

Removing Turners from Incubators

*If you are using an IncuView Incubator, you will not need to remove the turner. The turner will stop turning on Day 18. You will still need to add water to increase the humidity level.

1. On Day 18 (or a date given to you by Extension staff), lift the lid off the incubator and set aside.
2. Lift the turner out of the bottom of the incubator while leaving the eggs in the turner. Carefully set on a sturdy, flat surface.
3. Gently move eggs one by one from the turner to the wire hardware cloth in the bottom of the incubator. (If there aren't paper towels already under the wire hardware cloth, you can add some to make clean up easier.)
4. Before placing the lid on the incubator, add additional water to help increase the humidity level. The humidity needs to be maintained at between 55-65% for the final days before and during hatching.
5. Replace the lid on the incubator.

*While the chicks are hatching, you may notice they are taking a longer time than normal or they are stuck to the eggshell. If that is the case, the humidity needs to be raised. Add a wet sponge or a cup of water (in each corner) to the incubator and keep it full/wet until all the chicks have hatched. It is possible to also have too much humidity. You'll notice the chicks won't dry off and their feathers won't become fluffy. If that happens, remove the extra source(s) of water but don't take it all away.

