



Transport and Early Feeding in Poultry

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Message from the Guest Editors

The importance of optimal early life conditions for day-old chicks to sustain good health and maintain efficiency in the farm system has increasingly been recognized. Practical implementation of early nutrition is achieved through the supply of water and feed in the hatcher or by hatching the eggs on-farm. Both systems are meant to provide hatchlings with immediate access to nutrition. However, it is not yet clear what nutrients and feed form will be most beneficial for the support of day-old chicks in both systems. Moreover, farm hatching systems require the transport of incubated eggs with live embryos to the farm and to avoid the transport of chicks. In some cases, hatchery fed chicks need to be transported to the farm, and the effect of different transport durations on later performance are unclear. Transport duration, nutrition, and the interactions between access to nutrition and transport in chicks are of interest for this Special Issue.

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