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Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 9.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has safely and efficiently cared for at least three separate groups of brooding poultry.

Each group must include at least 20 birds, and for each group, the individual must have, according to enterprise requirements:

- identified and applied enterprise health and safety, animal welfare, infection control, biosecurity and environmental protection procedures related to setting up a poultry shed and undertaking brooding operations
- identified brood poultry quantity and housing shed and their specific housing requirements
- followed personal hygiene requirements
- identified at least three different health and safety hazards, and assessed and controlled associated risks
- selected, checked and correctly fitted appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- checked, cleaned and/or sanitised shed or section of shed, and related work surfaces
- checked shed equipment is operational, clean and sanitised
- checked for pests, vermin and/or predators, and implemented controls if required
- prepared shed specifically to meet health and welfare needs of incoming batch of poultry, including:
 - spread litter or placed paper or checked cages
 - set up, tested and adjusted feeders and drinkers prior to and after arrival of poultry
 - set up and adjusted lighting, temperature and ventilation equipment prior to and after arrival of poultry
- used safe and low stress bird handling techniques to move poultry and place them on litter or paper or cage/s in shed
- checked poultry behaviour and health to ensure successful acclimatisation to new housing
- completed brooding operations to maximise poultry growth, including:
 - monitored poultry behaviour and health regularly
 - identified and removed sick, injured or dead birds as required

- monitored and adjusted feeders and drinkers regularly
- monitored poultry body weight regularly
- monitored and adjusted lighting, temperature, humidity, ventilation and litter regularly, and adjusted according to growth of poultry
- extended brooding area to correspond to growth of poultry
- completed brooding records and/or reports according to enterprise requirements
- safely handled and mixed cleaning products and prepared cleaning equipment
- safely cleaned and/or sanitised shed, working surfaces, equipment and tools
- removed and disposed of waste according to enterprise procedures.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- key features of state/territory legislation, regulations and codes of practice for worker health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity and environment protection that apply to caring for poultry
- enterprise procedures and requirements for worker health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity and environment protection that apply to caring for and brooding poultry
- hazard identification, risk assessment and controls to minimise risks when caring for brooding poultry
- types, characteristics, cleaning and maintenance of poultry sheds and poultry brooding work areas
- industry standards, codes of practice and enterprise procedures for health and welfare of poultry during brooding
- impact on poultry behaviour, development, health and welfare of:
 - shed climate, including temperature, humidity and ventilation
 - light, lighting equipment and programmes
 - stocking density, including overcrowding
 - feeding and watering regimes
- enterprise procedures and methods for checking, operating, cleaning and/or maintaining equipment used in brooding poultry, including:
 - personal protective equipment
 - shed lighting and lighting programs
 - climate control equipment, including temperature, humidity and ventilation
 - feeding and watering equipment
- safe and low stress techniques and methods for handling and moving live poultry
- enterprise procedures for disposal and management of waste, including biosecurity and environmental requirements
- industry terminology to describe poultry health, welfare and biosecurity requirements
- notifiable diseases in poultry, including enterprise procedures for reporting and responding to notifiable diseases

- regulatory and enterprise documentation, records and reports required for poultry health care.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a commercial poultry production site or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live poultry specified in performance evidence
 - poultry production shed, materials, resources, tools and equipment, including PPE
 - safety data sheets
- specifications:
 - enterprise health and safety, animal welfare, infection control, biosecurity and environmental protection procedures for the activities.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>