

Nicarbazin (Maxiban*):

How to reduce nicarbazine residues in chicken



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Nicarbazin residue levels in chickens remain a problem. High residues point to poor feed bin and pan management on the farm. All farms with flocks found to have high nicarbazine residues will be investigated by the Veterinary Medicine Directorate's Animal Medicines Inspectorate. Don't let this happen to you. Take care with bin management to stay clear of residues.

Nicarbazin is an active ingredient in Maxiban. Following good practice on your farm will help keep Maxiban, one of the most effective aids in the prevention and control of coccidiosis, available for all responsible poultry farmers.

Nicarbazin residues build up because of feed management problems – whether in the bins or the feed pans, resulting in a flock eating feed containing nicarbazine too near to the time of slaughter.

What can you do to stay clear of residues?

Farm managers, owners and workers who manage feed on the farm should stick to these guidelines:

- Order and use the precise amount of feed containing nicarbazine needed.
- If practical, run the feed bin empty at the end of the grower stage.
- In the period at least five days before the birds go to slaughter, ensure feed bins are empty of feed containing nicarbazine. Completely empty the bin when switching to feed that doesn't contain nicarbazine. Failure to empty bins will result in a higher risk of residues.
- Ensure no residual feed from previous crops or another farm is given to birds five days prior to slaughter.
- Sign up for the Elanco training sessions on residue reduction and avoidance by emailing the Elanco Poultry Support team at eps@lilly.com.

Further advice

See helpful guidance on nicarbazine use in Annexe 2 of the joint industry and Government report, 'Reducing the incidence and levels of nicarbazine residues in British chicken', available on the Food Standards Agency website at food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/nicarbazin.pdf.

The British Poultry Council and the National Farmers' Union also give advice:

British Poultry Council

www.poultry.uk.com

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National Farmers' Union

NFU Callfirst: 0870 845 8458



* Maxiban is a coccidiostat feed additive containing equal amounts of nicarbazine and narasin. It is manufactured by Elanco and is currently the only form of nicarbazine approved for use within the European Union.