

Chick Quality Assessment

Alertness: an alert chick has wide-open bright eyes and appears to be curious.

Vigor: a vigorous chick is instantly active when disturbed and shows no signs of weakness.



Acceptable

Not Acceptable



Chicks should stand up and be active. If placed on their backs they should turn themselves within 3 seconds

Condition: the condition of the chick is evaluated by handling. A chick in good condition is firm, not mushy. The navel is healed, the fluff is not matted and the chick presents no signs of dehydration. Unhealed navels provide an early access route for bacterial infections, resulting in chick losses.

Normality: a normal chick has no apparent deformity and shows no signs of abnormality such as twisted beaks, twisted toes, crippled or straddled legs, etc. There should not be noticeably undersized birds within the lot.



VENT



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NAVEL



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HOCK



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