



Responsible Down Standard International Working Group

Small Farm Groups Module

July 19, 2018

Agenda

1. Introductions, Announcements, and Housekeeping
2. Updates
3. Review of Small Farm Groups Module

Anti-Trust Guidelines

- Do not agree or discuss how each of the Participants will price their own goods or related products;
- Do not agree to allocate certain geographic markets (i.e., territories) or product markets (i.e., types of products) among each other;
- Do not discuss or agree to the cost or method of pricing products manufactured or sold by each other or otherwise direct each other's business activities that are outside the scope of the IWG;
- Do not compare cost information that is confidential, such as labor cost, manufacturing costs or other variables affecting pricing;
- Do not agree among yourselves to not do business with certain vendors (potential "boycott") or otherwise pressure other competitors or vendors to comply with certain pricing or cost policies;
- The IWG should not share with each other or discuss confidential, competitive information for individual Participants or any information that might affect the Participants' own day to day business decisions related to cost, price or output of their own products. For example, this confidential competitive information may include: price lists or pricing plans, volume, rebate or refund programs, discount policies, credit policies, advertising credits or program allowances, slotting allowances, product cost variables or profit margins, customer lists or specific complaints, supplier contract terms, current or future marketing plans, bidding plans, purchasing plans, planning strategies, capital improvement plans, terms of sale or other contract terms, or competition in the sale or manufacture of competing products;
- The IWG should not facilitate agreements or coordination among Participants for the prices they charge for the products they manufacture or sell or other collusive conduct, including market allocation or refusals to deal with suppliers or customers, or organize boycotts against other manufacturers or retailers; and
- The IWG should not publish or share any information that would be suggestive or conclusory as to how any individual Participant should deal with individual contracting or other third party issues
- Participants may discuss or share non-confidential, publicly available information or data

Chatham House Rules

When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the **Chatham House Rule**, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

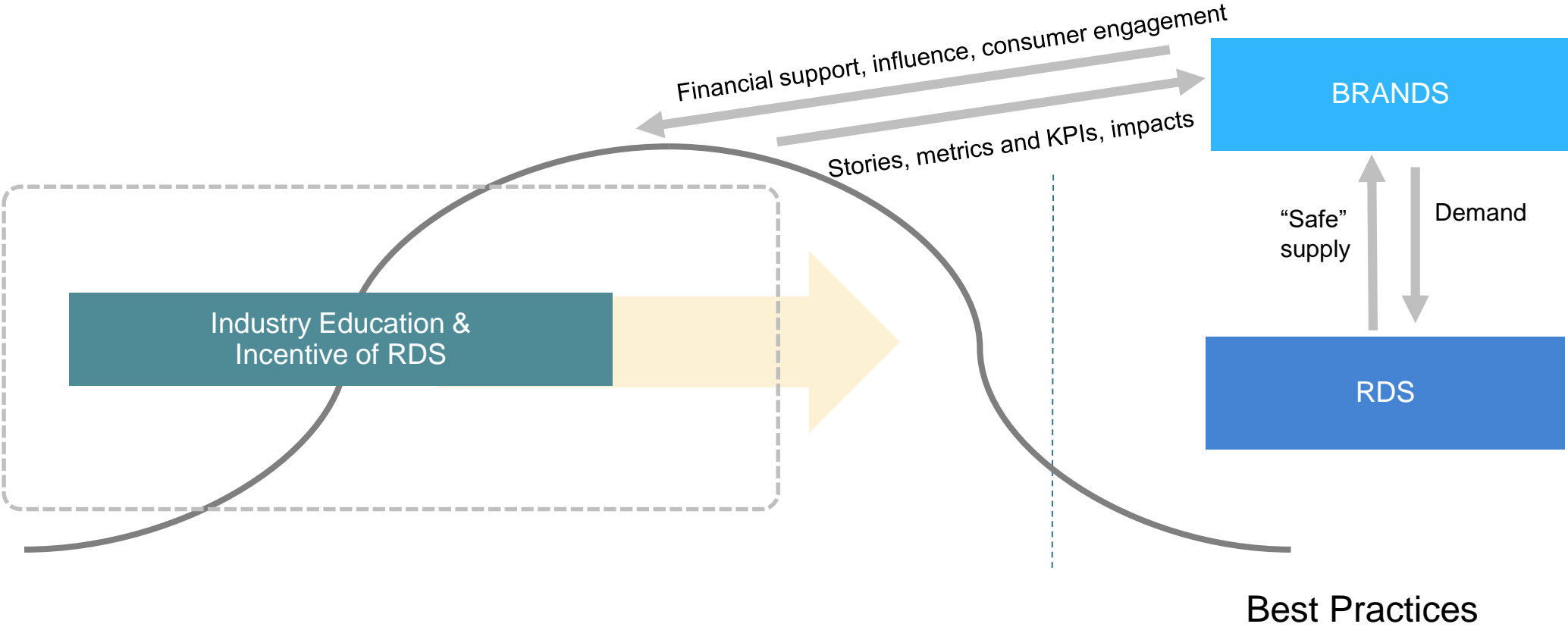
Member Agreement

1. Agrees to contribute a reasonable commitment of time and expertise to participate in the Responsible Down Standard IWG.
2. Agrees to act respectfully to other Members of the IWG, and commit to honest and polite discourse.
3. Agrees that in order to maintain a level of trust and continuity, that all meetings and discussions of The RDS IWG and/or its Members remain strictly confidential and will treat any information that is shared within the RDS IWG as confidential in accordance with the Chatham House Rule (appendix A).
4. Agrees to comply with all applicable antitrust and anti-competitive laws, including, without limitation:
 - a. Agrees that none of the information shared during or as part of IWG meetings may be used to cause competitive injury or disadvantage to another Member, participant, Textile Exchange or the RDS; and
 - b. Agrees to abstain from any conversations or activities that may restrict competition or set prices).
5. Refrains from using any information obtained through the RDS IWG other than to advance the objectives of the IWG and in no event to disparage Members, their products, practices, businesses or their reputations.
6. Commits to promote the RDS as a meaningful tool to address animal welfare in the down industry.
7. Works openly and collaboratively to meet the objectives of the RDS and the IWG, sharing best practices and lessons learned.

UPDATES

THEORY OF CHANGE

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SMALL FARM GROUPS MODULE

What is a “Small Farm?”

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- Regional
- Homogenous production practices
- Determined by collector (working with the CB)



Small Farm Group Risk Assessment

- Whether collectors collect from non-RDS regions as well
 - Level of legal enforcement
 - Volume of down sold from a region
 - Size of the area in question
 - Typical seasonal timing of live-plucking and/or force feeding
 - Level of legal enforcement and local legislation
 - Common practices in the region
 - Results from previous audits in the area (if any)
 - Third party information (if available)
 - Proximity to areas where force feeding or live plucking are happening
 - Level of control on the collector
 - Number of collectors
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- **Risk Levels: Base, Medium, and High**

Small Farm Group Audits

From Appendix B:

B3.2 At a minimum, all areas shall be visited by an auditor, with interviews of households with waterfowl to confirm conformity with the requirements of the standard.

Base – base level of audit days

Medium – at least 1.5x base level of audit days

High – at least 2x base level of audit days



Small Farm Groups Module

NUMBER	REQUIREMENT	GUIDANCE	LEVEL
G1	The small farmer group shall consist of a homogeneous group of members with regard to their agricultural production, geographical location and economic situation.	Smallholder farms shall be located in one defined geographical area. The defined geographical area shall be identified with a list of villages. As a guideline the Certification Body can set a limit of maximum 100 waterfowl per household at one time.	MAJOR
G2	Used or recycled down is not accepted for the RDS.	Only down or feathers from birds raised on the small farm can be sold or traded as RDS inputs.	MAJOR
G8	During farm visits by the Certification Body the findings of the Certification Body shall not significantly differ from the statements of the collector and the documentation of the small farmer group.	During the farm visits the Certification Body shall get the impression of a well-functioning small farmer group.	CRITICAL MAJOR

Small Farm Groups Module – Documentation

NUMBER	REQUIREMENT	GUIDANCE	LEVEL
G3	<p>The following documentation on the small farmer group shall be available:</p> <p>clearly defined map that shows the villages under certification</p> <p>collector(s)</p> <p>estimated number and type of waterfowl per village</p> <p>statements from collectors as listed below under G4</p> <p>quantity and type of down and feather products delivered by collectors</p>	Collectors shall be issued unique identification numbers.	MAJOR
G5	<p>Collectors shall provide documentation on:</p> <p>map with villages they source down and feather from</p> <p>quantity of feathers and down delivered.</p>		MAJOR
G7	The scope certificate holder shall have procedures indicating actions to be taken in instances of non-compliance with the standard, sanctions and exclusion of members.		MAJOR

Small Farm Groups Module – Training & Acknowledgment

NUMBER	REQUIREMENT	GUIDANCE	LEVEL
G4	Registered collectors shall have access to and be knowledgeable on the standard.	Small collectors collecting from households shall be registered by the final collector as an approved RDS collector and they shall be aware of the RDS requirements.	MAJOR
G6	Collectors shall meet the following requirements and sign a statement undertaking: that they only deliver down and feather under certification from the villages in the small farmer group. down and feather under certification shall be separated and identified. that they report as soon as possible to the certificate holder any practices non-compliant to this standard.		MAJOR

Small Farm Groups Module – Criteria Not Applicable

NUMBER	REQUIREMENT	GUIDANCE	LEVEL
F5.3	A written feeding plan shall be available ensuring that the nutritional requirements of the waterfowl are being met.	Template to be created	RECOMMENDATION MINOR <i>Not applicable for Small Farmer Groups</i>
F7.1	A documented veterinary health plan (VHP) should be developed in consultation with a veterinarian.	Include detailed measures (F7.2)	RRECOMMENDATION MINOR <i>Not applicable for Small Farmer Groups</i>
F7.3	The farm personnel should follow the measures described in the VHP.		RECOMMENDATION <i>Not applicable for Small Farmer Groups</i>
F7.4	A veterinarian shall pay regular visits at the farm to check on the health condition of waterfowl. If the veterinarian observes any waterfowl is not in a state of well-being sufficient and immediate measures shall be taken.	Veterinarian shall visit at least once in each growing season. Members of smallholder farmer groups can be excluded from this requirement at the discretion of the certification body.	MINOR <i>Not applicable for Small Farmer Groups</i>
F7.5	Results of veterinary visits and follow up actions if necessary should be recorded.	Members of smallholder farmer groups may be excluded from this requirement.	RECOMMENDATION <i>Not applicable for Small Farmer Groups</i>
F7.12	Records on administration of veterinary medicinal products or any intervention, mortality rate, number of limping, injured and euthanized waterfowl (reasons and methodology) should be maintained for at least three years or for the length of their validity, whichever is longer.		RECOMMENDATION <i>Not applicable for Small Farmer Groups</i>

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NUMBER	REQUIREMENT	GUIDANCE	LEVEL
F8.2	Appropriate hand washing facilities and toilets should be available for all personnel working on or visiting the farm.		RECOMMENDATION <i>Not applicable for Small Farmer Groups</i>
F8.3	An effective written policy on control of visitors, vehicles and materials should be available, known by the responsible personnel and implemented.	The site should have a biosecurity plan for preventing the transfer of disease between farms. A written policy is required for operations with more than five employees. For farms with five or less employees, it is sufficient for the inspector to interview the farmer. <i>Create a template Biosecurity plan.</i>	RECOMMENDATION MINOR <i>Not applicable for Small Farmer Groups</i>
F8.4	Foot brush/disinfectant or barrier footwear systems should be provided at the entrance of the farm.		RECOMMENDATION <i>Not applicable for Small Farmer Groups</i>
F9.1	Responsible personnel shall be trained on good practices for handling of waterfowl. Training records shall be kept for at least five years or for the length of their validity, whichever is longer.	A written plan is required for operations with more than five employees. For farms with five or less employees, it is sufficient for the inspector to interview the farmer. <i>New Record templates to be created for mortality, lameness, etc.</i>	MINOR <i>Not applicable for Small Farmer Groups</i>

Small Farm Groups Module – Outcome-based

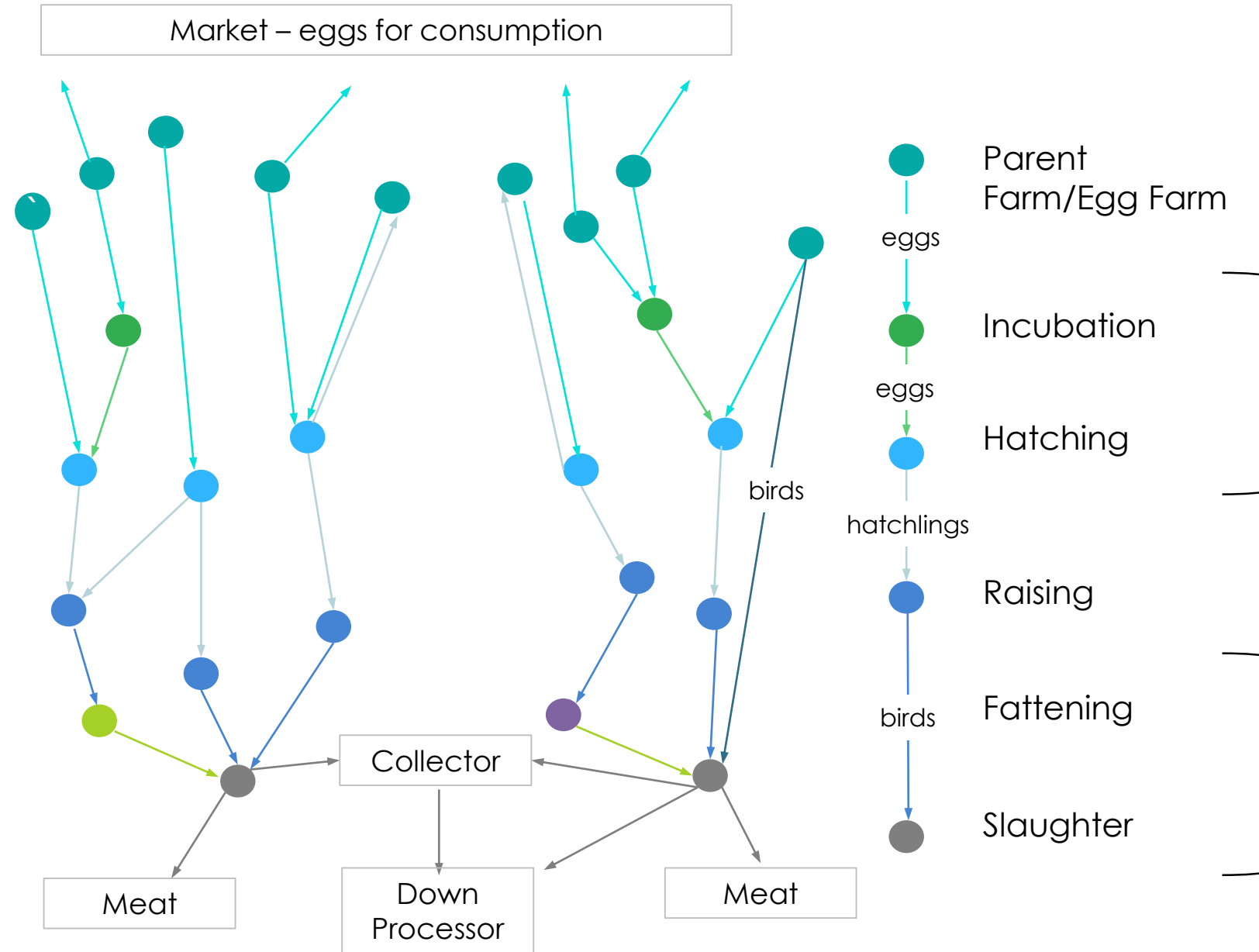
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F5.1	Waterfowl shall be provided with a supply of clean, fresh and safe drinking water.	<p>Water shall be provided in such a way that animals can drink without undue competition (drinking space allowance per waterfowl; sufficient number of drinking points and water flow rate).</p> <p>An automatic refill system is preferred. If watering is done manually, it should be done and checked on a regular basis (minimum 2 times a day).</p> <p><i>Small Farmer Groups shall ensure that waterfowl have access to drinking water.</i></p> <p><i>Guidance for testing, if necessary</i></p>	MAJOR
F5.2	Waterfowl shall be provided with sufficient food to meet their nutritional needs and maintain them in good condition.	<p>Feed shall be available during daylight hours, ad libitum feeding regime (feed is continuously available for the animal), feed to be provided at all times in such a way that animals can eat and drink without undue competition (sufficient feeder space allowance per waterfowl), equal spread of feeding facilities giving waterfowl enough space when eating and drinking. Food should be checked at least twice daily to ensure there is adequate food. Whenever possible, the use of feed from genetically modified sources should be avoided.</p> <p><i>Small Farmer Groups shall ensure that waterfowl have access to adequate quantities of food.</i></p> <p><i>Guidance that birds should not go without food for more than 8 hours.</i></p>	MAJOR

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NUMBER	REQUIREMENT	GUIDANCE	LEVEL
F6.7	Except for brooding under a heat lamp up to four weeks of age, a minimum of eight hours of darkness reduced lighting at night and eight hours of light during the day shall be provided.	<i>Small Farmer groups shall ensure that waterfowl have normal lighting patterns.</i>	MINOR
F6.17	Temperature shall be controlled in the housing of hatchlings.	At day one, temperature shall be at body temperature of hatchlings. After 20 days this shall be adjusted to outside temperature during daytime. Add guidance for accepted temp range. <i>Small Farmer Groups shall ensure that animals are not exposed to dangerous fluctuations in temperature.</i>	MAJOR
F7.6	The farmer should behave as a good caregiver, by checking the wellbeing of the waterfowl at least twice a day.	Add guidance for what is covered during the wellness checks. <i>Small Farmer Groups shall ensure the wellbeing of their waterfowl.</i>	RECOMMENDATION MINOR
F8.1	Accommodation for waterfowl shall be regularly and thoroughly cleaned and disinfected according a cleaning policy. Reword to be more outcome based.	At a minimum cleaning shall happen between flocks. <i>Small Farmer Groups shall ensure clean bedding and shelter for their animals.</i>	MINOR

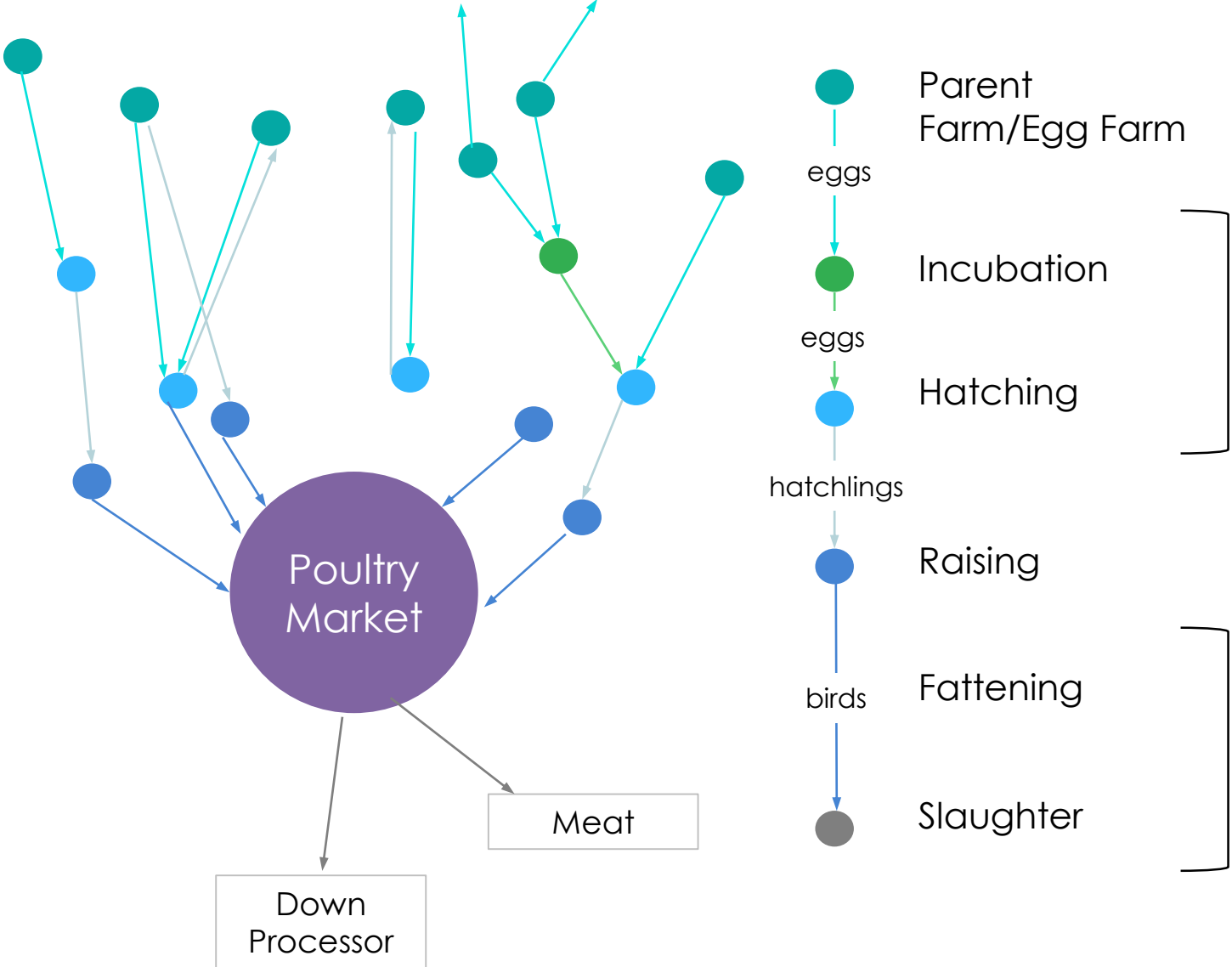
OTHER SMALL FARM MODELS

Small Farm Model



Poultry Market

Market – eggs for consumption



Reminders

- Have you signed the RDS IWG Charter?
- Do we have your permission to be publically listed?
- Any other questions or feedback:
ResponsibleDown@TextileExchange.org

THANK YOU!