



Australian Government

AHCPLY302 Brood poultry

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Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comment
1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to brood poultry.

This unit applies to all poultry species and breeds.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes of practice and sustainability practices.

This unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and use discretion and judgement in the selection and use of available resources.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Poultry (PLY)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Prepare for brooding	1.1 Confirm work to be undertaken from work program and management 1.2 Follow biosecurity procedures 1.3 Hold discussions with other workers who may be affected by the brooding operations to ensure smooth operation of enterprise production processes 1.4 Select, check and maintain tools and equipment

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	1.5 Identify work health and safety hazards, assess risks and implement suitable controls 1.6 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment
2. Place hatchlings	2.1 Check shed and equipment has been set up correctly for placement of chickens and for brooding 2.2 Start heaters prior to chick placement to ensure brooding section is at required temperature for chick placement 2.3 Check feed, water and shed conditions are adequate 2.4 Check shed and litter are at required temperatures 2.5 Carry chick containers safely and gently remove chickens from boxes and place on litter, paper or matting 2.6 Check chick behaviour regularly after placement 2.7 Follow enterprise animal welfare policies
3. Carry out brooding operations	3.1 Observe chick behaviour regularly 3.2 Check temperature regularly and adjust according to chicks requirements 3.3 Pick up dead birds and dispose of carcasses 3.4 Identify and remove sick, injured or unthrifty birds 3.5 Remove paper or matting at appropriate time 3.6 Extend brooding area as young birds grow 3.7 Check equipment, shed climate, litter condition and ventilation regularly, and adjust as necessary 3.8 Clean drinkers and equipment regularly 3.9 Remove wet litter and replace where appropriate 3.10 Adjust lighting program as chickens grow 3.11 Carry out black-out training where required 3.12 Monitor beak tipping at appropriate times 3.13 Monitor body weight regularly 3.14 Monitor feed and water intake
4. Complete cleaning, maintenance and administration activities	4.1 Dispose of waste in line with enterprise environmental policies 4.2 Clean, maintain and store tools, machinery and equipment appropriately 4.3 Clean and maintain work areas 4.4 Complete records promptly and accurately and report to management

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to AHCPLY302A Brood poultry.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>