

**START DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CYCLE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# BIRDS PLACED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MORTALITIES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FEED INTAKE:** \_\_\_\_\_ g

**AVE END WEIGHT:** \_\_\_\_\_ g

**FCR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REVENUE:** \_\_\_\_\_



# BROILER MANAGEMENT CARD

CYCLE #: \_\_\_\_\_ # BIRDS PLACED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# BIRDS	x	SOLD @	=	REVENUE
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<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>				<b>R _____</b>

ITEM	COSTS
Bedding	R _____
Day-old chicks	R _____
Feed	R _____
Vaccinations	R _____
Additional medications	R _____
Water (estimate)	R _____
Electricity	R _____
Other (_____)	R _____
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<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>R _____</b>

**PROFIT: (REVENUE - COSTS =)**

R \_\_\_\_\_ - R \_\_\_\_\_ = R \_\_\_\_\_

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## MAXIMISE PROFIT WITH THESE KEY TIPS:

- Phase feeding is the most economical way to farm chickens. It involves providing different diets at each growth stage. This ensures that the feed matches the bird's nutritional needs at that point in its development, enabling optimum growth with minimal wastage.
- Lower mortality (bird losses), higher profit.
- Early sales mean less maintenance feeding & so lower feed costs, consider trying to pre-sell your birds to minimise maintenance feeding.
- Consider selling in bulk to hawkers to clear stock fast.
- Consider pricing per day, the longer you keep them, the more you charge to recover the feed cost.

## KEY BROILER FARMING TIPS:

- Ready the house a **minimum of 2 days** before your chicks arrive.
- Ensure there are **enough feeders & drinkers** for number of birds.
- Ensure that feeders & drinkers are **always full & disinfected**.
- Follow the correct **vaccination** programme.
- Follow the recommended **lighting** programme.
- **Manage curtains** correctly for optimum **ventilation**.
- Ensure strict **BIOSECURITY** measures are in place at all times.
- Visit [www.epol.co.za/epol-experts/](http://www.epol.co.za/epol-experts/) for detailed broiler farming advice.
- Download breed guides & broiler management booklets from our website.

## REGULAR CHICK CHECKS USING ALL YOUR SENSES

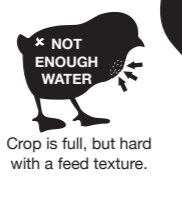
**Observe** bird behaviour including distribution around the house, number of birds feeding, drinking and resting. Do the birds look healthy? What is their behaviour? Take note of their posture, alertness, eyes and gait. Also survey and take note of the environment including things like dust in the air and litter quality.

**Listen** to the birds' vocalisation and breathing sounds. **Listen** to the mechanical sounds of fan bearings and feed augers.

Take note of **smells** in the environment (e.g. ammonia.) Is the air stale or stuffy? Observe and **test** the water and feed quality.

**Handle** the birds and check their crops to assess crop fill. Also examine their general condition. Check if the ventilation is correct. Is there a draft? What does the temperature of the house feels like?

**WITHIN 48 HOURS CONDUCT CROP CHECKS** to make sure birds have started to consume feed & water as this has a significant impact on future growth performance.



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