



Commodity Movement Guidance

DAY-OLD CHICKS AND POULTS

Product Description

- **Broiler day-old chicks** are newly hatched chicks from domesticated broiler chickens that are typically moved to a broiler grow-out facility within three days of hatching. Broiler day-old chicks may be used for commercial broiler meat production or to supply birds for breeding flocks.
- **Layer day-old chicks** are newly hatched chicks from domesticated egg layer type chickens that are moved from the hatchery within a couple of days after hatching. Layer day-old chicks may be used for commercial egg production (female) or to supply layer multiplier breeding flocks (male and female).
- **Turkey day-old poults** are young turkeys from domesticated turkey hatching eggs that are moved from a hatchery shortly after they hatch. Day-old poults may be used for commercial turkey (meat) production or to supply primary or multiplier turkey breeding flocks.

Requirements to be Met Prior to Movement

- Chicks/poults are moving from a hatchery that has a national premises identification number (PIN) and that receives eggs from breeder flock(s)/premises that are designated highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI)-free or that meet the criteria for a Monitored Premises designation (not an Infected Premises, Contact Premises, or Suspect Premises).
- Truck & driver biosecurity is implemented.
- Product-specific biosecurity as described in the appropriate Secure Poultry Supply (SPS) Permit Guidance document (see sub-bullets) is implemented and acceptable to Responsible Regulatory Officials.
 - [Moving day-old broiler chicks from hatchery without other poultry to single-age grow-out farm¹](#) (negligible to low risk)
 - [Movement of layer day-old chicks from hatchery to pullet premises²](#) (low risk)
 - [Moving turkey day-old poults from hatchery to brooder premises³](#) (negligible to low risk)

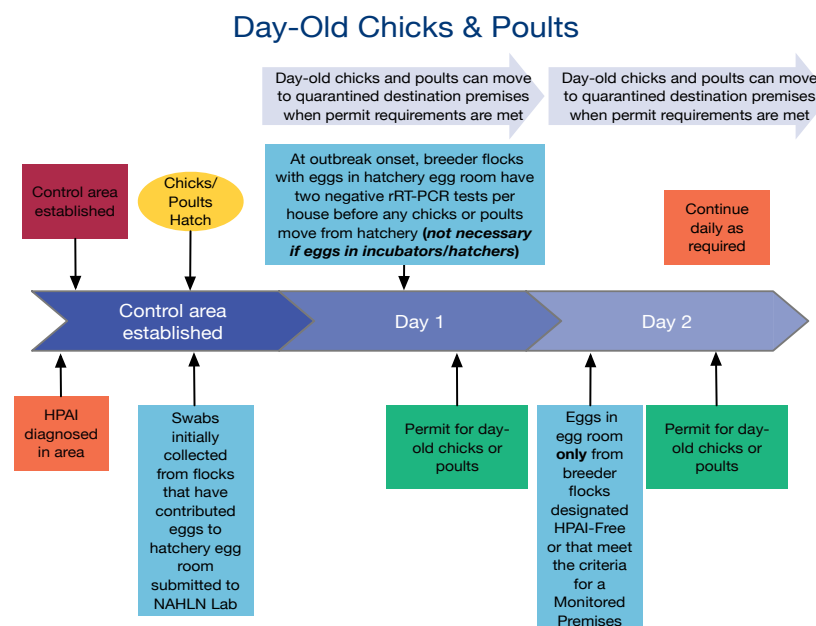
¹ https://securepoultrysupply.umn.edu/sites/securepoultrysupply.umn.edu/files/2022-06/2017_05_10_sps_doc.pdf

² https://securepoultrysupply.umn.edu/sites/securepoultrysupply.umn.edu/files/2022-06/sps-permit-guidance_layer-day-old-chicks_05-02.pdf

³ https://securepoultrysupply.umn.edu/sites/securepoultrysupply.umn.edu/files/2022-06/moving_turkey_day_old_poults_from_hatchery_to_brooder_premises_v1.4.pdf

- ❑ Chicks/poults are placed under 21-day quarantine at destination premises (quarantine may be released after 21 days, at the discretion of the appropriate regulatory officials, with no further testing if there are no unexplained clinical signs and no unexplained mortality).
- ❑ Before any chicks/poults move, at onset of an outbreak, initial testing of all breeder flocks located in a Control Area with eggs in hatchery egg room (*but not necessary if eggs in incubators/hatchers*) should have two negative real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR) tests per house.
 - For layer day-old chicks: When the Control Area is first established, if hatching eggs from breeder flocks of undetermined HPAI infection status in the Control Area are present in the hatchery, the hatchery connecting passages and receiving storage areas should be cleaned and disinfected with an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered disinfectant.
- ❑ Once Control Area and breeder flock testing is established, thereafter only chicks/poults from breeder flocks designated HPAI-free or that meet the criteria for a Monitored Premises designation may be moved from a hatchery within the Control Area.

Commodity Requirements Flowchart



Broiler and layer day-old chicks and turkey day-old poults may move by permit from a hatchery to destination premises, with a 21-day quarantine at the destination premises, provided permit requirements have been met. Requirements include appropriate premises designations, appropriate biosecurity, and rRT-PCR testing. Before any chicks/poults move, at onset of an outbreak, initial testing of all breeder flocks located in a Control Area with eggs in a hatchery egg room (but not necessary if eggs in incubators/hatchers) should have two negative PCR tests per house. Once the Control Area and breeder flock testing is established, hatching eggs from flocks inside the Control Area must come from flocks designated HPAI-free or that meet the criteria for a Monitored Premises designation.