



WATTLES & COMBS

BROODING

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TOPIC: CLEANING THE HOUSE

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1. CLEANING THE HOUSE

Depending on the season use water to clean the house thoroughly.

Ensure all the dry manure which sticks on the floor is scrapped out.

Sweep the house thoroughly.

Spray a strong antivirus. Drench the floor and the wall.

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2. Close all the spaces in the windows as you spray. The spraying should be done also after washing the house. For better results allow the house to dry before spraying.
3. Spread the wood shavings or whatever you would choose as a bedding for your chickens. Lay a paper on top of the shavings. (This is optional).

You can also use this paper to spray some little amounts of feed in order to allow the day old chicks to pick feed easily. (This also is optional).

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HOUSE PREPARATION A DAY BEFORE CHICKS COME

- 1) All font drinker and feeding trays must be ready for use.
- 2) Place them in the house. The number depends on how many chicks are receiving. 3 fonts for 100 birds
1 tray for 50 birds.
- 3) Warm up the house in advance to a temperature of 32- 33 degrees celsius.

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- 4) Put in water and feed just before chicks arrive.
- 5) When chicks arrive make sure you weigh them. Their weight must be above 36g and nothing below. Small chicks will give you a lot of stress to grow. It is good practice to select a few chicks and sample their weight.
- 6) Receive chicks on a stress pack or any vitamins that help reduce the stress from journey to your poultry house.

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- 7) Keep reducing temperature by 0.5 degrees celsius per day. A good guide to the house temperature is the behaviour of the chicks.
- a) If they are running away from the heat source then it is too hot for them.
 - b) When they are crowded around the heat source it is not warm enough in the house.
 - c) If they heap themselves on top of each other, the room is cold.
 - d) When they are roaming freely, eating and drinking the temperature is just right.

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- 8) If you keep the chicks at the correct temperature they will eat and grow.
- 9) Ensure that the floor is dry always, wet floors are a good breeding source for diseases.
- 10) Check frequently for any change in behaviour for the chicks and act quickly.

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- 11) Caution: Always ensure the charcoal is well out of the carbon monoxide stage before bringing the heat source in the house. NEVER PREPARE THE CHARCOAL HEAT SOURCE IN THE POULTRY HOUSE. Just like charcoal affects humans, it also affects chicks.
- 12) Always ensure the drinking water for chicks is clean because dirt in drinking water breeds diseases.

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