

LANLP27 SQA Unit Code H5AT 04

Prepare, load and incubate eggs

Overview

This standard covers the preparation, loading and incubation of eggs for hatching in accordance with instructions.

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 preparing, loading eggs in incubations.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 prepare the incubation area and environment safely in accordance with instruction
 - P2 load eggs into the incubator correctly
 - P3 assist in checking incubator alarm system
 - P4 monitor and report faults of the incubator environment correctly in accordance with instructions
 - P5 assist with checking egg fertility at the required intervals in line with organisational requirement
 - P6 select eggs for hatching and transfer using the correct methods
 - P7 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with instructions
 - P8 maintain hygiene and biosecurity in accordance with instructions
 - P9 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
 - P10 maintain records as appropriate
 - P11 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 methods of preparing the incubation area and environment
- K2 the reasons why hygiene and bio-security is important and how this can be achieved
- K3 the timing requirements of the incubation system
- K4 ways in which eggs should be loaded into the incubator
- K5 the use of alarms and actions to be taken in the event of an alarm going off
- K6 methods and reasons for monitoring the incubator environment
- K7 indications that the incubator environment requires adjustment and the action to take
- K8 methods of checking the fertility of eggs
- K9 how to identify eggs are ready for transfer
- 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 limits of your responsibility

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Glossary

Instructions: verbal or written

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