

# PRACTICES Poultry



Understand the importance of safety and management practices while raising a FFA livestock project.

## WHY SAFETY MATTERS IN AGRICULTURE

SAFETY REDUCES THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCIDENTS AND INJURY TO THE EXHIBITOR AS WELL AS THE LIVESTOCK PROJECT. THERE ARE THREE E'S TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN PERTAINING TO SAFETY

**EVALUATION, EDUCATION, AND ENFORCEMENT** 

**3 MAIN CAUSES OF AGRICULTURAL** ACCIDENTS

- INCORRECTLY INSTALLED ELECTRICAL **POWER**
- IMPROPER LIVESTOCK HANDLING
- DEFECTIVE MACHINERY

### NATIONALLY, NONFATAL **INJURIES OCCUR TO ABOUT 33% OF THE US FARMING POPULATION**

## COMMON HAZARDS IN THE BARN



The use of heat lamps and shavings bring a high hazard for potential fires.

## PREDATORS

Birds that are too young at the farm are more susceptible to predatory situations.

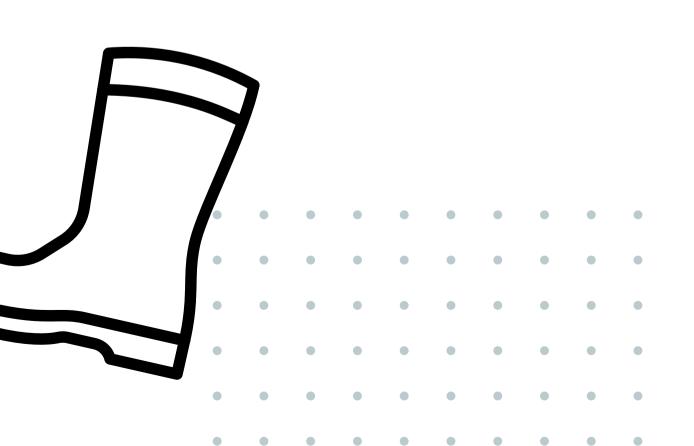
## WEATHER

Daily temperature fluctuations as well as harsh wind and rain can add stress to your birds **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)** 



## FOOTWEAR

Proper footwear is necessary at the barn. Close-toed, rubber sole shoes are able to be washed and sanitized & helps to prevent slipping on wet surfaces. To prevent the possibility of salmonella transfer from the birds to exhibitor (Not required).



## PROJECT CENTER SAFETY EQUIPMENT

## HEAT LAMPS

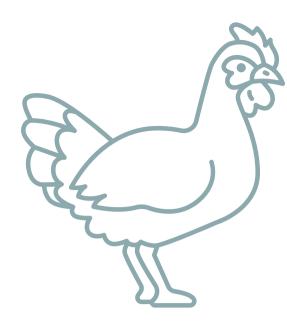
Heat lamps need to be high enough to not over heat the shavings. The cords also need to be out of birds reach to prevent pecking and exposing dangerous wires.

## GATES

Gates need to be kept shut especially within the poultry barn to prevent escaping. Locks are permitted as long as the species ag teacher has the spare key or code.

### WATER SPOUTS

Water spouts need to be fully turned off. This will prevent possible flooding of the farm or another exhibitors pen.



## POULTRY HANDLING SAFETY

Do not flip your poultry projects regularly especially if you have not be properly taught how. This can cause unnecessary stress to your project 2

When picking up your poultry projects be sure to hold them with their wings secured down to prevent any broken wings.

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Poultry carry Salmonella within their droppings and their bodies. To prevent personal illness be sure to always wash your hands after handing birds. Be sure to keep birds away from your face.

## POULTRY HANDLING SAFETY

To lower the risk of Avian Influenza. do not let your poultry come in contact with wild birds or waters contaminated with wild birds.

Keep pen, feeders, and waters clean. Feeders and waterers should be cleaned daily and shavings should be stirred often and cleaned out on a monthly basis.

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Always be aware of your bird's health. Observe them each time you feed for any signs. This is the very best way to catch symptoms before they become an issue that can hurt the entire flock.

## POULTRY PRODUCT SAFETY

Poultry supplies (e.g. food, containers, supplements) should be stored outside of the home, and in weather safe containers.

Poultry feeders and waterers should be kept clear of feces and shavings to prevent possible illness to the flock. Illness can be transferred amongst the flock through feces.

Feed and supplements should be administered according to the feed label on the packaging.

## UNDERSTANDING POULT

Product Name: Most important information. Will indicated if feed is medicated or not

Purpose Statement: Check to determine if the feed is formulated for your animal type

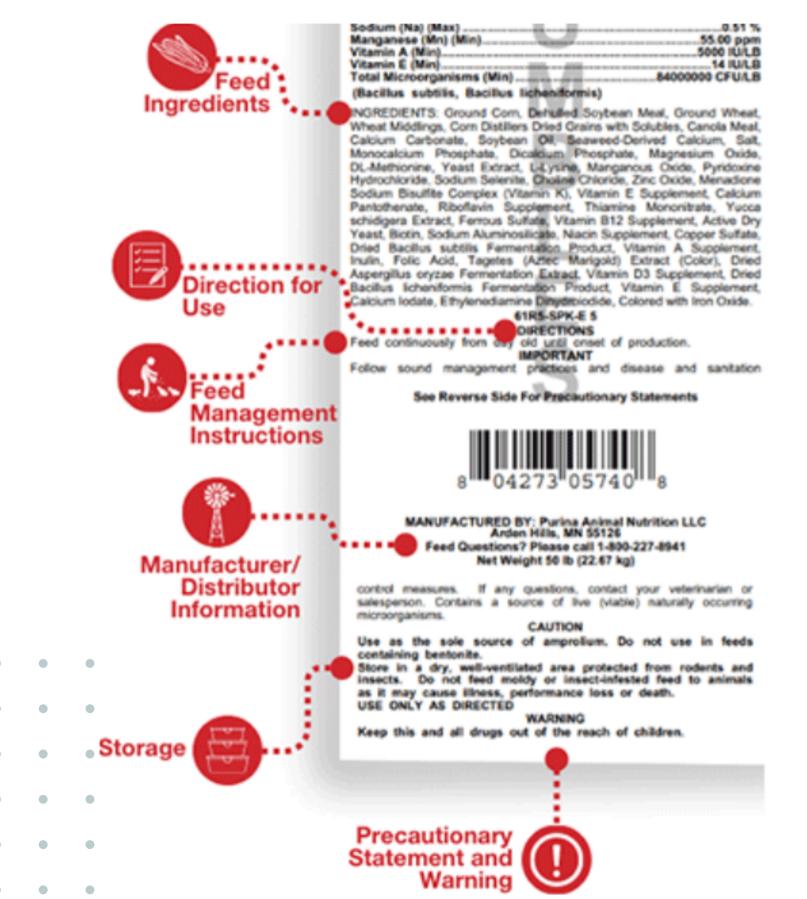
Active Ingredients: Lists the ingredients and their levels within the feed

Guaranteed Analysis: List of required nutrients dependent upon the use and animal type



TRY LABELS
PURINA*
START & GROW® AMP 0.0125%
Type C Medicated Feed COMPLETE FEED FOR STARTING AND GROWING LAYER CHICKENS For prevention of coccidiosis where immunity to coccidiosis is not desired.
ACTIVE DRUG INGREDIENTS
Amprolium
Crude Protein (Min) GUARANTEED ANALYSIS 18.00 %
Lysine (Min)
Methionine (Min)
Crude Fat (Min)
Calcium (Ca) (Min)
Calcium (Ca) (Max) 1.25 %
Phosphorus (P) (Min)

## UNDERSTANDING POULTRY L



Directions of Use: Explains the safe and effective use of the product

Feeding Management: Detailed description of how the product should be administered.

Warnings

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Manufacturer, Storage, and Statements &

## IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING LABELS

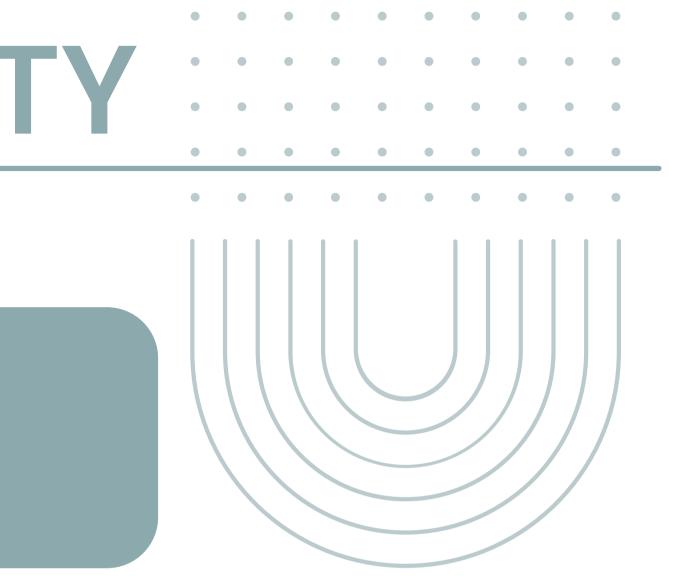
When a product (ex. feed, supplements, medication) is not being administered according to the directions provided on the labels, there is a risk that the nutritional need of the animal will not be met. There is also the risk that the ingredients within the product could be harmful to your project. All medications are specific to the animal and illness they are prescribed for.

## FIRE SAFETY

### Always secure heat lamps with a zip tie and ensure the birds cant reach the lamp, light bulb, or cords.



Cover the front of the light with chicken wire or wire mesh to keep hot broken glass from falling into your shavings should a broken bulb occur



### **Should a Small Fire Occur**

## **Step One**

Quickly remove the animal(s) from the pen and secure them in another -----location/pen.

### **Step Two**

Locate the facility fire extinguisher (will vary amongst facilities) and follow the proper use instructions.

### **Step Three**

Once there is no longer an immediate threat CALL THE SPECIES SPECFIC AG TEACHER. If they do not answer text them saying "EMERGENCY" and they will call back.





### **Step Four**

Follow the instructions from the ag teacher for next steps regarding clean up, and moving the project back to their pen.

### \*REMEMBER ALWAYS STAY CAL

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY

The student is responsible for the safe use of electricity at the Project Center. The use of electrical devices or extension cords must meet NEC and UL electrical codes

Extension cords must be heavy-duty outdoor rated

Multiple cords from one outlet with a splitter is not allowed No Christmas lights or other lighting (other than heat lamps) are allowed

All extension cords may run only with prior approval from the Agriscience Teacher

## **Emergency Preparedness**

## **Major Injury**

If a major injury occurs be sure to contact your species ag teacher immediately and they will notify emergency contacts and assist in the situation. If a minor injury occurs take the proper action to clean the area proper and treat it as needed from a first aid kit. All open wound must be covered before handling your project.

## First Aid Kits

It is highly recommended you keep a fully stocked first aid kit on site in your tack box.

\*\*Rule of Thumb\*\* Always contact the species ag teacher in the event of any injury

## Minor Injury



Notify 911 in the event of a severe emergency.

## **REPORTING &** COMMUNICATION

### SEE

Any accident, safety hazard, or rule infraction is to be reported IMMEDIATELY

Be sure to report to the project/species supervising teacher using provided phone number

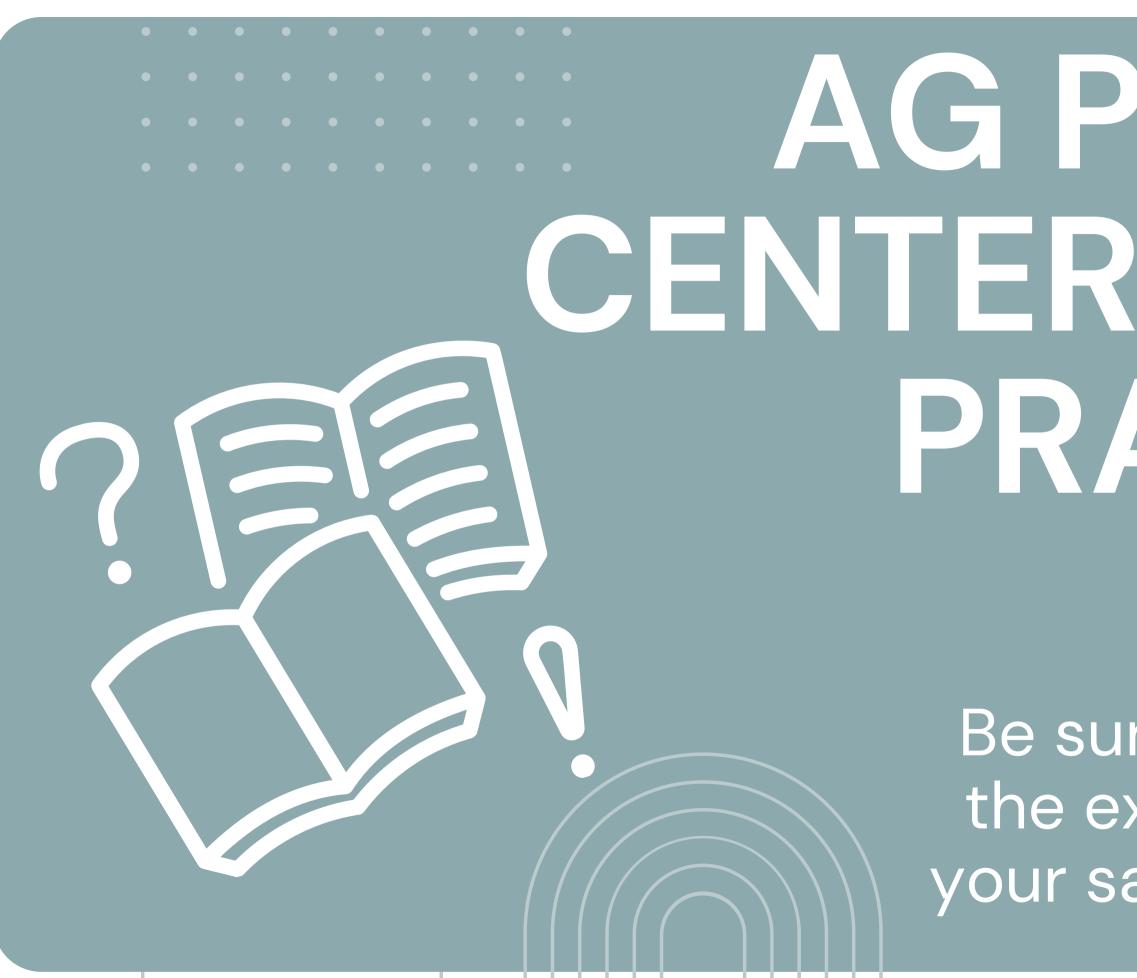
REPORT

Should a reported incident need teacher intervention and camera playback, be sure to have a date and time frame to ensure a quick response.



### RESPONSE

This will allow for a quick response and solution.



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Be sure to complete the exam to receive your safety certificate