Day Old Chick Transport

Angelfish Investments

Broiler Chick Sales
Box takes 100 chicks divided in four compartments with 25 birds. Reason is to have reasonable space for them during transport. Box also have saw dust or paper cuttings to absorb any moisture and to warm birds. Further will it stop slipping that can cause injury.
Influence of Temperature and Movement.

• Difference between summer and winter transport – Summer try to remove as much heat as possible and Winter try to retain as much heat as possible.

• Chicks by nature crowd together for heat as well as fear for movement. This can cause overheating in Summer and multiple deaths.

• Due to overcrowding can chicks at bottom or corners be squashed to death in Winter.
Delivery Vehicles

Close box canopies are used so airflow can be controlled by vents and fans. No cooling or heating done. Only positive airflow encouraged to relieve or control air temperature inside.
Airflow mechanisms

Side Vents
Fresh air inlets when moving.

Extractor Fans
Fresh air inlet down pipe
Importance of controlled airflow

• We use the temperature outside, so when handing chicks to farmer, birds started acclimatizing already which reduce stress.

• Transporting them in darker environment also reduce stress.

• Boxes designed to allow airflow through all sides with multiple holes punched on all sides.
Routes for delivery

• Working from Polokwane, vehicles follow planned routes in different directions.
• The vehicle driver will contact farmer indicating approximate time of arrival and to make sure of direction.
• We encourage speedy offloading to avoid overheating.
Chick quality

- Our vehicles pickup day-old chicks within an hour after it being hatched.
- We only distribute 1\textsuperscript{st} grade Ross 308 chicks. All birds are vaccinated with Newcastle and Infectious Bronchitis.
- All birds are flock batched to help traceability if problems should arise.
- Same flocks are boxed together to supply uniformed sizes. Aim at least 40g.
Orders

• We require order and payment at least one week in advance.

• Chick delivery Fridays only except on public holiday or if notified in advance.

• All shortages and deaths for first two days will be attended to with following order.

• Severe losses (more than 5%) must be reported immediately.
• Always have house ready with fresh sawdust.
• In summer and if delivery is in afternoon, give birds only water with stress pack for first hour and then give them feed. It helps them recover from heat stress and allow the body temperature to stabilize.
• Try to limit noise and movement for the first few days so the chicks can relax and focus on eating.
Thought of the day

Ask yourselves:

Your day-old chick wants to live and grow.

If they die or grow slowly.

First: What did you do to kill them or cause them to grow slowly.

Second: What did you not do that killed them or caused them to grow slowly.

Third: What ever the answer, you must try to do or not to do it again.
Why change suppliers?

• We deliver.
• We listen to complaints.
• We will come and investigate if mortality rate is high and persistent.
• We communicate with farmer.
• We supply right through the year.
• We are connected to feed company.
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