

LANLP24 SQA Unit Code H5AP 04

Maintain egg production

Overview

This standard covers monitoring and maintaining egg production through maintaining a flock of laying birds in accordance with instructions.

Egg production covers a period of time from shortly after delivery of the point of lay poultry, till just after peak production has been reached, a period of normally about two months.

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 monitor and maintain egg production.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 select, prepare, use, maintain and store tools, equipment and machinery that are appropriate for the work, safely and affectively
 - P2 take steps to ensure eggs are laid in the appropriate place
 - P3 carry out egg production tasks in accordance with instruction
 - P4 maintain the health and welfare of birds to maintain egg production
 - P5 monitor the behaviour of the birds, identify concerns and report to the appropriate person
 - P6 monitor egg quality and report any concerns to the appropriate person
 - P7 check the environmental conditions where necessary according to organisational requirements
 - P8 monitor and maintain bird health and welfare in accordance with legislative and organisational requirements
 - P9 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with instructions
 - 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
 - P11 keep accurate up-to-date records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation
 - P12 maintain suitable levels of hygiene and bio-security
 - P13 maintain effective communication with colleagues and others involved or affected by the work

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 types of tools, equipment and materials required and how to maintain and use these safely and effectively
- K2 how to check environmental conditions and to whom they should be reported
- K3 expected egg production levels of the birds
- K4 normal and abnormal behaviour of the birds in the system and appropriate action to take
- K5 how to monitor and maintain the health and welfare of birds
- K6 how to monitor egg quality
- K7 appropriate records to be kept and their significance
- K8 limits of your responsibility
- K9 your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K10 how to deal with the different types of waste produced by the activity
- K11 the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security, and the methods for achieving this

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Glossary

Instructions: verbal or written

Environmental conditions - lighting, weather, heat, humidity, ventilation

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