TO MAXIMIZE PLT LONGEVITY IN STEPS BROILER HOUSES

Proper litter management is critical to reduce ammonia challenge and to maximize the effectiveness and longevity of PLT*. It is strongly recommended to NOT till litter because this increases ammonia release.

- Close house(s) up tightly after movement, and decake/manage litter as quickly as possible. Ventilate only if condensation forms.
- Turn heaters on 48-72 hours prior to bird placement to properly cure litter and prepare for brooding. Ammonia volatilization and moisture release will increase as temperature increases.
- 15 minutes before PLT* application, turn on fans and open inlets, tunnel inlets or curtains*. Once ammonia gas is exhausted, turn fans off and close inlets or curtains.

 *You will only lose air temperature, not core floor temperature.
 - PLT* pre-placement application rates for ammonia control and pH manipulation: 100-175 lbs./1,000 sq. ft. of floor space
 - Special circumstances may require higher application rates for longer ammonia suppression, particularly for short downtime between flocks. Consult your JHAg representative for additional support.
 - PLT may be applied prior to pre-heating or up to day of placement. If applied prior to pre-heat, early activation of the product may result in reduced product longevity, therefore, a **rate of 150-200 lbs./1,000 sq. ft.** is recommended.
 - Begin minimum ventilation 2-4 hours prior to chick delivery or per integrator guidelines. Manage ventilation to keep humidity between 50-70% to maintain proper chick hydration and to prevent litter from becoming too wet or too dry.