

Chick Transportation

The main duty of hatchery is to **deliver chicks** to the broiler distribution agent or dealer/ growers as per demand schedule. After hatching and hardening of chicks it is necessary to pack the chicks for delivery. Chicks should not be taken from the incubator until the **fluff is thoroughly dry**. Well ventilated **chick box** is used to carry the chicks. Chicks can be transported by **truck, pick-up van, train, ship, aircraft, trolley etc.** Transportation should be selected considering season, temperature, weather and distance of hatchery to destination place. During shipment of chick **heat, cold and wind stress** should be avoided. Chicks should be delivered as early as possible after hatch. A newly hatched chick **retains a substantial amount of yolk in its abdominal cavity** which is sufficient to nourish it for a few days after hatching.

Chick arrival

A sanitized broiler house should be ready to receive the chicks. The brooder temperature and humidity should be checked. After arrival of chicks to the farm gate the farm owner or manager should be present there. **Chick boxes should be unloaded carefully as no chicks feel fear**. Day old vaccine should be applied during placement of chicks to the brooder. **Chicks should be entertained first with glucose water.**