

Aviagen Transitional Ventilation For Broilers

1. Purpose Of Transitional Ventilation

• To provide increased air exchange to remove excess heat without blowing air directly onto birds.

Increased air exchange = increased heat removal.

Used when:



- Outside temperature is too cold.
- Birds are too young for tunnel ventilation.

2. Air Volume And Speed

- Pressure
- Appropriate negative pressure is needed to:
- Provide adequate air speed.
- Direct air towards apex of roof.
- Create some air movement over the birds.

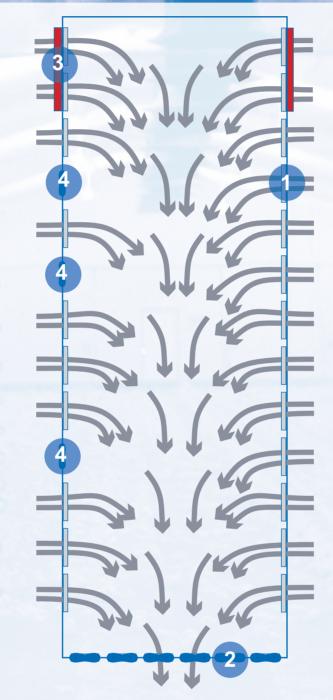


- Air Volume
- Increase number of side wall inlets open.
- Increase inlet opening size.
- Total inlet opening should allow 40-50% of tunnel fan capacity to be used.



- Fan numbers
- Determined by number and size of inlet opening.
- Temperature driven fans run continuously for temperature control.
- Base settings on bird behavior.

Typical Air Movement During Transitional Ventilation



- Side wall air inlets
- **Tunnel fans**
- Tunnel air inlets (closed)
- **Minimum ventilation fans (off)**

Note: During transitional ventilation air is pulled into the house through the side wall inlets only.

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Library photographs for teaching purposes.

3. Monitor And Evaluate

• Evaluating bird behavior is the only real way to determine if transitional ventilation settings are correct.



 Huddling birds - Air too cold / incorrect direction.



 Younger birds with less feathering feel air movement more than fully feathered (older) birds and will huddle together.

Corrective Actions

- Check negative pressure is still OK.
- Turn off the last fan that came on.



 Birds become more active when transitional ventilation has been adjusted correctly.