

COURSE OUTLINE: MANAGING A HATCHERY

This intensive course is designed for successful broiler producers who want to learn how to manage a hatchery, and for those already running a hatchery but needing to upgrade their technical knowledge. The course runs at the KZNPI over 5 days and is facilitated by industry experts who have the ability to equip delegates with the required knowledge and practical skills. Delegates are given the opportunity to observe dissections on broiler breeder hens and cocks, and to get involved with egg breakouts as a tool for diagnosing problems and improving hatch quality. Delegates must be fluent in English.

COURSE CONTENT

Module 1	Reproduction and egg formation
Module 2	On-farm handling of hatching eggs
Module 3	Handling and storage of eggs
Module 4	Preparing eggs for setting
Module 5	The setter
Module 6	Hatcher environment and hatching process
Module 7	Chick processing
Module 8	Embryo diagnosis
Module 9	Biosecurity and hatchery hygiene
Module 10	Running the business