

Preparing for the Season

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Staffing

- Staffing the right number of people
- Training
- Confidence in staff
 - Staff also needs to be confident



Supplies

- Inventory
- What was used last season?
- Organized inventory
- Expiration dates
- Order to start the season



Sample Supply Check List

- Medications
- Disinfectants
- Feed Flats
- Drinkers
- Alarm parts
- Brooders and parts
- Light bulbs
- Uniforms
- Boots/Booties
- Oasis Hatching Supplement
- Feed
- Spare feeder parts
- Spare drinker parts
- List goes on...



Disinfection

- Barns cleaned/pressure washed at the end of last season
- Automatic feed systems cleaned out
 - All feed from previous season removed
 - Disinfect and feed lines if possible
- Water lines cleaned out and sanitized
- Barns cleaned/pressure washed a second time and disinfected
 - Bio-security measures taken from here on out



Setting up the facility

- Turn brooders on a week before bedding room
- Turn water system on and check for leaks
- Run all fans and intake shutters
- Run feed system before getting feed
- Fix anything that is not working properly
- Test alarms and program the system

Setting up the facility

- After the moisture is out of the floor and the floor is warmed up – add the bedding
- Set the entire facility up how it should be
- Turn water off until just before getting birds
- Check daily for problems after set up



Setting up the facility

- Once you get one of the facilities set up move on to the next one.
- If you do not have brooders in the room for heat, you need to turn on your heat source at least a week in advance to get all the moisture out of the ground.
- The more areas you get set up beforehand will result in less stress once the chicks start arriving.

Placing Chicks

- At least the day before placing the chicks
 - Turn water on and double check for leaks
 - Wash any minis or drinkers other than nipple lines
 - Flush entire water system with fresh water
 - Put feed flats out and fill with feed
 - Run feed system and fill pans with feed
 - Make sure the heat is at the correct temperature
 - Second check on the alarm system
 - Make sure settings and phone numbers are correct

Placing Chicks

- Day of Chick placement
 - Top feed flats with Oasis hatching supplement
 - Check for water leaks and that all water systems are working correctly (clean and fix if any)
 - Check temperature in room
 - Check all brooders
 - Place chicks and make changes as needed

Barn 4 Room Fully Set Up



Starting Well

- If the season starts off well it will be easier to end the season well also.
- The more you get done before the start of the season the less you have to do once the birds start coming to your facility.
- It is not a guarantee, but it does not hurt to be ahead of the schedule.



Setting up Outside Facilities

- Set up catch pens and flight pens well in advance
- Plant cover if needed
- Spread salt/sulfur onto the ground in the catch pens
 - Till ground & add salt and sulfur at least 15 days before birds are let into the pens
 - 3 pounds of sulfur and 7 pounds of salt per 100 square feet (Milt Briney)
- Have huts, feeders, and drinkers cleaned and in pens before the birds go outside
- Add feed and straw a few days before the birds are moved into the pens

Catch Pens



Questions?

