event of a supply failure or equipment malfunction
- K13 appropriate records to be kept and how long they should be retained  
methods of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the reasons why it is important
- K14 the legal and organisational requirements for the handling, transport, storage and disposal of waste
- K15 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and company policies

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