

# GOOSE INCUBATION REFERENCE GUIDE

## Egg Storage

- Mark eggs with date.
- Mark one side with X and one side with O.
- Turn eggs from X to O 3 times daily.
- Store at room temperature for 10 days max.
- Store eggs flat.

## Cooling & Misting

- Day 8 - 14: Mist lightly with cool water and allow the eggs to cool for 10 minutes. Return to incubator.
- Day 15 - 21: Mist and cool for 15 minutes.
- Day 22 - 25: Mist and cool for 20 minutes.

## Temperatures

- 99.5F / 37.5C forced air incubator
- 100.5F / 38C for still air incubator
- Hatching temperatures can be lowered by 1 to 1.5 degrees.

## Hatching

- Let nature do it's thing.
- Typically hatch within 24 hours of pipping. May hatch a little sooner or later.
- Can be moved to the brooder after 24 hours.
- Can quickly reach in and remove goslings if necessary - watch humidity!

## Incubation Time

- Hatching is in 28 - 35 days. Big range!
- Most common hatch for me is around day 32.
- Put eggs in lock down on day 26.

## Humidity

- Use 55% for incubating and 75% for hatching as a starting point.
- Track humidity loss weekly by weighing eggs or by marking air cell
- Ideal weight loss is 16% over incubation period
- Increase humidity if air cells/weight are losing too fast..
- Decrease humidity if air cells/weight are losing too slow.

