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## Preface

Many changes have taken place in hatcheries during recent years, such as the introduction of computer monitoring and control of the machines, and automation of many day-to-day hatchery operations. Additionally, there is increasing awareness of the role of the hatchery in disease control.

A sound understanding of the principles involved in incubating eggs and hatching chicks is vital to cope with these changes. This guide is designed to explain these principles as related to broiler breeding stock and to highlight the main aspects of hatchery management from egg production to chick delivery.

This guide is provided as a supplement to your hatchery management skills so that you can apply your knowledge and judgment to obtain the best results. Recommendations are based on current scientific knowledge and practical experience. You must be aware of local legislation, which may influence the management practice that you choose to adopt.

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