

BIOSECURITY MEASURES

ESSENTIAL PRACTICES FOR THE CONTROL OF POULTRY RED MITES

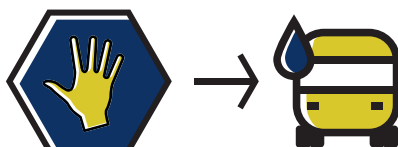
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Red mites can have a huge economic impact on your business. The points below will help you prevent and control red mites.

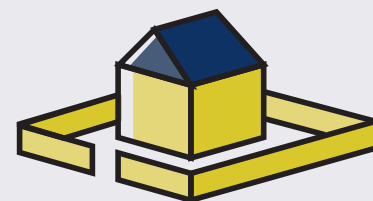
EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT

- Restrict entry and maintain visitors log
- Keep all wild birds and vermin out and eradicate rodents
- Clean and disinfect vehicles on entering the farm



INTERNAL ENVIRONMENT

- Install a perimeter fence and controlled access at all entrances
- Correctly maintain buildings to reduce hiding places for red mites and prevent vermin access
- Ensure that house surroundings are clean and have a hard pavement



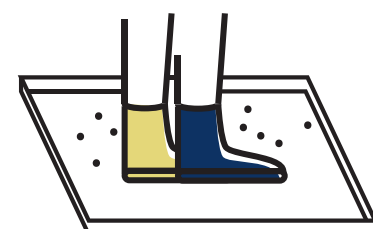
CLEAN AND DISINFECT

- Thoroughly clean and disinfect houses when empty, paying attention to cracks and crevices
- Maintain and clean egg conveyor belts, cross-belts and manure belts regularly



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- Maintain foot baths at the house entrance
- Maintain foot bath disinfectant at all times



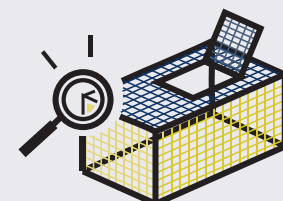
MANAGEMENT

- Check birds for presence of red mites before placement in the houses
- Check all containers and crates for red mites on entry
- Set red mite traps and monitor regularly



MATERIAL / EQUIPMENT

- Only use clean or new egg trays
- Clean containers and crates after use



REMOVAL OF CARCASSES

- Remove carcasses twice daily
- Clean and disinfect equipment used to remove carcasses
- Store carcasses in a locked freezer or container away from the bird area



PERSONNEL HYGIENE

- Install a changing room area with a biosecurity barrier
- Use shower when available to enter the farm



PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT

- Workers require separate outer clothing for each house
- Instruct hen collection teams to follow site biosecurity requirements



TAKE CONTROL

- Implement a plan for all the above measures and ensure it is followed
- The control of red mites depends on all the above biosecurity measures



CONTROL OF RED MITES
DEPENDS ON ALL OF US