

APPROVED PRACTICES FOR POULTRY

Select the approved practices from the list below which will be of benefit to your enterprise and record them on pages 3 and 4 in your Supervised Agriculture Experience Record Book. (This is only a general suggested list. Detail should be added to match your specific situation.)

1. Purchase chicks or pullets immune to and free of disease
2. Buy from a reputable hatchery that blood test
3. Select the proper bird for the purpose desired
4. Consider pinfeather color and amounts for specific market
5. Clean, disinfect, and fumigate housing facility
6. Provide adequate nesting space
7. Supply adequate brooder space
8. Maintain good ventilation with no damaging toxic gases
9. Maintain proper temperature
10. Control humidity as much as possible
11. Debeak when recommended
12. Vaccinate as necessary
13. Encourage early roosting of females
14. Clip or notch wings
15. Handle poults gently and only when necessary
16. Maintain proper lighting for maximum production
17. Provide proper feed storage
18. Supply a high-quality feed ration
19. Provide adequate amounts and types of grit
20. Feed birds to prime condition
21. Maintain a good medication program if necessary
22. Provide adequate feeder space
23. Locate feeders at proper height
24. Provide plenty of clean, fresh water
25. Use adequate amounts of clean litter
26. Utilize good manure handling procedures
27. Develop a disease prevention and control program
28. Develop a parasite prevention and control program
29. Restrict visits to your facility
30. Cull unhealthy birds or non-layers
31. Collect eggs regularly and clean if necessary
32. Store eggs in proper temperature and humidity
33. Properly candle eggs if necessary
34. Grade eggs for size
35. Package eggs for marketing
36. Study market trends and habits
37. Market birds at optimum time
38. Slaughter and process birds for retail market
39. Develop a regular market
40. Maintain accurate egg production records
41. Keep accurate enterprise records
42. Summarize and analyze records