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## *Effect of incubation temperature on the Gross-pathology of chickens Embryos*

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### **ABSTRACT**

Ross parents stock eggs were incubated at 35.7c, 36.7c, 37.7c and 38.7c.

The age of embryos mortality, the incidence of morphological abnormalities were recorded from all unhatched eggs.

Eggs incubated at 35.7c and 36.7c hatched later than eggs incubated at 37.7c. Eggs incubated at 38.7c hatched earlier than eggs incubated at 37.7c.

Lowheated eggs were characterized by a high incidence of small embryos with excess albumen ruptured yolk sacs, eyes closed and anabsorbed yolk sacs.

Overheated and were characterized with head in small end, with large albumen, ruptured yolk sacs, oedematous and offensive odour. The percentage for these changes recorded for each treatment.

### **Introduction**

The optimum incubation temperature for chickens hatching eggs was 37.7c in the first 18<sup>th</sup> days and 36c for the rest three days of hatching.

Increase or decrease in temperature affect the hatching (1). The identification of the cause of a decrease in hatchability is of considerable commercial importance (2). A commonly used technique for identifying the cause of hatch problems is to break-out. Opening unhatched eggs and inspecting the embryos for the presence of abnormalities (3). (4), has reviewed the extensive

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literature reporting the factors that have been associated with morphological abnormalities in the embryos. In addition to abnormal morphology, the embryo may not be correctly developed and positioned within the egg to allow successful hatching. Embryo position its head in the blunted next to air cell and its head is under its right wing. Deviations from the correct hatching position are classified as malpositions (5). Successful artificial incubation of eggs is dependent on careful control of incubator temperature. Small deviations from the optimum have a major effect on embryos development growth and survival (6). Despite the considerable importance of incubating eggs at the correct temperature, there is little information available on how to identify hatch problems caused by incorrect temperature when performing a hatch break-out.

The present study was to investigate the decrease or increase temperature on the abnormalities in chicks embryo for mortality and pathological changes.

### ***Materials and Methods***

480 eggs from Ross parents stock at age 35 week was used , 100 fertile eggs for each treatment with good selection were selected for each group. That all the eggs all same size and age and fumigated with formaline and permanganat before used (7). Four incubator each incubator with a 100 eggs capacity and the temperature fixed according to the treatment for 21 days between March and June 2006. These incubators with themstate and checked with thermometer. The temperature checked regularly under and above the tray of eggs with alarming if any change happened to the temperature. However, all the other requirement for development of embryo were arranged such as humidity, rotating of eggs and ventilation during incubation and hatching periods.

### *Embryo pathology*

All dead embryo were aged using the chicken embryo development chart of (8). Chicks that had piped the egg shell were classified as pips whether dead or live .cracked or obviously contaminated eggs were omitted from the data analysis .All dead embryos were examined for abnormal morphology or mal position according to (7)

### *Statistical analysis*

All results were expressed as a percentage (%)of fertile eggs incubated .age of death distribution were compared used (9). Frequency data were compared (10).To test whether malposition or abnormalities occurred within the same embryo more frequently than predicted by a random association ,the observed number of embryos showing a combination of mal position and abnormality was tested using one way anylysis of variance (11).

### *Result and Discussion*

The design of Experiment was show in table I and all the results mentioned in table 2,3 and4.

**Table I: Design of Experiment**

Treatment	Temperature Fertile eggs	Number of egg incubated
1	35.7c	100eggs
2	36.7c	100eggs
3	37.7c	100eggs
4	38.7c	100eggs

**Table 2: percentage of hatching embryo from the 100 fertile eggs For each treatment.**

Treatment	Temperature	number of fertile Eggs	% of hatch fertile eggs
1	35.7	100	33%
2	36.7	100	58%
3	37.7	100	86%
4	38.7	100	41%

at 4 days all the eggs checked for fertile eggs and lefted only 100 fertile eggs for each treatment from 120 eggs in started of experiment in each group.

**Table 3:Effectd of incubation temperature on weekly mortality During incubation(%)**

Treatment	Temperature	week1	week2	week3
1	35.7c	12.4%	2.2%	1%
2	36.7c	8.7%	1.6%	0.5%
3	37.7c	6.8%	1.1%	0.8%
4	38.7c	8.6%	2.1%	14.2%

**Table 4: incidence of embryo abnormalities as (%) a percentage Of fertile eggs incubated.**

	35.7c	36.7c	37.7c	38.7c
Mal position				
Head over wing	0.6	0.5	1.7	1.0
Head under left wing	0.4	0.2	0.2	1.3
Head in small end	7.3	3.2	1.0	9.0
Head between legs	4.9	2.6	1.6	4.2

### Abnormalities

Sub cutaneous haemorrhage	3.2	2.8	6.1	26.2
Chorio-allantoic haemorrhage	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.0
Ruptured yolk sac	2.0	0.8	1.7	1.6
Excess albumen	4.7	2.7	6.2	8.3
Oedema to head	3.2	1.2	2.2	11.1
Eye cataract	1.0	0.4	0.1	4.2
Swollen down plumage	0.9	0.3	0.1	1.6
Total embryos with abnormalities or malpositions	11.2	7.2	9.8	36.2

Normal temperature for development of chicks embryos is very important and it was 37.7c for first 18<sup>th</sup> days and 36c for the other three days. Changes in this temperature affected the development of embryos and may lead to death as the change is critical for the embryos. Decrease in temperature delays the development and increases abnormal embryos while increase in temperature speeds up abnormal development. From this experiment, decrease in temperature resulted in high mortality as expressed in Table 2, these results were significant as compared with normal temperature 37.7c.

Malpositions of chicks embryos also occurred with increased deviations in the temperature and this agreed with (12). However, this malposition increased with changes in temperature to high in comparison with lower temperature.

Embryos to develop normally need a constant temperature with humidity, oxygen and rotation of eggs, any mistake in these requirements affects the shape and development of the embryos. On the other hand, the development in the industry of incubators and hatcheries makes the control of these conditions automatic and easy to get good hatching chick results if the sources of fertile eggs are good.

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## تأثير درجة حرارة فروج اللحم (روز) بعمر ٣٦ أسبوع وضع في أربع مجموعات

المقارنة بين درجات حرارة مختلفة للحضن وهي ٣٨ ٧٣٧ ٧٣٥ ٧٣٥ درجة مئوية

### متابعة الهات في الاجنة والتغيرات الشكلية والوضعية لـ جنة سجلت لكل البيض الملحق الغير فاقس نتيجة هذه التغيرات .

بيض ملحق لأمهات فروج اللحم (روز) بعمر ٣٦ أسبوع وضع في أربع مجموعات للمقارنة بين درجات حرارة مختلفة للحضن وهي ٣٨ ٧٣٧ ٧٣٥ ٧٣٥ درجة مئوية متابعة الهات في الاجنة والتغيرات الشكلية والوضعية لـ جنة سجلت لكل البيض الملحق الغير فاقس نتيجة هذه التغيرات .

بيض حضن تحت درجة حرارة واطئة ٣٦ ٧٣٥ درجة مئوية حدث الفقس فية متاخراً في حين البيض الذي وضع تحت درجة حرارة عالية ٣٨ درجة مئوية حدث الفقس متاخراً

البيض الموضوع في حرارة واطئة تتميز بوجود أعداد من أجنة صغيرة مع زيادة في الالبومين ومح ممزق. الاعين مغلقة وعدم امتصاص المح في حين في وجود ارتفاع بالحرارة لوحظ ميل الرأس الى الجهة المبيبة من البيض مع زيادة وتوسع في البطن مع تمزق كيس المح وطراوة في الرأس مع تجمع سوائل ورائحة ربهية في الاجنة نتيجة النمو غير الطبيعي وسجلت نسبة هذه التغيرات حسب المجموعة لكل معالجة من هذا البحث بعد عزل ٤٠٠ بيضه ملقحه من مجموع في البدايه وبواقع مئة لكل مجموعة.

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