

**HANDLING GUIDELINES FOR CATCHING CREWS**

Proper handling will minimize injuries during catching & loading of broiler and layer 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

**DO NOT**

- Herd birds in a way likely to cause smothering or piling
- Carry the birds by the wings or neck nor by one leg
- Load birds with “DO NOT LOAD” conditions
- Swing, throw, or drop the birds
- Squeeze the legs

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