



BRITISH GAME ALLIANCE GAMEBIRD PRODUCER ASSURANCE HATCHING SCHEME STANDARDS

The BGA will regulate the following standards through our auditing partners.

The details below are not exclusive and reference should be made to the full Hatching Standards manual.

Planning & Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard copy/electronic standards available to all staff • Site Plan – details of housing • Emergency Action Plan – detailing procedures in the event of emergency • Key points detailed on sign/board available for all • Automated System malfunction/alert alarm in the event of equipment fail/malfunction • Complaints record • Environmental management – management of waste/appearance • Assurance status of birds from bought in eggs
Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction/supervision program for new staff • Records of staff training – staff fully trained for their roles • Performance review of staff • Training & documents delivered in all languages where English is not first language
Origin of Stock
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records of source of eggs • Biosecurity measures in place for custom hatching • Sourcing of eggs comply with Mycoplasma Working Group Recommendations
Predator & Pest Control
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predator & Pest control plan in place – management of site to discourage vermin • Adhere to the CRRU code if baits are used • Staff using bait trained and competent
Incubation & Hatching
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hatchery to be separate from rearing facilities • Staff & visitors to wear PPE • All operations to be kept separate • Equipment clean & maintained – records to show correct operation • Eggs collected at least daily • Equipment monitored when in use – records of checks • Beak trimming on <24 hrs old
Chick Management – hatching – 48 hrs old
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handling kept to a minimum • Housing well constructed • Sufficient access to feed and water • Clean dry litter available – birds able to keep clean • Adequate lighting to allow normal behaviour/adequate inspection. • Adequate ventilation – thermally comfortable/no build-up of foul air/high humidity
Bird Health & Welfare
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration with BGA Registered Vet/Vet Practice • Named person responsible for bird welfare • Minimum 2x daily inspection of birds • Sick/injured birds receive immediate attention • Flock health plan drawn up by the vet • Performance records kept • Biosecurity plan drawn up by vet • PPE provided for all staff/visitors • Foot dips and hand sanitisers/hand washing facilities at entrance to buildings – must be used
Medicines & Vaccines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only used when prescribed by vet

- Antibiotics must not be used prophylactically
- Justification for use of HP-CIAs
- Staff trained and competent to administer medicines
- Medicines stored securely
- Prescriptions, purchase, administration & disposal records kept

On Farm Casualty Killing/Slaughter (Culling)

- Only carried out by trained and competent person
- Casualty slaughter carried out without delay
- Only permitted methods allowed
- Disposal only by route detailed in BGA standards

Transport of Birds

- Containers must allow adequate ventilation/air circulation
- Containers must be appropriate for size/number of birds
- Monitoring system during transport – including means of alerting driver to changes of environment/temperature during the journey
- Contingency plans in place in case of fail of vehicle/equipment
- Max journey time for adult birds – 12 hrs; chicks < 72 hrs – 24hrs
- Drivers hold relevant Certificate of Competence for transport of game birds
- Type1 or Type 2 authorisation held as necessary