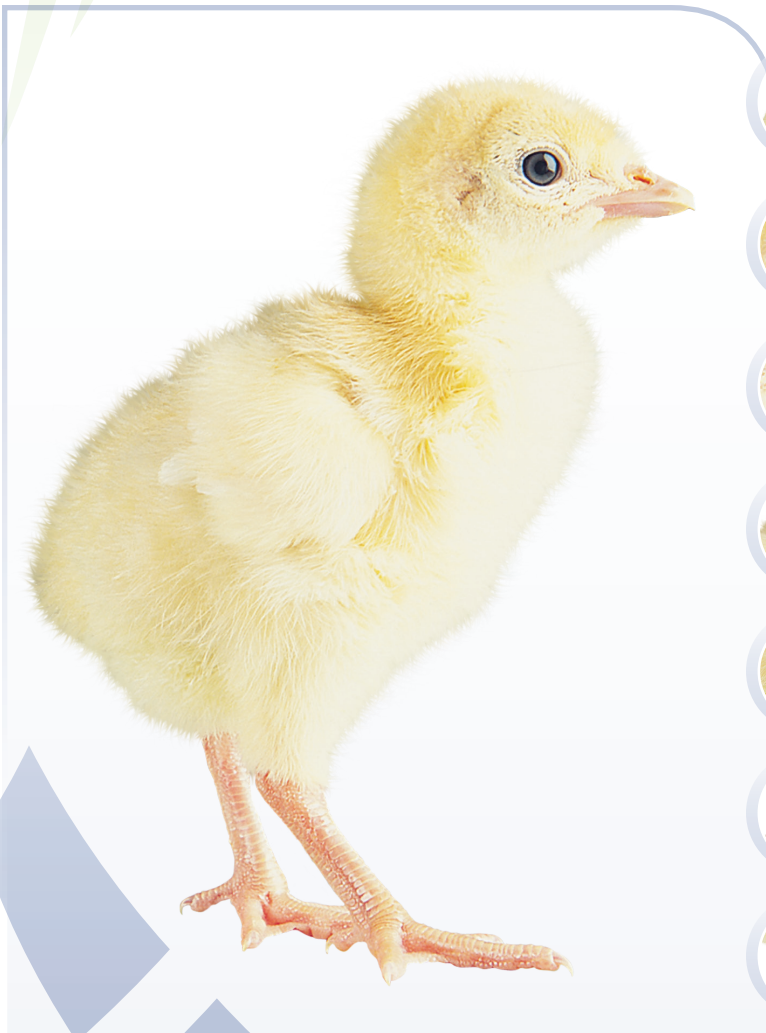


# Poult Quality

It is important to measure poult quality in order to evaluate incubation conditions. The image below shows several physical characteristics that have been associated with viability and performance of a flock after placement and therefore indicate proper incubation conditions.

If your hatch does not showcase the characteristics below, it is important to re-evaluate your incubation conditions in order to improve quality.



## Reflex:

when poult is placed on its back, it can quickly return to its feet



## Eyes:

open, alert and bright



## Beak:

strong and clean (no blood or malformations)



## Down:

appearance is dry and clean



## Yolk:

small and soft to the touch



## Navel:

closed with no scabs, strings or blood



## Legs:

strong, stands easily, no swelling or redness of hocks, no malformations

This sheet is intended as a reference and supplement to your own flock management skills. For additional information on each of the essentials referenced, please visit [resources.hybridturkeys.com](https://resources.hybridturkeys.com) or contact our technical team at [hybrid.tech@hendrix-genetics.com](mailto:hybrid.tech@hendrix-genetics.com)