



AnimalHealthCanada

Keeping Your Birds Healthy



POULTRY FEED AND REPLACEMENT LITTER

1. Closed Storage

- Store feed, feed ingredients, and fresh litter in closed bins, silos, or buildings to keep out contaminants such as wild birds, rodents, and insects.

2. Elevated Storage

- Keep bagged feed off the floor on pallets or shelves to reduce exposure to moisture and pests.

3. Rodent Control

- Implement effective rodent control measures around storage areas, such as traps, bait stations, or physical barriers.

4. Daily Checklist for Feed and Litter Protection

- Verify that delivery trailers are covered and clean before unloading.
- Inspect storage bins, silos, and buildings for damage or signs of pest activity.
- Check rodent control measures and replenish traps or bait stations as needed.
- Inspect feed handling equipment for cleanliness and disinfect as necessary.
- Clean up spills immediately and document their location and resolution.

5. Immediate Spill Cleanup

- Clean up spills right away and keep a record of where they happened and how you fixed them.

6. Daily Spill Checks

- Conduct a daily inspection of feed storage and handling areas to identify and address spills or other contamination risks.

7. Dedicated Equipment

- Use equipment specifically designated for handling feed and fresh litter to prevent cross-contamination.

8. Cleaning and Disinfection

- Clean and disinfect all equipment used to transport or move feed and litter before and after use.

9. Careful Movement

- Minimize spillage when moving stored feed, feed ingredients, and fresh litter into poultry houses.

10. Biosecurity Plan

- Document all steps taken to protect feed and litter from contamination in your biosecurity plan. This should include:
 - Written protocols for feed and litter transport, storage, and handling.
 - Log sheets for monitoring spills and equipment cleaning.
 - Guidance for contractors and delivery personnel.

11. Continuous Improvement

- Use the logs and daily checks to identify recurring issues, such as frequent spill locations, and develop solutions to reduce risks.

12. Delivery Trailers

- Ensure all delivery trailers transporting feed, feed ingredients, and fresh litter are securely covered to prevent contamination during transport.