Free NAE Preliminary Assessment Checklist™

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1. WHO SHOULD USE THIS CHECKLIST?

This checklist is designed for poultry farm owners, managers and technical teams who want to evaluate whether their farms are ready to transition to a No Antibiotics Ever (NAE) table-egg production system.

It provides an initial assessment of:

Farm biosecurity.

Flock health management.

Antibiotic-use control.

Feed and water management.

Egg handling and traceability.

Operational recordkeeping.

2. HOW TO COMPLETE THE CHECKLIST

Score each checkpoint using the following system:

Score	Meaning
0	Not in place
1	Partly in place
2	Fully in place and supported by evidence

Do not award a score of 2 based on verbal assurances alone.

SECTION 1: FARM BIOSECURITY

A. Site Access and People

Assessment checkpoint Score

Farm entry is controlled and visitors are recorded. 0 / 1 / 2
Footwear and clothing changes or effective disinfection procedures are used. 0 / 1 / 2
Staff receive biosecurity training. 0 / 1 / 2
Visitor logs and contractor access procedures are maintained. 0 / 1 / 2

B. House, Equipment and Pest Control

Assessment checkpoint Score

Poultry houses and equipment have documented cleaning procedures. 0 / 1 / 2
Rodent, wild-bird and insect control measures are implemented. 0 / 1 / 2
Dead-bird collection and disposal follow hygienic procedures. 0 / 1 / 2
Litter and manure handling are properly managed. 0 / 1 / 2

C. Flock Separation and Movement

Assessment checkpoint Score

Different age groups and flocks are adequately separated. 0 / 1 / 2
New birds are sourced from identifiable suppliers. 0 / 1 / 2
Incoming birds undergo isolation and observation. 0 / 1 / 2
Movement of staff and equipment between houses is controlled. 0 / 1 / 2

SECTION 2: FLOCK HEALTH, INPUTS AND RECORDS

D. Veterinary Oversight and Flock Health

Assessment checkpoint Score

A poultry veterinarian or qualified poultry health professional supports the flock-health programme. 0 / 1 / 2
Mortality, culling, feed intake, water intake and egg production are monitored daily. 0 / 1 / 2

Abnormal signs trigger prompt investigation. 0 / 1 / 2
Vaccination and preventive-health plans are documented. 0 / 1 / 2
An outbreak response procedure is available. 0 / 1 / 2

E. Antibiotic-Use Control

Assessment checkpoint Score

The farm has a written NAE policy. 0 / 1 / 2
Antibiotics are not routinely used for growth promotion. 0 / 1 / 2
All medicines and treatments are recorded and traceable. 0 / 1 / 2
There is a documented response plan if antibiotic treatment becomes necessary. 0 / 1 / 2
Eggs from treated birds can be identified and segregated from NAE-labelled supply. 0 / 1 / 2

Important animal welfare principle

NAE must never mean withholding necessary treatment from sick birds.

Where treatment is clinically necessary, follow veterinary advice, applicable regulations and the farm's NAE protocol.

F. Feed, Water and Supplier Control

Assessment checkpoint Score

Feed suppliers and batches are identifiable. 0 / 1 / 2
Feed is stored properly and protected from contamination. 0 / 1 / 2
Water quality is assessed and water systems maintained. 0 / 1 / 2
Feed and water consumption are monitored.0 / 1 / 2
Supplier specifications and input declarations are retained. 0 / 1 / 2

SECTION 3: EGGS, TRACEABILITY AND READINESS SCORE

G. Egg Collection, Handling and Traceability

Assessment checkpoint Score

Egg collection procedures minimise contamination and breakage. 0 / 1 / 2
Eggs are sorted, packed and stored hygienically. 0 / 1 / 2
Egg batches can be traced to their flock and production date. 0 / 1 / 2
Flock health and treatment records are linked to egg batches. 0 / 1 / 2
Rejected, dirty and cracked eggs are handled appropriately. 0 / 1 / 2

H. Management Systems and Staff

Assessment checkpoint Score

Written Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) exist. 0 / 1 / 2
Staff responsibilities are clearly defined. 0 / 1 / 2
Staff training records are maintained. 0 / 1 / 2
Management reviews records and implements corrective actions. 0 / 1 / 2

4. YOUR PRELIMINARY NAE READINESS SCORE

There are 33 assessment checkpoints.

Maximum possible score: 66 points.

Score Assessment

0–32 Early-stage foundations
33–49 Developing systems
50–66 Promising preliminary readiness

These are indicative self-assessment bands, not validated certification standards.

A high score does not compensate for serious weaknesses in biosecurity, treatment control, animal welfare or traceability.

Record Your Results

Total score: _____ / 66

Number of zero scores: _____

Number of one scores: _____

Number of two scores: _____

Unresolved critical flags: _____

SECTION 4: CRITICAL READINESS FLAGS

Regardless of your total score, identify whether any of these conditions apply.

Critical risk Yes / No

No reliable record of medicines administered to the flock.
No way to identify eggs from birds that received antibiotic treatment.
Routine antibiotic use without an appropriate documented protocol.
Serious gaps in visitor control, pest control or flock separation.
No process for investigating unusual mortality or illness.
No dependable egg-batch traceability.
Necessary treatment may be withheld to maintain an NAE claim.

Important: Unresolved critical risks mean the farm should not claim NAE readiness based on this checklist alone.

SECTION 5: YOUR FIRST THREE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Identify the three most important improvements your farm needs.

Priority	Gap identified	Corrective action	Target date
1			
2			
3			

WHAT NEXT?

Use your assessment results to identify the operational gaps that need attention before transitioning to an NAE production system.

Keep supporting documents available, including:

Flock registers.

Mortality records.

Egg production records.

Medication and treatment records.

Vaccination programmes.

Feed and water records.

Cleaning and disinfection records.

Visitor logs.

Supplier documentation.

Egg-batch traceability records.

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For a deeper review of your farm's NAE transition risks, request a preliminary technical assessment from Nojo Farms Limited.

Our objective is to help poultry farms strengthen biosecurity, improve flock management and develop reliable systems for responsible NAE egg production.

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