June 2, 2023

Our statement for Yakima Co-op is below:

We did have an incident on Tuesday morning after Memorial Day weekend. Our warehouse employee reported to work and found the Cornish Cross Birds were out of water, but the chicks were alive. Our employee refilled the waterers and went about the rest of their duties. After some time, the employee came back to check on the chicks and found that they had flocked to the waterer and had gotten themselves wet. When this happens these chicks huddled under the heat light and trampled each other, causing a pile of what appeared to be dead chicks. While we did lose chicks, but our employee was able to transfer many of them chicks to a dry pen and put them under a heat light and many of them were saved.

This was an unfortunate event that was scrutinized in a snapshot moment.

We have taken steps and discussed how this can be prevented in the future with better scheduling over the weekends as well as management of water and feeding duties.

We strive to take the very best care of the chicks while they are in our store and are always looking to learn new & better methods of care.

Thank you for your concern, Yakima Co-op
