



APPENDIX 10 PICK-UP AND TRANSPORT TO PROCESSING PLANT

An issue that deserves a special mention is biosecurity during pick-up and transport to a processing plant. During that procedure, the aim of appropriate biosecurity measures is to prevent the spread of any disease or microbial contamination from one farm to another. This can happen readily through the movement of people, vehicles and equipment, for example transport crates, and measures have to be taken by all those involved in this operation to minimise the likelihood of such exposure.

In the majority of commercial arrangements, the processor is responsible for organising pick-up and transport, while the task is often carried out by specialised contractor crews. The onus is on the processor to ensure that those involved in this operation are fully aware of the biosecurity requirements and implement and enforce appropriate standards.

The table below should assist in clarifying the roles and responsibilities for contract growers. It lists the main steps and procedures that need to be considered and indicates who is responsible for each step and who is usually expected to undertake the necessary action. For arrangements that differ from the contract grower/processor situation found in the majority of meat chicken operations, the responsibilities may shift more towards the grower. Regardless, the tasks and actions to be undertaken remain the same, and these need to be assigned and carried out appropriately.

Task / action	Responsibility	Execution
Scheduling farms for daily pick-up from youngest to oldest bird population	Processor	Pick-up Crew
Scheduling farms for daily pick-up so that farms or flocks with real or suspected health issues are picked up last	Processor	Pick-up Crew
Cleaning of crates, modules and trailers before the start of work each day	Processor	Processor
Cleaning catching barriers, all other machinery and equipment, vehicles, trucks, forklifts etc. before the start of work each day	Catching Contractor	Catching Contractor
Disinfecting shoes and hands at the start and at the conclusion of work in each shed	Pick-up Crew	Each Member of Pick-up Crew
All personnel involved in pick-up operation to wear clean clothes and boot (at beginning of each shift)	Pick-up Crew	Each Member of Pick-up Crew