

Hatching Hint!

If the chicks have been pecking for a couple of hours and appear to be having a hard time cracking out of the shell, a likely cause is low humidity.

To increase the humidity you should do 2 things:

1. ***Be sure the water in the pan is fresh.***

As the chicks start to hatch, the water will usually develop a film on top. This reduces the rate of evaporation and can cause the membrane to dry out making it harder for the chick to break through.

2. ***Take handi-wipes provided and get them fairly wet (WARM WATER ONLY).***

Weave them in among the eggs. This will further increase the humidity and soften the membrane making it easier for the chick to crack the shell.

Quite often when the first eggs hatch well and the later chicks die in the shell, we have found the membranes to be dry and tough.

Hatching guides recommend a 90% humidity level during hatching.