

Egg Handling

The hatchery depends on lay farms to provide them with quality fertile eggs. Below you will find 4 key areas of focus for on-farm egg handling that will ensure top quality results, every time.

The Goal: To maximize the number of quality settable eggs going to the hatchery



Collection Frequency

- Collect eggs 8–12 times per day
- Collect nest eggs first, then floor eggs
- When collecting from a nest, ensure the egg is taken from the nest before helping the hen off the nest



Sorting

- Separate cull eggs from settable eggs
- Refer to 'Hybrid Turkeys Cull Egg Chart'
- After each collection, all settable and cull egg quantities should be recorded



Sanitation

- Settable eggs should be sanitized as soon as possible after being laid
- Sanitation of eggs can be done by either fumigation or spray application of a sanitizing solution (standards may vary by region)
- Egg sanitizing and handling rooms should be cleaned and disinfected daily



Storage Room

- Optimum temperature ranges are:
 - 0–7 days: 13–20°C (55–68°F)
 - 7–14+ days: 10–16°C (50–60°F)
- Optimum humidity conditions are 55 – 80% relative humidity
- Always clean and disinfect following the shipment of eggs to the hatchery (when the entire area is empty)

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 or contact our technical team at hybrid.tech@hendrix-genetics.com