

Broiler Record Keeping

Accurate record keeping is essential to monitor the performance and profitability of a flock, and to enable forecasting, programming and cash flow projections to be made. It also serves to provide an early warning of potential problems. The daily records should be on display for each house. In some countries the following data must be made available to the relevant authorities before the birds are slaughtered.

Daily Records include:

- Mortality and culls by house and sex
- Daily feed consumption
- Daily water consumption
- Water to feed ratio
- Water treatments
- Minimum and maximum daily temperatures
- Minimum and maximum daily humidity
- Number of birds taken for processing
- Management changes

Flock Records:

- Feed deliveries (Supplier/amount/type/date of consumption)
- Feed sample from each delivery
- Live weight (daily/weekly/daily gain)
- Medication (type/batch/amount/date of administration/date of withdrawal)
- Vaccination (type/batch/amount/date of administration)
- Lighting program
- Litter (type/date of delivery/amount delivered/visual inspection)
- Chick delivery (number/date/time/count in boxes/truck temp and humidity)
- Stocking density
- Chick Source (hatchery/breed/donor breeder code/chick weight)
- Weights of each load at processing plant
- Downgrades
- Date and time feed withdrawn
- Date and time catching started and finished
- Cleanout (total bacterial counts/visual inspection)
- Postmortem results
- Repairs and maintenance
- Generator tests weekly
- Alarm tests weekly
- Controlling sensors and thermostats (date calibrated)

Annual Records:

- Feed and Water (tested at source and at the drinker)