# Maritime Chicks

# North America's First Hatchery with Food and Water

#### 12 Months

### **Growing Broiler Chicks**

Hatched with

Food and Water

#### Why Early Feeding

- Animal Welfare
- Bird Health
- Barn Performance
- Elimination of antibiotics

WHY WOULD WE NOT DO IT?

#### Light, feed and water in hatcher: first necessities of life

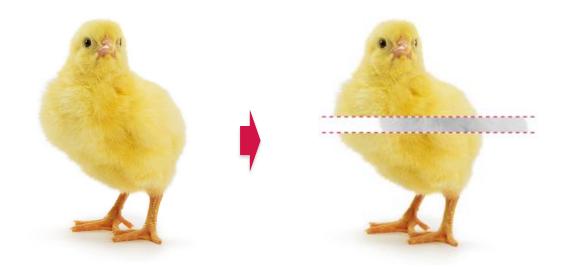
- No dehydration
- No hunger
- Optimal continuation of development

#### Positive effects of early feeding in HatchCare

- Faster uptake of residual yolk
- Improved intestinal development
- Improved immune system



# Dehydration is unhealthy!



Average Hatch Chick weight of 45g increases over 8gr

# HatchCare: Hatcher with Light, Feed and Water











#### Our Expectations

- Better Hatch (4%)
- Higher chick weight of day old chick (5g)
- Improved 7 day weight (20g)
- Lower Mortality (1%)
- Better Feed Conversion (3%)
- Eliminating all antibiotic use at hatchery
- Reducing "hatchery infection" costs (75%)
- Chick for antibiotic free production

Spring 2016

Cobb Fast Feather

Mash Feed High Performance Diet

Average 9 hour travel time to slaughter

Hatch up from 85% to 89%

Chick weight up over 10g to 58g avg

7 Day weight up 43g to 199g avg

Mortality down 1.5% to 2.1%

EEF score up from 342 to 382 (12%)

• FC 1.69 down to 1.66 (-2%)

 AVG Weight at slaughter 2.28 up to 2.53 (9%)

Zero antibiotics at hatchery

Zero "hatchery infections" at farm

Life of Flock Mortality from 3.6% to 2.1%

#### Unexpected Results

- Chicks are ready for the barn
- Reduced amount of feed on floor by 75%
- Initial Barn Temperatures lowered
- 2015 Spring 40 day 2.28 FC of 1.68
- 2016 Spring 41 day 2.53 FC of 1.66
- 4 Day mortality down 7% to 0.54%
- 10 Day mortality down 8% to 1.03%

### Biggest Surprise

- Our oldest barns with poorest results
- Underperforming barn managers

#### TRANSFORMED

- Old barns perform as well as new barns
- All barn managers are much more equal

#### It all starts with the eggs

- Award Winning Hatching Eggs
- No Floor Eggs

Perfect Climate during storage and

**Transport** 



#### Next Step is Great Incubation

18 days of perfect embryo development



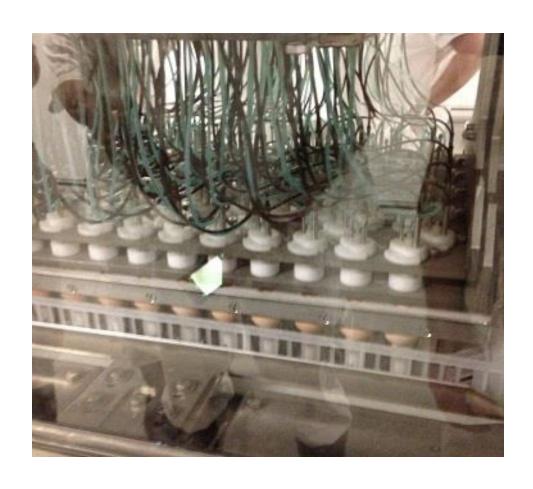
#### Transfer to Hatcher

Live Embryo Detection

Only viable eggs are moved



# Eggs are Vaccinated



#### Feed is added



# Perfect Hatching Climate for All

Early – Normal – Late Hatch Windows are all accomandated



#### Food & Water





And FUN and SUN

#### "Hatch" Day

- Chicks remain un-distrurbed in box
- One quick inspection
- One quick vaccination



# Next Stop - Farm



#### 12 Months Results

- 2015 Traditional Hatchery
- 2016 Hatch Care Hatchery
- Cobb Fast Feather
- Mash Feed Medium Performance Diet
- Average 9 hour travel time to slaughter

#### 12 Months Results

7 Day weight up 18% to 152g

Mortality down 42% to 2.15%

Condemns down 20% to 0.4%

EEF score up from 300 to 355 (18%)

#### 12 Months Results

ADG up from 53g to 60g (13%)

• FC 1.76 down to 1.69 (-4%)

 AVG Weight at slaughter 2.30 up to 2.55 (11%)

