HANDLING GUIDELINES FOR CATCHING CREWS

Proper handling will minimize injuries during catching & loading

CAGED END-OF-LAY HENS

**DO**
- Remove birds from cages using two legs
- Remove only one or two birds from a cage at a time (depending on the size of the cage door)
- Minimize passing of birds between people
- End-of-lay hens are more fragile than other poultry
- Place birds gently and upright in the crate

**DO NOT**
- Carry the birds by the wings or neck
- Load birds with “DO NOT LOAD” conditions
- Swing, throw or drop the birds
- Squeeze the legs

FLOOR BIRDS – BROILERS

**DO**
- Minimize passing of birds between people
- Place birds upright and gently inside the crates

**DO NOT**
- Herd birds in a way likely to cause smothering or piling
- Carry the birds by the wings or neck
- Load birds with “DO NOT LOAD” conditions
- Swing, throw, or drop the birds

Adapted from Poultry Industry Council “Should this bird be loaded? A Guide for preparing, loading and Transporting Poultry”