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Whether you are just getting started or are an experienced poultry enthusiast, selecting the right breed is the first step towards successfully raising your birds. To help you select your perfect flock, we have added helpful icons by each of our breeds. You can use them to easily shop by egg color, hardiness, utility, and more. See below for the meaning of each icon:

- Now you can shop by EGG COLOR and complete your rainbow basket! Look for this icon next to each breed to see what color eggs hens will lay.
- Interested in raising your own poultry to feed your family? Breeds with this icon are outstanding for MEAT PRODUCTION.
- Live in a warmer climate? Look for the sun icon to find HEAT TOLERANT BREEDS that will thrive in higher temperatures.
- Live in an area with long or extreme winters? The snowflake icon identifies COLD HARDY BREEDS that will weather the cold well.
- Want to raise backyard chickens in a more urban setting? These breeds have a nice, quiet temperament and are GOOD FOR FAMILIES.
- These breeds are recognized in the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection and are considered to be a HERITAGE BREED.
- Breeds with a diamond icon are RARE OR EXOTIC. Many are listed by the Livestock Conservancy as 'Critical' or 'Threatened'.
- Interested in what other customers are buying? The star icon indicates our BEST-SELLING BREEDS.
- Our family and staff have been raising chickens, ducks, and other poultry for years. Look for this icon to see OUR FAVORITE BREEDS.

## LOW MINIMUM ORDERS — NO PER-BREED-PER-SEX MINIMUM ON BABY CHICKS

Minimum order just 6\* standard-sized baby chicks, or 2\* ducklings and/or goslings! Select as few as one of any breed/sex when you order baby chicks, ducklings, or goslings.\*

\*Small order fees apply on orders of 6-14 standard-size baby chicks, and 2-9 ducklings and/or goslings. Not valid on Bantam chicks. See page 128, or call 800.456.3280, for information on minimums on other types of poultry.

## FREE SHIPPING ON ALL FULL ORDERS OF DAY-OLD POULTRY

McMurray Hatchery is pleased to offer FREE shipping on all full orders of day-old poultry.

The following small order fees apply: A fee of \$35 will apply on orders of 6-14 baby chicks. A fee of \$45 will apply on orders of 2-9 ducklings and/or goslings.



# com·pan·ion plant·ing

/kəm 'panyən 'plan(t)ɪŋ/ ; noun

the close planting of  
different plants that  
enhance each  
other's growth.



A LETTER FROM TOM WATKINS, PRESIDENT AND CO-OWNER OF MCMURRAY HATCHERY

One of my favorite book series is coming out with a new title. It has been quite some time since I've read these books, so I get to re-read them now and catch back up. These days, I find that I'm re-reading more books than I'm reading new ones. I might know the ending, but I tend to forget about a lot of the important details in the middle. Each time is still a worthy read; I get caught up in the narrative, and more often than not, I find something I missed the first time around.

I don't remember things like I used to. I think that's true for a lot of us. We've packed so much knowledge, some of it useless, into our lives that it's hard to get it all back out. Even when we need it. That's where leaning on others can help.

I will never be a master gardener. Officially, I know what I've always known: how to plant potatoes, tomatoes, and onions. Other plants escape me. That's my wife's department. Her curiosity is greater there, while I prefer to cook our bounty. That's where I can hold my own. It's really a great fit: she doesn't need a lot of instruction in taking care of plants, and I don't need a cookbook to make use of what we grow. We're a perfect example of companion planting — which she can tell you way more about — which benefits both parties more than being separate.

We all have strengths and weaknesses. We're all naturally curious about different things and have experience in different fields. Recently, I was trying to explain the point of college to my kids. It starts off in high school where you, essentially, learn what everyone knows. When you go to college, you get to a point where you learn what fewer people know. If you keep going, you get to a point where nobody knows what's next. That's how we progress. We're only able to build on what we know. There's no lightning strike of knowledge to push humanity forward. It's just us, working together, creating a model to follow, passing down what we know. My kids will know more than either Ashley or I do. Because we include them in everything we do, it can feel like extra work in the beginning. But, in the long run, they'll surpass us both. I can't wait 'til they can out-fish me. (I just want to eat what they catch.)

I've worked a thousand jobs, and each one had something unique to show me. Each one led me to where I am now. I can build a house, but that doesn't make it a home. Ashley builds our home. I only need to build one house, but building a home is done every day through relentless and thankless work, through growing alongside the people you share your life with.

There are a lot of reasons to homestead ... or garden ... or raise chickens and other types of poultry. But in the end, food is my reason. Being climate friendly, animal friendly, and soil friendly are secondary. They're also awesome perks of this lifestyle, but if any of those were my main reason, I would have quit long ago. While I would usually rather be fishing, I know that what I'm doing feeds more than my body. It feeds my soul.

So, every day, without fail, I rise and I feed the cows, the chickens, the pigs, and the kids. I love it. Every bit of it. This is my home. Somewhere between the dawn and dusk, each day slips by and I appreciate how lucky I am. My wife loves and supports me. My kids grow and learn. Our garden flourishes. Our livestock provide for us. We don't get as much put away as we would like, but that's life, and that's the season we're in. At the end of every day, I am grateful for what we have here.

I've still got a lot to learn, but I've also got a lot to share. In this phase of my life, I'd like to share my passions with you. That's why we're hosting **Murray Fest Midwest** in 2024. We're going to put our passions on display. For me, that's food. But for many others, it's something else, some other driving force behind all they do. Join us, and some of the greatest teachers from across the country, for an event that's more than homesteading, more than chickens. It's sharing what brings the light into our lives. The fire to our kettles. The home to our house. I hope to see you there.

Tom



# Ameraucanas

The Ameraucana is one of the most popular breeds among backyard chicken keepers across the U.S. and Canada, and is a must-have for all types of flock owners. Known for their beautiful blue eggs, the Ameraucana is a hardy, family-friendly, and easy-going bird that fits well in any flock. Ameraucanas can be identified by their pea combs, muffs and/or beards, and their greenish legs. Ameraucanas are available from our mixed-feather color flock and from our true blue flock as well.

Class: All Other Standard	Mature Weight (LB): Male 7.0 / Female 4.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Pea	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Green	



Photo courtesy of Brittney Knight.

## AMERAUCANA

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)

The Ameraucana is one of our most popular breeds, known for their beautiful blue eggs. The breed was originally developed in the 1970s, derived from Araucanas. Ameraucanas were developed to retain the blue-egg laying gene but eliminate some of the issues associated with the Araucana breed. Our flock of Ameraucanas dates back to the early 1980s. Our Ameraucanas have been selected for egg color, and most hens will lay a beautiful blue egg. However, some eggs may have a greenish-blue tint as well. Our main flock of Ameraucanas is selected for egg color, and sold as a mixed-feather flock only. Each chick and bird will display unique colors and patterns. Our birds have muffs, but not all will have beards. Ameraucanas are friendly and hardy birds that adapt well to both urban and rural settings. For a specific color of Ameraucana, see our flock of Blue Ameraucanas below.

Photos courtesy of Destiny LaPointe, Lauren Clark, Reba Reynolds, and Jordan Lengel.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
ARAP	Female	\$5.71	\$5.14	\$4.88	\$4.64	\$4.41	\$4.19
ARAC	Male	\$3.78	\$3.40	\$3.23	\$3.07	\$2.92	\$2.77
ARAS	Unsexed	\$4.54	\$4.08	\$3.88	\$3.68	\$3.50	\$3.33



## BLUE AMERAUCANA

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – FIRST WEEK IN JULY)

The reviews are in, and McMurray Hatchery's Blue Ameraucana is a winner. These gorgeous and graceful purebred birds are the real deal – muffs, beards, blue eggs, and tons of style. While our mixed-feather flock of Ameraucanas (above) has been around since the 1980s, our true Blue Ameraucanas are a new color-specific flock that has been carefully selected for beautiful lacing and deep blue coloring. *Limited availability.*

Photos courtesy of Jamie Lynn Fletcher and B. Luft.

Unsexed. BAMS \$8.14 ea.



### Breeding Blue-Feathered Poultry

When breeding for the color blue in poultry, parent stock is carefully selected for the best blue feathering and lacing. An interesting fact about blue feathering genetics in poultry is that only 50% of the chicks from blue parents will also be all blue. The remaining half of the chicks will be a mix of black, white, and splash colorings. All of the chicks, regardless of color, will carry the blue gene. This means that mating black with blue, or with splash, will produce many blue offspring.

## ANCONA

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

Originally bred in the Marche region of Italy, this breed is named for the seaport city of Ancona. The breed was admitted into the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection in 1898. These quick, alert, and active birds are a lustrous black with the occasional feather tipped in white. Anconas are excellent foragers, preferring to free range over wide areas. Their dark, mottled feather pattern makes them an excellent choice for areas where hawks, owls, and other predators are a concern. Anconas have a good disposition when given ample space to forage and roam. Hens lay a good number of medium-sized white eggs and are generally non-setters. Anconas are hardy birds. However, care should be given to their single combs during extreme cold temperatures to prevent frostbite.

Photos courtesy of Teddi Yaeger.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
ANCP	Female	\$7.94	\$7.15	\$6.79	\$6.45
ANCC	Male	\$5.45	\$4.90	\$4.66	\$4.43
ANCS	Unsexed	\$6.48	\$5.83	\$5.54	\$5.26

Class: Mediterranean	Mature Weight (LB): Male 6.0 / Female 4.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Watch	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	



## BLUE ANDALUSIAN

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)

This stunning breed originated in Andalusia, a province of Spain, and has long been kept in both England and the U.S. With their graceful and stately carriage, delicate slate-blue feathering and lacing, lead-blue shanks and toes, and bright red combs and wattles, Blue Andalusians are a magnificent breed for exhibition.

Andalusian hens are good white egg layers and have very little tendency toward broodiness. Chicks from blue feathered breeds can be blue, black, white, or splash.

*To read more about breeding for the color blue, see pg. 6.*

Photos courtesy of Jessica Szachury, Lindsey McKibben, Holly Callahan-Kasmala and Chrisie DiCarlo of Coffee with the Chicken Ladies, and Jessica Sowards of Roots and Refuge farm.

Class: Mediterranean	Mature Weight (LB): Male 7.0 / Female 5.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Watch	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Slate Blue	

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
ANDP	Female	\$7.94	\$7.15	\$6.79	\$6.45
ANDC	Male	\$5.45	\$4.90	\$4.66	\$4.43
ANDS	Unsexed	\$6.48	\$5.83	\$5.54	\$5.26



## BLACK AUSTRALORP

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)

The Australorp is a dual-purpose Heritage breed hailing from Australia. As the name suggests, the breed was originally referred to as the "Australian Orpington." By the 1920s, the Australorp was identified as its own breed, and it was admitted into the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection in 1929. In recent years, the Australorp was considered rare and endangered. Today, the Australorp is a conservation success, having graduated from The Livestock Conservancy Priority List in 2023.

Australorps have become a top choice for both eggs and meat among homesteaders and hobby farmers looking for a sustainable and dual-purpose Heritage breed flock. Australorp hens are known for being reliable layers — in fact, one set a record for laying 364 eggs in 365 days in the early 1900s. Today's hens average about five medium-to-large brown eggs per week.

These beautiful, glossy black birds have an iridescent greenish-purple sheen and large bright red combs. They are quiet, gentle, hardy birds that bear confinement well. However, care should be given in extreme temperatures to protect their large single combs from frostbite.

*Photos courtesy of Emily Ripp, James Johns, Michael Krupecki, Cammi Yarnall, Samantha Frazier, Dallas Edwards, Cade McCollough, Holly Callahan-Kasmala, and Chrissie DiCarlo.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-49	50-99	100+
BLAP	Female	\$5.71	\$5.14	\$4.88	\$4.64	\$4.41	\$4.19
BLAC	Male	\$3.78	\$3.40	\$3.23	\$3.07	\$2.92	\$2.77
BLAS	Unsexed	\$4.54	\$4.08	\$3.88	\$3.68	\$3.50	\$3.33

Class: English	Mature Weight (LB): Male 8.0 / Female 5.5
TLC Conservation Priority: <b>GRADUATED 2023</b>	Egg Production: Best
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Black	



## BIELEFELDER

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)

The Bielefelder has skyrocketed in popularity since arriving in the U.S. With one of the best personalities of any breed we carry, they are easy to raise and have a quiet, friendly temperament. Bielefelders are a hit with homesteading and urban families alike.

Originally from Germany, these gentle giants are beautiful, hardy, and robust. Developed as a true dual-purpose bird, Bielefelders are a wise choice when raising a sustainable flock for both meat and eggs. Their large, round bodies put other heavy breeds to shame. Males have an abundance of thin, barred feathers and are easily 10-12 lbs. Hens aren't much smaller and lay large brown eggs.

As an auto-sexing breed, male and female baby chicks can be easily identified at hatch, and this trait will pass down to future generations. Male chicks are soft brown and have a white spot on their head, while female chicks are darker in coloring with a chipmunk pattern and a distinct black mark across their eyes.

*Photos courtesy of Lindsey McKibben, Nina Mullins, Cassandra Haring, Cassidy Cornell, Leeanna Howard, and Kathy Mormino aka The Chicken Chick.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
BIFP	Female	\$10.27	\$9.24	\$8.78	\$8.34
BIFC	Male	\$6.44	\$5.80	\$5.51	\$5.23
BIFS	Unsexed	\$8.14	\$7.32	\$6.96	\$6.61

Class: All Other Standard	Mature Weight (LB): Male 12.0 / Female 9.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Better
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	

Looking for more auto-sexing breeds? Check out our Crested Cream Legbars (pg. 20), and our Lemon Cuckoo Niederrheiners (pg. 36).



WHAT ARE THEY AND WHY DO THEY MATTER?

# Heritage Breeds



If you listen to our podcast, then you know we're wild about Heritage breeds! We love the way they look and we love the charm that they bring to our homesteads ... and there's a Heritage breed for everyone to enjoy, no matter your style, purpose, or experience as a chicken keeper! Beyond that, we love the way they connect us to history and culture across the world.

Chickens and humans have evolved together for around 10,000 years. Over time, unique Heritage breeds were created by focused breeding and their ability to adapt to their environment. Heritage breeds have been developed to look and behave in certain ways, and they also breed true. This means that breeding two birds from one breed together will produce chicks that look and act like their parents. Two Cochins make a Cochin. You can find Heritage breeds with just about any look and style. From straight to rose combs, yellow or blue legs, super fluffy or small and sleek, breeds with five toes, and so many other unique traits in between, Heritage breeds come in such a wide variety. This makes them a fun choice for backyard enthusiasts, fanciers, and 4H kiddos, too!



*Coffee with the Chicken Ladies is a weekly podcast hosted by Chrissie DiCarlo and Holly Callahan-Kasmala. The podcast covers all things Pet Chicken. Each episode includes a breed spotlight, a relevant chicken keeping topic, a recipe using fresh eggs, and some retail therapy! The Chicken Ladies also feature interviews with expert guests who span the chicken keeping world. SCAN THE CODE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM!*

One of the best things about Heritage breeds is their ability to do lots of different jobs. Some breeds, like the Leghorn and the Rhode Island Red, are amazing layers. If you want super-friendly birds that will happily raise chicks for you, try Orpingtons, Cochins, or Brahmas. Jersey Giants and Delawares make great dual-purpose birds for any homestead, providing both meat and eggs. If you're interested in Early American history, check out the Plymouth Rock, Dominique, or New Hampshire. If tiny feathery pets are your thing, get yourself some Heritage Bantams! If you want to show your birds, try the beautiful Partridge Rocks, White Langshans, and White Polish. And of course, all of these Heritage breeds make excellent garden helpers and are great assistants for permaculture and regenerative agriculture systems, too.

One of the most important things that Heritage breeds offer is their biodiversity. Each different Heritage breed comes with its own complex genetic makeup. Their unique traits may include things like egg-laying ability, heat or cold tolerance, disease resistance, and personality. A good example



*Photos of Holly Callahan-Kasmala and Chrissie DiCarlo courtesy of the Coffee with the Chicken Ladies podcast.*

of this is the super-healthy Transylvanian Naked Neck chicken. Naked Necks are currently the subject of several scientific studies; their strong genetics and robust health could be the key to creating healthier production lines with better disease resistance.

When you keep Heritage breed chickens, you are connecting with history and participating in the tradition of ancestors who kept chickens as part of daily life. This tradition spans thousands of years, but it started to change after World War II. As people moved away from rural living, chicken and egg farming became industrialized, and hybrid laying hens and meat birds were developed. Heritage breeds did not fit into this new commercial mold, so many of their lines began to slip towards extinction. This brings up another benefit in keeping Heritage breeds: by helping to keep their population up, even in a small backyard flock, you are contributing to a larger movement and helping to ensure that these special breeds don't edge back into extinction yet again.

### What is a Heritage Breed?

"Heritage" is a term applied to breeds across all types of livestock. For chickens and other poultry, a breed is recognized as Heritage if it meets several criteria. First, the breed should be naturally mating — not a hybrid or a cross. It must also breed true from like parent stock and is repeatable for multiple generations. The breed should live a normal life span, meaning it was not bred for extreme rapid growth (such as with Cornish Cross broilers). Heritage is also defined as having been accepted into the American Standard of Perfection. McMurray Hatchery also recognizes some recently imported breeds that are considered Heritage lines in their country of origin while meeting all other established criteria.

# Brahmas

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

The Brahma is an old feather-footed Heritage breed developed from fowl brought to America by Chinese clipper ships in the 1800s. The Brahma, along with the Cochon, was so popular upon arrival that they are credited with sparking ‘hen fever’, a national obsession in poultry during the 1850s. Both the Light and Dark varieties were included in the first printing of the American Standard of Perfection in 1874.

Brahmas are a large, hardy feather-footed breed. Their small pea comb, immense size, and heavy feathering make them almost immune to cold weather. They are quiet, gentle, and easy to handle. Brahmas are known for their relatively slow growth. Though they may reach sexual maturity around 20 weeks, it can take up to nine months for them to fully feather out, and up to two years for a male to fully mature. With their gorgeous feathering and calm demeanor, they are certainly worth the wait!

## BUFF BRAHMA

The Buff Brahma was developed later than the other two varieties, and was admitted into the American Standard of Perfection in 1924 — about 50 years after the Light and Dark Brahma. Today, these birds are prized by families and hobbyists for their gentle personalities. With their beautiful golden coloring and large size, they make for a truly regal and impressive flock.

Baby Buff Brahma chicks are dark gray with a light golden-buff colored face. Adults are a large golden-buff colored fowl with black hackle feathers edged in buff, a black tail, and feathered legs and feet. Compared to the other varieties, Buff Brahma hens average the fewest number of eggs per year.

*Photos courtesy of Amelia O'Connor, Destiny LaPointe, Amanda Kitzmiller, Andrea Jacobs, Ashley Bickell, Holly Callahan-Kasmala, and Chrisie DiCarlo.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
BUBP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
BUBC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
BUBS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89

Love feather-footed breeds? Shop our *Feather-Footed Fancies* chick assortment on pg. 13.

Class: Asiatic	Mature Weight (LB): Male 12.0 / Female 9.5
TLC Conservation Priority: <b>GRADUATED 2023</b>	Egg Production: Fair
Comb Type: Pea	
Feet & Legs: Feathered / Yellow	   

**BRAHMAS | A CONSERVATION SUCCESS** Increased popularity and numbers have enabled this breed to graduate from The Livestock Conservancy's Priority List. Scan the code to read more about the Poultry Census and other recovered breeds.



*Photo courtesy of Toni Walley.*

## DARK BRAHMA

The Dark Brahma is one of the two Brahma varieties listed in the first edition of the 1874 American Standard of Perfection, and the only variety that was developed in England rather than America. Dark Brahmas were developed after Light Brahmas, and they tend to be slightly smaller than their predecessors.

Of the three varieties of Brahmas — Buff, Dark, and Light — the Dark Brahma is perhaps the most stunning. Baby chicks have brown on their heads and back, and dark mottled faces with lining around their eyes. Hens have the same pattern and coloring on their head and neck as the Light Brahma, but their bodies are a show-stopping dark gray with silver-white penciling. Roosters have silver-white and black hackle and saddle feathers contrasted with dark black body and legs. These gorgeous birds are a sight to behold!

*Photos courtesy of Toni Walley, Shayla McVay, Elizabeth Edwards, Jennifer Trott, Martha Skierka, and Kristin Heuer.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
DABP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
DABC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
DABS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89



## LIGHT BRAHMA

The Light Brahma was the first variety of the breed developed, and they were known for being a true dual-purpose bird that could easily feed a family. Celebrated for their winter laying abilities, these sizeable table birds were bred to be both hardy and dependable. The Brahma reigned as a leading meat bird until the development of the modern hybrid broiler. Today, the Brahma is frequently kept by families and hobbyists as a friendly and cold-hardy breed.

Light Brahma adults have a silver-white head with black hackle feathers edged in white, a black tail, and feathered legs and feet. Baby chicks are light gray with a light face that often has a slightly yellow tint. Like all Brahmas, their size and a tight pea combs make them ideal for colder climates. Of the three varieties, Light Brahma hens are the best layers, averaging 220 eggs per year.

*Photos courtesy of Susie Dearsley, Holly Callahan-Kasmala, Chrisie DiCarlo, Meghan James, and Madison Riley.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
LIBP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
LIBC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
LIBS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89



*Photo courtesy of Toni Walley.*



SCAN TO SHOP BRAHMA CHICKS AT [MCMURRAYHATCHERY.COM](http://MCMURRAYHATCHERY.COM)



## Brahma Basics

- Heavily feathered from tip to toe with a tight pea comb
- Ideal for cold climates
- Not as far-wandering, but like to forage
- Bear confinement well
- Quiet and docile temperament
- Good choice for families and urban areas
- Fair to good brown egg layers
- Good setters and mothers

BEST-SELLING ASSORTMENTS

# hand-packed with care from our family to yours



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Photo courtesy of Nina Mullins.

## BEST-SELLING CHICK ASSORTMENTS

### BROWN EGG LAYERS ★

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

This is one of our most popular **ALL FEMALE** assortments. Each order includes a mix of colorful, productive breeds that will fill your baskets with beautiful eggs ranging from light cream to dark brown.

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
BELP	Female	\$69.11	\$109.43	\$207.91	\$395.04

### FEATHER-FOOTED FANCIES ♥

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

This **STRAIGHT RUN** (unsexed) collection includes an assortment of standard-sized feather-footed breeds. Includes our choice of breeds from our Brahmans, Cochins, Faverolles, and Langshans.

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
FFFS	Unsexed	\$73.50	\$116.38	\$221.11	\$420.11

### TOP HAT SPECIAL

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

This **STRAIGHT RUN** (unsexed) mix of crested breeds will certainly put a smile on anyone's face! This fun assortment includes our choice of varieties from our Crevecoeur, Houdan, Polish, and Sultan breeds.

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
TOHP	Female	\$69.11	\$109.43	\$207.91	\$395.04

### MURRAY'S CHOICE LAYERS ★

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

This best-selling **ALL FEMALE** assortment features an array of our favorite breeds that will lay a variety of different colored eggs. Includes our choice of breeds from our best layers, heavy breeds, and rare and exotic varieties.

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
RALP	Female	\$69.11	\$109.43	\$207.91	\$395.04

### ORNAMENTAL LAYERS

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

Let our team hand-select a varied, unique, and eye-catching flock for you! This **ALL FEMALE** assortment includes our choice of rare and top hat breeds. *Quantities are limited.*

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
OLCP	Female	\$87.75	\$138.94	\$263.98	\$501.56

### RARE BREED SPECIAL ♥

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

Rare breeds are our passion, and this **STRAIGHT RUN** (unsexed) assortment is one of our favorites! You may just find your next favorite breed when you try out this mix featuring our most exotic Heritage varieties.

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
RBSS	Unsexed	\$69.11	\$109.43	\$207.91	\$395.04

*Each baby chick assortment from McMurray Hatchery is hand-selected by our team to give you an array of breeds and varieties at a discounted price. Each of our day-old baby chick assortments include at least three breeds or varieties in an order of 15 chicks, or at least five or more breeds or varieties in orders of 25 or more chicks.*

## BARGAIN CHICK ASSORTMENTS

### HEAVY ASSORTED

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

This **STRAIGHT RUN** (unsexed) assortment offers an instant dual-purpose flock for both meat and large brown eggs. Includes our choice of breeds.

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
HASS	Unsexed	\$65.25	\$103.31	\$196.29	\$372.96

### COLLECTION COCKERELS

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

This **ALL MALE** assortment includes a collection of roosters from our rare and top hat collections, giving you a stunning and varied flock with smooth hackles, flowing saddle feathers, crests, feathered feet, and more.

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
OCCS	Male	\$46.50	\$73.63	\$139.89	\$265.79

### FLY TYER'S SPECIAL

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

Bring home this **ALL MALE** assortment and make your own unique Grizzlies, Duns, Badgers, and more. These breeds will give you the hackle, saddle, and tail feathers you're looking for as you explore the art of fly-tying.

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
FTSC	Male	\$46.50	\$73.63	\$139.89	\$265.79

### MURRAY'S SPECIAL ASSORTED BARGAIN ★

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

This **STRAIGHT RUN** (unsexed) assortment is our most varied and discounted. With dozens of breeds hatching each week, this value mix is always a surprise!

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
SPAS	Unsexed	\$66.75	\$105.69	\$200.81	\$381.53

### ALL HEAVIES

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

Our All Heavies **ALL MALE** chick assortment is a great selection of heavy breeds to raise for meat. Butcher them young for fryers, or hold them a little longer for a delicious roasting bird. Includes our choice of at least five different heavy breeds.

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
ALHS	Male	\$46.50	\$73.63	\$139.89	\$265.79

### SUPER DUPER

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

McMurray's Super Duper is an **ALL MALE** mixture of plain and fancy breeds in all colors and types — at a really low price! Anything goes in this cockerel chick assortment, including our choice of heavy, light, rare, and common breeds.

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
SUDC	Male	\$46.50	\$73.63	\$139.89	\$265.79

## BUTTERCUP

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

The Buttercup is a Mediterranean breed that was imported from Italy in the late 1800s. Sometimes referred to as the Sicilian Buttercup, this breed gets its name from its golden color and unique cup-shaped comb that resembles a crown. The Buttercup is a very rare Heritage breed, listed as 'Threatened' by The Livestock Conservancy.

Females are buff colored with parallel rows of black spangles on each feather, resulting in a beautiful spotted pattern. Males are a brilliant red-orange with a lustrous greenish-black tail. Both sexes have white earlobes, reddish bay eyes, and willow-green legs.

Buttercup chickens are very heat-tolerant, like many other Mediterranean breeds. They are active birds that prefer to free range and forage. Hens are non-setters and lay a good number of small-to-medium white eggs.

*Photos courtesy of Vera Ting, Linda Lundberg, and Amanda Roydes.*



Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
BUTP	Female	\$7.94	\$7.15	\$6.79	\$6.45
BUTC	Male	\$5.45	\$4.90	\$4.66	\$4.43
BUTS	Unsexed	\$6.48	\$5.83	\$5.54	\$5.26

Class: Mediterranean	Mature Weight (LB): Male 6.5 / Female 5.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Buttercup	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Green	

## GOLDEN CAMPINE

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

Golden Campines are small, active birds that are known to be good foragers. They have a distinctive black barring over golden bay feathers, bright red single combs, white earlobes, and slate colored legs. Baby Campine chicks are some of the most distinct and colorful chicks we hatch, with black, brown, and white zig-zag stripes.

This historic breed is said to date back to the time when Julius Caesar looted Belgium. Interestingly, the Campine was admitted into the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection not just once, but twice. In the late 1800s, the breed was imported into North America, but was dropped from the Standard in 1898. Eventually, both the Golden and the Silver varieties of Campine chickens were recognized by the APA and were admitted back into the Standard in 1914. Today, the Campine is very rare and is listed as 'Threatened' by The Livestock Conservancy.

Campines tolerate heat well, are fairly flighty, and prefer to forage in a free-range setting. Hens are non-setters and lay a good number of medium-sized white eggs.

*Photos courtesy of Ashley Stratton, Sarah Balvanz, Nicole Gerkenz, and Kathy Mormino aka The Chicken Chick.*



Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
GOCP	Female	\$10.27	\$9.24	\$8.78	\$8.34
GOCC	Male	\$6.44	\$5.80	\$5.51	\$5.23
GOCS	Unsexed	\$8.14	\$7.32	\$6.96	\$6.61

Class: Continental	Mature Weight (LB): Male 6.0 / Female 4.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Slate, Blue	

— A CONSERVATION UPDATE —

## dedicated to preserving rare Heritage breeds



Our commitment to preserving rare and endangered poultry remains just as strong now as it was over a century ago. Today, several of our flocks stand as the only viable established lines left in the United States for a number of rare and critically endangered breeds, which proved to be of paramount importance during the Avian Influenza scares last year. It is our honor to be a part of preserving these rare breeds, and we hope to continue to expand our conservation efforts and programs in the future.

In recent years, our team has worked closely with The Livestock Conservancy to support their efforts in monitoring rare breed populations such as the Crevecoeur and Redcap, among other important projects. Last year, McMurray Hatchery sponsored a new edition of The Livestock Conservancy's Heritage Turkeys book in order to draw attention to these important birds.

However, our most significant effort to date was sponsoring the Poultry Census, which provided valuable data about the current status of poultry populations across North America. According to The Livestock Conservancy, the most recent Poultry Census

showed that "counts of some breeds improved significantly — Australorp, Rhode Island Red, Plymouth Rock, and Brahma chickens have large enough global populations they are graduating off the Conservation Priority List (CPL)." The Census showed notable improvements in turkey populations across America as well. In 2023, Black, Royal Palm, and Slate turkeys all improved from Threatened to Watch, which is a conservation victory to celebrate. Having access to such crucial information helps us guide future conservation projects in a more meaningful way, which allows us and other organizations, to have a greater impact on poultry populations that need help the most.

We are always touched when friends and customers in our community ask how they can best support conservation efforts. To put it simply, adding a few rare breed chicks to your order goes a long way! Chicken keeping continues to grow in popularity, which further supports breeds that are in need. You can help their numbers grow simply by keeping them in your own backyard flocks. Your valued support enables us to continue our important efforts.

## McMurray Hatchery Rare Heritage Breeds on the Conservation Priority List

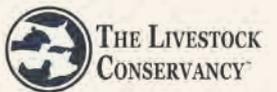
### MCMURRAY HATCHERY HERITAGE CHICKEN BREED STATUS

Ancona	Watch	Langshan	Threatened
Andalusian	Watch	Leghorn	Recovering
<b>Australorp</b>	<b>Graduated</b>	Minorca	Watch
<b>Brahma</b>	<b>Graduated</b>	Modern Game	Threatened
Buttercup	Threatened	New Hampshire	Threatened
Campine	Threatened	Old English Game	Watch
Cochin	Recovering	Phoenix	Watch
Cornish	Watch	<b>Plymouth Rock</b>	<b>Graduated</b>
Crevecoeur	Watch	Polish	Recovering
Delaware	Recovering	Redcap	Critical
Dominique	Watch	Sebright	Watch
Dorking	Threatened	Sultan	Threatened
Faverolles	Watch	Sumatra	Threatened
Hamburg	Threatened	Sussex	Recovering
Houdan	Threatened	White Faced	
Jersey Giant	Recovering	Black Spanish	Critical
Lakenvelder	Threatened	Yokohama	Threatened

### MCMURRAY HATCHERY HERITAGE WATERFOWL & TURKEY BREED STATUS

Buff Duck	Watch	Black Turkey	Watch
Campbell Duck	Watch	Bourbon Red Turkey	Watch
Rouen Duck	Watch	Chocolate Turkey	Watch
Runner Duck	Recovering	Midget White Turkey	Watch
Saxony Duck	Threatened	Narragansett Turkey	Watch
Silver Appleyard Duck	Watch	Royal Palm Turkey	Watch
Swedish Duck	Watch	Slate Turkey	Watch
Welsh Harlequin Duck	Watch	Standard Bronze Turkey	Watch
		White Holland Turkey	Threatened

*Murray McMurray Hatchery is a long-time supporter and advocate of The Livestock Conservancy, the Conservation Poultry Census, and other key programs helping to preserve rare breeds of poultry. To learn more about the Conservancy and how to support its efforts, visit their website at [TheLivestockConservancy.org](http://TheLivestockConservancy.org).*



*As a proud partner of the McMurray Poultry Census — the most complex Heritage breed count in the 46-year history of The Livestock Conservancy, with data on over 7,500 flocks from over 2,000 breeders and hatcheries. To learn more about the results garnered from this project, visit [The Livestock Conservancy website at TheLivestockConservancy.org](http://TheLivestockConservancy.org).*



You can learn more about the rare breeds we currently offer by looking for the diamond icon next to each rare breed listing in our catalog.

# Cochins

(SHIPPED FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

The standard-sized Cochin breed is one of our family favorites — especially the Buff Cochin. These massive Asiatic fowl are said to have been brought from China in the 1800s by clipper ships. Cochins are large birds, and they look even bigger due to their extraordinary abundance of soft, fluffy feathers from head to toe. Cochins have a quiet and friendly disposition. These gentle birds are a perfect fit for families and backyard settings. Hens lay medium-sized light brown eggs. Though they are good layers, they are also likely to go broody. Cochins are excellent mothers, and these hens are a fantastic choice for anyone wanting to hatch chicks without an incubator. While their downy feathering might help them in colder weather, care should be taken to protect their large combs and wattles from frostbite.

Class: Asiatic	Mature Weight (LB): Male 11.0 / Female 8.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Recovering	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Feathered / Yellow	

Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89



## BLACK COCHIN

One of the first varieties of this breed, Black Cochins have a striking appearance with their beautiful, iridescent black feathering from head to toe, and bright red combs and wattles. They have an abundance of black down, giving them an even larger presence. These quiet, gentle birds have an almost greenish sheen in the sunlight.

Females, BLCF Males, BLCC. Unsexed, BLCS.

Photos courtesy of Kristin McGuire, Matthew Arnett, and Amy Vincent.

Special thanks to Beth Witte for allowing us to photograph Sweet Lou the Roo (top).



## BLUE COCHIN

The Blue Cochin is a stately and gentle bird. Approximately half of these birds will be blue with darker blue lacing, while the other half will be black, white, or splash due to their blue genetics. Order several for a beautiful mixed flock. *To read more about breeding for the color blue, see pg. 6.*

Females, BECP Males, BECC. Unsexed, BECS.

Photos courtesy of Audrey Henry, Dannie Richards, Toni Walley, and Nina Mullins.

## BUFF COCHIN

This variety is one of our family's all-time favorites. Buff Cochins are immense, soft, fluffy birds that are gold from head to toe with bright red combs and wattles. Like our other Cochin varieties, these quiet and gentle birds are perfect for first-time chicken owners and families.

Females, BUCP Males, BUCC. Unsexed, BUCS.

Photos courtesy of Teddi Yaeger, Indah Erdmann, Leilani Heng, and Ann Schoenrock.



## SILVER LACED COCHIN

Silver Laced Cochins are a more rare variety of Cochin. Often kept for exhibition, these silver-white birds have black lacing on each feather. This patterning is similar to the Silver Laced Wyandotte, but Cochins have feathered legs and feet, and a single comb.

Females, SLCP Males, SLCC. Unsexed, SLCS.

Photos by Nina Mullins, Linda Lundberg, and Teddi Yaeger.



## PARTRIDGE COCHIN

The Partridge Cochin is a truly stunning bird. Males are a mix of iridescent greenish-black and deep burgundy. Females are a deep burgundy-red color with the typical double-laced partridge feather pattern. Like other Cochin varieties, Partridge Cochins are large, beautiful, easy-to-raise birds with a calm and docile temperament.

Females, PACP Males, PACC. Unsexed, PACS.

Photos courtesy of Misty Mack, Lizzy Diaz, Matt Reagan, Joely Swenson, and Jamie Lynn Fletcher.



## WHITE COCHIN

The White Cochin is one of the oldest APA recognized varieties of the Cochin breed. These massive birds are like giant snowballs with their soft, white, downy feathers. White Cochins are popular with fanciers and poultry enthusiasts alike.

Females, WHCP Males, WHCC. Unsexed, WHCS.

Photo courtesy of Libby Liukkonen.



# Cornish

Many look to Heritage breeds such as the Cornish when they begin raising a sustainable flock. The Cornish (formerly known as the Indian Game) is one of the foundation breeds of the modern Cornish Cross broiler. Heritage Cornish is a rare breed that originated in Cornwall, England, developed from Red Aseels and Black Breasted Red Games. Bred for a wide, game-like body with a muscular breast area, they are an excellent choice for meat production. While they are much slower to mature than modern hybrid broilers — taking an average of 20 weeks to grow out — they are sought after by homesteaders and hobbyists as a sustainable, active breed that will breed true for generations. Adult birds will reach 8-10 lbs. live weight, and young birds are often processed as small and tender Cornish Game Hens.

Shop fast-growing hybrid Cornish Cross broilers and other meat bird breeds on pg. 63.



## DARK CORNISH

(SHIPPED FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

Dark Cornish are hardy, excellent foragers that will rustle for themselves under rough conditions. Hens make good setters and mothers. Baby chicks can vary in color from a light reddish-buff to a darker reddish-brown with dark markings on the head, and sometimes on the outer edge of the back. Dark Cornish are often kept for eggs and exhibition, and are also an excellent choice for sustainable meat production.

Females, DACP. Males, DACC. Unsexed, DACS.

Photos courtesy of Michael Krupecki, Amanda Kitzmiller, and Joshua Ott.

Class: English	Mature Weight (LB): Male 10.0 / Female 8.0		
TLC Conservation Priority: Watch	Egg Production: Fair		
Comb Type: Pea			
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow			

Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
Female	\$7.94	\$7.15	\$6.79	\$6.45
Male	\$5.45	\$4.90	\$4.66	\$4.43
Unsexed	\$6.48	\$5.83	\$5.54	\$5.26



## WHITE LACED RED CORNISH

(SHIPPED FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

White Laced Red Cornish have rich, dark red feathers laced with white. As with other Heritage Cornish varieties, they have a square, muscular physique with tight feathering. White Laced Red Cornish are good foragers, and hens are fair brown egg layers. Baby chicks will be varying shades of reddish buff with long legs, and they are fairly small.

Females, WLRP. Males, WLRC. Unsexed, WLRS.

Photos courtesy of Jesse Cannon-Wallace, Joshua Ott, Sara Alvord, and Austin Bender.



# RAISING A Sustainable Flock

WITH DUAL-PURPOSE HERITAGE BREEDS

Now more than ever, families across the nation are looking to grow and raise more of their own food. Inflation, supply chain issues, and a desire to live a more intentional and sustainable life with less dependency on commercial sources for food have led to an increase in the number of people wanting to raise their own poultry as a meat source.

Though Cornish Cross are an excellent option for a backyard protein, many people are becoming more and more interested in raising a sustainable flock for meat. Simply put, this means raising birds that are able to mate naturally and have a slower rate of growth. A number of Heritage breeds naturally fill this need, with the added bonus of providing both meat and eggs.

If you're interested in raising a sustainable dual-purpose flock, consider raising some of these Heritage breeds:



### BIELEFELDER

German auto-sexing breed known for their size and gentle temperament.

**Mature Weight:** Male 12.0 / Female 9.5

**Egg Production:** 220-280 eggs per year

*Learn more, see pg. 9.*



### CORNISH (DARK, WHITE LACED RED)

English breed known for its muscular body. One of the foundation breeds behind the modern Cornish Cross.

**Mature Weight:** Male 10.0 / Female 8.0

**Egg Production:** 140-160 eggs per year

*Learn more, see pg. 18.*



### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Hardy American breed known for its fast feathering and fairly rapid growth. Ideal for free range settings.

**Mature Weight:** Male 8.5 / Female 6.5

**Egg Production:** 220 eggs per year average

*Learn more, see pg. 36.*



### WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCK

American breed that played a key role in the development of the modern broiler. These easy-to-raise birds are ideal for both small homesteads and large pastured flocks.

**Mature Weight:** Male 9.5 / Female 7.5

**Egg Production:** 220 eggs per year average

*Learn more, see pg. 41.*



## Raising a Sustainable Meat Bird Flock

Can you breed your own meat birds? That's a question we hear more and more as the homesteader movement rises in popularity. McMurray Hatchery owner and president, Tom Watkins, tackles this common question on the McMurray Hatchery blog. [Scan the QR code to read Tom's article on our blog.](#)



## CRESTED CREAM LEGBAR

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

Cream Legbars are one of the most popular auto-sexing chicken breeds in the world, sought after for their beautiful and consistent blue eggs. An auto-sexing breed means that males and females can visually be identified at hatch – a beneficial trait that is carried through to successive generations when breeding. This relatively new breed was developed in England, and while it has yet to be recognized as a standard breed in the U.S., many enthusiasts follow the British standard when breeding.

Cream Legbars are medium-sized birds that are efficient and active foragers. They are better adapted to temperate and warmer climates. As chicks, males are a soft white and brown color, while females are darker brown with a chipmunk pattern. Females sport a small crest and are silver-grey with a salmon colored breast. Hens are fair layers that rarely go broody. Males are cream-colored with grey barring on their saddle and hackle feathers, and they make excellent flock protectors.

Photos courtesy of Teddi Yaeger and Cassandra Haring.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
CRLP	Female	\$10.27	\$9.24	\$8.78	\$8.34
CRLC	Male	\$6.44	\$5.80	\$5.51	\$5.23
CRLS	Unsexed	\$8.14	\$7.32	\$6.96	\$6.61

Class: All Other Production	Mature Weight (LB): Male 7.5 / Female 5.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Fair
Comb Type: Single	 
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	 



## DELAWARE

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)

The Delaware is a true all-American breed. Though the Delaware is now an established Heritage breed recognized by the American Poultry Association, its origin stems from the broiler industry in the state of Delaware during the mid-1900s. The breed was derived by crossing Plymouth Barred Rock males with New Hampshire females in an effort to create a dual-purpose bird that was a good layer with a relatively fast growth rate, and light white feathering for easy processing. The result was a heavy breed bird with mostly white feathers and slight barring on both the hackles and tail. The Delaware reigned as a popular commercial bird for two decades, until the development of the modern Cornish Cross broiler caused a decline in popularity. Today, this breed is making a comeback as more poultry keepers and homesteaders choose to raise sustainable flocks of hardy, dual-purpose Heritage breeds. The Delaware is a nice, easy-to-raise bird when cared for properly. Hens are good layers and are not overly broody. They are naturally cold-hardy, having been developed in the northeast region of the United States.

Photos courtesy of Cassandra Haring, Holly Callahan-Kasmala, and Chrisie DiCarlo.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
DLWP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
DLWC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
DLWS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89

Class: American	Mature Weight (LB): Male 8.5 / Female 6.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Recovering	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	 



Learn more about the Delaware Heritage breed in the Breed Spotlight series from Holly Callahan-Kasmala and Chrisie DiCarlo from *Coffee from the Chicken Ladies* – on the McMurray Hatchery blog. [SCAN TO READ THE BLOG >](#)



## CREVECOEUR

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)

The Crevecoeur is one of the oldest French breeds. Its name comes from the village of Crèvecœur en Auge in Normandy, which translates 'broken heart' in English. Little is known about the origin of the breed, but they have been documented as far back as the 12th century. The Crevecoeur was popular until WWII, when populations were decimated and left critically endangered. Thankfully, recent efforts were made to rebuild and preserve these special birds. After much collaboration, the Crevecoeur has successfully moved from 'Critical' to 'Watch' on The Livestock Conservancy Priority List.

The Crevecoeur is a tall, all-black, crested bird with slate-colored legs, reddish eyes, and a bright red v-comb. They are similar to but larger than the Polish, and are more comparable in size to the Houdan. Males average around 8 lbs., while females are slightly smaller. Hens are fair layers of medium-sized white eggs and are moderately broody. Crevecoeurs are gentle birds, but can be timid due to limited sight caused by their crests. They bear confinement well and are a fun choice for families in backyard settings, as well as fanciers looking for a rare breed with unique conformation.

Photos courtesy of Teddi Yaeger, Adam Grace, and Tessa Stickel.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
CREP	Female	\$10.27	\$9.24	\$8.78	\$8.34
CREC	Male	\$6.44	\$5.80	\$5.51	\$5.23
CRES	Unsexed	\$8.14	\$7.32	\$6.96	\$6.61

Class: Continental	Mature Weight (LB): Male 8.0 / Female 6.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Watch	Egg Production: Fair
Comb Type: V	 
Feet & Legs: Clean / Black	 



## DOMINIQUE

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

The Dominique is a distinctly American Heritage breed, dating back to the early days in New England. Pioneers brought these birds west with them when, at that time, any black and white barred feathered chicken was referred to as a 'Dominiker'. The Dominique predates the Plymouth Rock, as it is one of the foundation breeds used to develop the Plymouth Barred Rock.

The Dominique has a rose comb, medium-sized body, prominent tail, and black and white barred plumage. Hens are non-setters and are good layers of large brown eggs. While the Dominique is considered to be dual-purpose, its use is primarily as an egg laying breed. These are friendly birds, and they thrive in a free range setting.

Today, the Dominique is considered a rare breed. However, their numbers have stabilized, earning them a 'Watch' status from The Livestock Conservancy.

Photos courtesy of Brandy Miller, Ann Branham, Chelsea Meissner, Holly Callahan-Kasmala, and Chrisie DiCarlo.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
DOMP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
DOMC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
DOMS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89

Class: American	Mature Weight (LB): Male 7.0 / Female 5.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Watch	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Rose	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	 



## SILVER GRAY DORKING

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

The Dorking is a British breed named for the town of Dorking in southern England. This is considered one of the oldest breeds of domesticated poultry, included in the first edition of the Standard of Perfection in 1874. Today, this breed is endangered, and has recently been listed as 'Threatened' on The Livestock Conservancy Priority List.

The Dorking is a unique breed with a long body on disproportionately short legs and a distinctive fifth toe. Silver Gray Dorking males are a combination of silvery-white and black. Females are an ashy-gray with a light golden-brown chest. The Dorking is one of the few poultry breeds with red earlobes that lays a medium-sized cream-colored egg. Hens are somewhat likely to go broody and make great mothers. While they are content in a confined setting, these quiet and docile birds like to forage, but don't wander far.

Photos courtesy of Neely Anderson, Michael Krupecki, Jessica Moore, and Emily Holm.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
SGDP	Female	\$7.94	\$7.15	\$6.79	\$6.45
SGDC	Male	\$5.45	\$4.90	\$4.66	\$4.43
SGDS	Unsexed	\$6.48	\$5.83	\$5.54	\$5.26

Class: English	Mature Weight (LB): Male 9.0 / Female 7.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / White	



## SALMON FAVEROLLES (SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

Originally bred in France as a good-sized fowl for winter eggs, Salmon Faverolles were admitted into the American Standard of Perfection in 1914. Today, Faverolles fairly rare and are raised primarily for exhibition and novelty.

With beards, muffs, feathered shanks, and a fifth toe, Faverolles are the total package! These birds have distinctive and beautiful coloring. Males are the darker of the two, with a mix of cream, reddish-brown, and black feathers. Females are much lighter, with creamy white and salmon-brown feathering. Baby chicks are easily identified, as they are fluffy and bright yellow with a small bit of black on their backs and wings. Hens lay medium-sized cream-colored eggs, and they have a high tendency towards broodiness.

These birds are generally cold hardy and have a gentle disposition. They are an ideal choice for confined or backyard settings, as they bear confinement well. Their calm, quiet demeanor makes them a good option for families with small children, too.

Photos courtesy of Tawnie Freeland, Toni Walley, Chris DiCarlo, and Holly Callahan-Kasmala.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
SAFP	Female	\$10.27	\$9.24	\$8.78	\$8.34
SAFC	Male	\$6.44	\$5.80	\$5.51	\$5.23
SAFS	Unsexed	\$8.14	\$7.32	\$6.96	\$6.61

Class: Continental	Mature Weight (LB): Male 8.0 / Female 6.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Watch	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Feathered / White	



Did you know there are five chicken breeds with five toes? Dorkings (this page), Faverolles (this page), Houdans (pg. 26), Sultans (pg. 47), and Silkies (pg. 61).

## EGYPTIAN FAYOUMIS (SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

This small, active breed has been raised along the Nile in Egypt for centuries. While they are common overseas and meet all the qualifications of a Heritage breed, they are very rare in the U.S. and are not yet recognized by the APA or The Livestock Conservancy. Fayoumis mature more quickly than other breeds. Pullets can start laying their medium-sized, creamy white eggs at just 4 to 4-1/2 months, and cockerels can start to crow at just 5 to 6 weeks. Fayoumis are marked with silver-white hackles, and their bodies have white barring on black feathers. Baby chicks are very colorful and easily identified. They are a warm brown with a hint of burgundy or purple coloring overall and have black and white markings on their backs.

Photos courtesy of Toni Walley, Janet Louise Sing, Teddi Yaeger, Katie Albright, Marly Little and the Phoenix Zoo, Kathy Mormino aka The Chicken Chick, Holly Callahan-Kasmala, and Christie DiCarlo.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
EGFP	Female	\$7.94	\$7.15	\$6.79	\$6.45
EGFC	Male	\$5.45	\$4.90	\$4.66	\$4.43
EGFS	Unsexed	\$6.48	\$5.83	\$5.54	\$5.26

Class: All Other Standard	Mature Weight (LB): Male 5.0 / Female 4.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Slate, Green	



## Hamburgs

This rare Heritage breed is listed as 'Threatened' on The Livestock Conservancy Priority List. Hamburgs are small, alert, and thrive in a free range setting, as they love foraging. They are such prolific white egg layers that they have been referred to as the "Dutch Everyday Layer." Hamburgs are generally heat tolerant and do well in warmer climates.

Class: Continental	Mature Weight (LB): Male 5.0 / Female 4.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Rose	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Gray, Blue	

## GOLDEN PENCILED HAMBURG

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

This beautiful Hamburg variety has reddish-gold feathering with finely-penciled black barring, lead blue shanks and toes, and a rose comb. Hens are reliable layers of white eggs and tend to be non-setters.

Photos courtesy of Meghan James, Matt Reagan, Beth Gagnon, and Kathy Mormino aka The Chicken Chick.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
GPHP	Female	\$7.94	\$7.15	\$6.79	\$6.45
GPHC	Male	\$5.45	\$4.90	\$4.66	\$4.43
GPHS	Unsexed	\$6.48	\$5.83	\$5.54	\$5.26



## SILVER SPANGLED HAMBURG

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)

The Silver Spangled Hamburg is the more common of the two varieties we carry. These are very alert and active birds. They are silver-white with contrasting black spangles on each feather tip. Hamburgs are small and elegant birds, consistent layers, and have a bright, cheerful attitude when foraging in a free-range setting.

Photos courtesy of Jordan Huerta, Jessica Andolino, Brandy Miller, Lindsey McKibben, and Kirsy Ingram.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
SSHP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
SSHC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
SSHS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89



THE BEST HERITAGE AND HYBRID  
BREEDS FOR EGG PRODUCTION

# eggs for days



Heritage breeds are beloved by many chicken keepers across the country, and with good reason! Heritage chickens are able to reproduce naturally, making many a perfect choice for those who wish to raise a sustainable flock for meat and eggs. Though they are a bit slower to mature than production breeds and will lay less eggs per week to start, Heritage hens tend to have a longer lifespan than their production counterparts. Many Heritage hens also make fantastic mothers, meaning you can leave brooding chicks up to them if you so desire. Many Heritage breeds are known to be hardy and productive flock members.

## BEST HERITAGE LAYERS

### PLYMOUTH BARRED ROCK

The Barred Rock is one of our best layers, but we love them for so many other reasons, too! They have fantastic personalities, making them a perfect choice for families and backyard keepers. These sweet, quiet hens will often continue laying their large brown eggs during cold weather.

### BLACK AUSTRALORP

The Australorp is a stand-out layer among Heritage breeds, and popular among homesteaders as a dual-purpose breed. Black Australorp hens are quiet and consistently lay a good number of large brown eggs. Australorps are hardy and easy to raise, making them easy keepers that fit well into any flock.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire hens are outstanding layers of large brown eggs. Because they played such a large role in the development of the modern broiler, these chickens also make fantastic meat birds. Add a few New Hampshire hens to your flock to boost your egg production, or keep a flock of New Hampshire hens and a rooster (or two!) to ensure that you have eggs and meat on the table for years to come.

Production layers are, as their name implies, egg laying machines. These hens were developed to have an extremely high rate of lay, with many laying close to an egg a day for their first year of life. These breeds are often fast to mature, meaning they will put eggs on the table much sooner than most Heritage breeds. Production hens will lay at maximum output for the first two years of their lives, and then their rate of lay will gradually decrease. These hens are hardy, and will easily keep your family or business in eggs!

## BEST HYBRID LAYERS

### WHITING TRUE GREEN

Whiting True Green hens lay a beautiful green egg that is coveted by many chicken keepers. They are some of our very best layers, which has caused them to shoot to the top of our "Must Have" list in recent years. An exclusive Murray McMurray Hatchery breed, Whiting True Greens are hardy, forage well, and have fantastic personalities. These little hens are the total package and will add a pop of color to your rainbow basket!

### PEARL WHITE LEGHORN

Our Pearl White Leghorns are a high-production line developed to have an amazing rate of lay and excellent feed conversion ratio. These hens will lay uniform white eggs almost every day once they hit maturity at about 4.5-5 months. Pearl White Leghorns are active and thrive when allowed to free-range on pasture or in the backyard.

### RED STAR SEX LINK

Red Star Sex Links are one of our favorite laying breeds! Their high production makes them a perfect choice for anyone selling eggs, but they are equally as valuable in a small-scale backyard flock. You'll never run out of eggs if you add a few Red Star hens to your coop! As an added bonus, these sweet hens have wonderful dispositions and fit well in a mixed flock.



*Photos courtesy of Nina Mullins, Kenneth Rich, Reba Reynolds, Jordan Lengel, and Daniel Smith.*

## MOTTLED HOUDAN

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

The Houdan originated near the village of Houdan in Normandy, France. The Houdan, like the Crevecoeur, was originally a table bird in France. They were imported to the U.S. in the mid-1800s and were admitted into the American Standard of Perfection in 1874. This rare breed is improving in status, as it was recently moved from 'Critical' to 'Threatened' on The Livestock Conservancy Priority List.

The Mottled Houdan has black feathers tipped with white mottling. The breed is known for its flowing crest, reddish eyes, red v-comb, large nostrils, beard, and fifth toe. Houdans are decent white egg layers. These crested birds are larger than a standard Polish. They thrive in warm climates and have a good disposition.

Photos courtesy of Toni Walley, Kaylee Luke, Brita Hayes, Claudia Hebert, Holly Callahan-Kasmala, Christis DiCarlo, and Jake Grzenda of White House on the Hill.



Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
MOHP	Female	\$10.27	\$9.24	\$8.78	\$8.34
MOHC	Male	\$6.44	\$5.80	\$5.51	\$5.23
MOHS	Unsexed	\$8.14	\$7.32	\$6.96	\$6.61

Class: Continental	Mature Weight (LB): Male 8.0 / Female 6.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened	Egg Production: Better
Comb Type: V	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Pinkish White	

## LAKENVELDER

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

In Dutch, the word Lakenvelder means "a shadow on a sheet" — a perfect name for this small white breed, which is draped in black on the neck, wings, and tail. Lakenvelders are quite small when mature, weighing just 4-5 lbs. They are very quick and active, and will forage widely if allowed to roam. Hens lay white eggs and are non-setters. Baby chicks are mostly cream and white with a half-collar of black on their neck, a sprinkling of black on their head and back, and a dark tipped beak.

Photo courtesy of Terry Thon, Heather Cagle, Kate and Mark Brencher, and Kezia Uhrich.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
LAKP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
LAKC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
LAKS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89

Class: Continental	Mature Weight (LB): Male 5.0 / Female 4.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Slate, Blue	



## Jersey Giants

The Jersey Giant is an American breed that originated, as the name suggests, in New Jersey in the late 1800s. Aply named, this immense, heavy dual-purpose breed is used for both egg and meat production.

Giants are a large cold hardy breed, but care should be given to protect their combs and wattles in extreme temperatures. They do not do well in hotter climates. While they are considered a dual-purpose bird, they are slow to reach their full size. Hens are good layers of large brown eggs and are often persistent through colder weather. Giants have a good disposition and are a good option in a free-range setting.

Class: American	Mature Weight (LB): Male 13.0 / Female 10.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Recovering	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Black	

Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89



## BLACK JERSEY GIANT

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)

The Black Giant is the original Jersey Giant, developed by crossing several large, dark Asiatic breeds. This handsome breed has black feathers with a green sheen, dark brown eyes, black shanks and toes, and a straight red comb. The Black Giant was accepted into the Standard of Perfection in 1922.

Females, BLGP. Males, BLGC. Unsexed, BLGS.

Photos courtesy of Shaylah McVay, Rachel Arthur, Holly Callahan-Kasmala, Christis DiCarlo, Michael Krupecki, and Eric Heberling.



## WHITE JERSEY GIANT

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

The White Jersey Giant is an immense dual-purpose chicken. It was developed later than the Black, and was admitted into the American Standard of Perfection in 1947. White Giants tend to weigh about one pound less than the Black. Baby chicks are varying shades of smoky gray, and adults are pure white.

Females, WHGP. Males, WHGC. Unsexed, WHGS.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Micuinas, Brandon Horvat, Cat Jalet, Ellie Bowman, and Guillermo Sanchez.

## Langshans

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

Langshans are a feather-legged Heritage breed that originated in China. This gentle breed has an excellent disposition, and is smaller and more active than other Asiatic breeds. Sometimes referred to as a Croad Langshan, they were imported into the U.S. in the 1870s. These stunning birds are one of our oldest breeds, with records showing our flock dating back as early as 1919. Today, the breed is very rare and listed as 'Threatened' by The Livestock Conservancy. Langshans have a pronounced upright appearance and are not as heavily feathered down the legs and toes as Cochins. Hens are good brown egg layers and are very likely to set. Males are tall and stately with swooping tails and a quiet disposition.

Class: Asiatic	Mature Weight (LB): Male 9.5 / Female 7.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Feathered / Blue, Black	

Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
Female	\$794	\$715	\$6.79	\$6.45
Male	\$5.45	\$4.90	\$4.66	\$4.43
Unsexed	\$6.48	\$5.83	\$5.54	\$5.26



## BLACK LANGSHAN

Black Langshans are one of our family favorites, and one of our oldest breeds — dating back to our first catalogs! These large, stunning feather-legged birds are a pure glossy black that has an iridescent green sheen. They have dark eyes and black shanks with contrasting bright red combs and wattles. Chicks are black with some white on their underside.

Females, BLLP. Males, BLLC. Unsexed, BLLS.

Photo (left) courtesy of Taylor Bohmier.



## WHITE LANGSHAN

APA CERTIFIED FLOCK

White Langshans were admitted into the Standard of Perfection in 1893. These pure white birds are stately and graceful with their white feathering, dark eyes, and light feathering on their shanks and feet. Baby chicks range from dark gray to smoky-white. **Our flock of White Langshans is one of six APA Certified flocks. APA Certified flocks make ideal foundation lines for both breeding and exhibition.**

Females, WHLP. Males, WHLC. Unsexed, WHLS.

Photos courtesy of Joanne Glaudini and Teddi Yaeger.

# Leghorns

When you're looking for reliable layers, Leghorns are a must-have. These prolific white egg layers come in a wide range of colors and types. From high-producing White Leghorns to Heritage varieties that stand the test of time, we have a Leghorn to suit each and every need and preference.

## PEARL WHITE LEGHORN

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)

Over half a century of scientific breeding and research have gone into the development of these high-production Leghorns. This is, by far, our best white egg laying breed. Pearl White Leghorn pullets weigh about 4 lbs. at maturity and will start laying at just 4.5-5 months, and will continue laying for 10 to 12 weeks longer than most good layers. These hens lay the most uniform and highest quality white eggs while requiring the least amount of feed and space. Their livability and resistance to disease are very high, and their feed-to-egg conversion ratio is excellent, holding down the cost of egg production. Pearl White Leghorns are active and thrive when they have ample space to forage and free-range. These birds are alert, independent, quick on their feet, and non-broody.

Photos courtesy of Daniel Smith, Jordan Lengel, and Amanda Penn.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
PEAP	Female	\$5.71	\$5.14	\$4.88	\$4.64	\$4.41	\$4.19
PEAC	Male	\$3.78	\$3.40	\$3.23	\$3.07	\$2.92	\$2.77
PEAS	Unsexed	\$4.54	\$4.08	\$3.88	\$3.68	\$3.50	\$3.33

Class: Production	Mature Weight (LB): Male 6.0 / Female 4.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Best
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	



## RED LEGHORN

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

The Red Leghorn is a rare Heritage variety. The Single Comb Red Leghorn was accepted into the American Standard of Perfection in 1929. With industrial Leghorns dominating the market today, non-industrial Heritage Leghorns have struggled in numbers and have been on the Priority List of The Livestock Conservancy. While Heritage Leghorns as a whole are considered recovering, the Red Leghorn is still considered endangered.

Aptly named, the Red Leghorn is a rich, brilliant red color combined with a graceful carriage, white ear lobes, and yellow shanks and toes. Hens are excellent white egg layers and are non-setters. They do well in free-range settings and warmer climates.

Photos courtesy of Emery Acie.

Class: Mediterranean	Mature Weight (LB): Male 6.0 / Female 4.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Recovering	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
REL P	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
REL C	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
REL S	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89



## ROSE COMB BROWN LEGHORN

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

The Heritage Rose Comb Brown Leghorn was admitted to the Standard in 1883. Their tight rose combs make them hardier in cold climates. Both varieties of Brown Leghorn males have orange hackle and saddle feathers with black stripes in the center of each. Females are medium-brown with delicate penciling, darker wings, and a salmon-colored breast. Their dark color and quick actions make them ideal for free-range areas where there is a risk of predators.

Photos (males) courtesy of Kathy Romeo.

Class: Mediterranean	Mature Weight (LB): Male 6.0 / Female 4.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Recovering	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Rose	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
RCBP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
RCBC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
RCBS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89



## SILVER LEGHORN

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)

The Silver Leghorn is a rare and beautiful variety, admitted into the Standard of Perfection in 1894. Males are silver-white and lustrous greenish-black. Females have a salmon colored breast and silver-gray neck, back, and wings. This breed is vigorous, quick, and alert. Our Heritage line is carefully selected for correct color and type, making a great option for those interested in exhibition or looking for foundation stock.

Photos courtesy of Sarah Davies, Theresa Ahlgren, Robin Glover, Amy Davies, Alyssa Stanley, and Andrea Jacobs.

Class: Mediterranean	Mature Weight (LB): Male 6.0 / Female 4.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Recovering	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
SILP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
SILC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
SILS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89



## SINGLE COMB BROWN LEGHORN

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

This was the first variety of Leghorn to be admitted into the American Standard of Perfection in 1874. Along with the Rose Comb Brown (above), this is generally considered to be the most colorful variety within the Heritage Leghorn family. Like all Leghorns, they are active foragers. Hens are good layers and are non-setters. Our line has been improved over the years by the introduction of the world-famous Danish strain. The Single Comb Brown Leghorn has the exact same feather color and pattern as the Rose Comb Brown Leghorn (above). The only difference is that this variety has a straight blade single comb.

Photos courtesy of Marilyn Mason, Maggi Dix-Carusio, Patty Adler, and Brittany Arquette.

Class: Mediterranean	Mature Weight (LB): Male 6.0 / Female 4.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Recovering	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	



# Marans (SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

The Marans breed originated in the town of Marans, France. Marans are one of the most sought-after breeds today, highly desired for their beautiful dark brown eggs. Their egg color is a defining characteristic of the breed that should always take precedence when breeding. French Marans, both the Black Copper and the White, are Heritage breeds recognized by the American Poultry Association and were

accepted into the Standard of Perfection in 2011 and 2014, respectively. French Marans are easily recognized by their feathered shanks and feet, while the English Marans have clean legs. Marans overall tend to be fairly hardy — thriving in most climates. They are generally quiet, docile, and easy to keep, but they are also active and enjoy the opportunity to free-range.

## CUCKOO MARANS

The Cuckoo Marans is quite different from the other Marans varieties listed here. The Cuckoo Marans was developed in England. Unlike the French Black Copper Marans and the French White Marans, which both have feathered legs, the Cuckoo Marans is clean legged. While the Cuckoo Marans has all the characteristics of a Heritage breed, including the ability to mate naturally and a slower growth trajectory, it is not recognized by the American Poultry Association.

As a layer, this is variety known for large, dark brown eggs. These birds resemble the Barred Rock with their black feathers crossed with irregular dark and light slate-colored bars, but with pinkish white shanks and legs. The Cuckoo Marans is a good, hardy breed that is both heat and cold tolerant, and thrives in a free range setting.

*Photos courtesy of Regina Quinn, Susie Dearsley, Destiny LaPointe, Chersten Sparks, and Lindsey Howell.*



Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
CKMP	Female	\$794	\$715	\$6.79	\$6.45
CKMC	Male	\$5.45	\$4.90	\$4.66	\$4.43
CKMS	Unsexed	\$6.48	\$5.83	\$5.54	\$5.26

Class: Not A Standard Breed	Mature Weight (LB): Male 7.0 / Female 6.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Better
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Pinkish White	



## FRENCH BLACK COPPER MARANS

When you're chasing that perfect egg rainbow, the French Black Copper Marans' dark, chocolate-brown eggs are a must-have. French Black Copper Marans are said to have been brought to England, and then America, by soldiers returning home after WWII. While Marans were developed as a dual-purpose breed, their characteristic egg color is what drives the demand for these hens.

Marans are calm, quiet feather-legged chickens that bear confinement well. Although popular with backyard keepers and families, they are often higher in the pecking order than other breeds. Hens are deep black with copper flecks around their head and neck. Roosters are the show-stoppers with blue-black feathers set against bright copper hackles. Baby chicks are mostly black with white on their faces, wing tips, and underside. French Black Copper Marans are considered a hardy breed, but care should be taken in colder climates, as their large combs are prone to frostbite.

*Photos courtesy of Jessica Sowards, Destiny LaPointe, April Pinto, and Jamie Lynn Fletcher.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
BCMP	Female	\$10.27	\$9.24	\$8.78	\$8.34
BCMC	Male	\$6.44	\$5.80	\$5.51	\$5.23
BCMS	Unsexed	\$8.14	\$7.32	\$6.96	\$6.61

Class: Continental	Mature Weight (LB): Male 7.5 / Female 4.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Feathered / Slate	

**ON THE BLOG: Building Your Flock of Dark Brown Layers**  
If you have a chicken lover in your life, rest assured that we have all of your eye candy and chocolate-colored egg layers covered in this article.

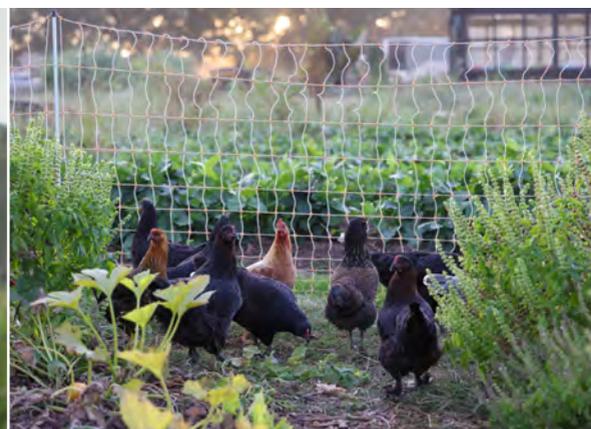


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Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
RALP	Female	\$69.11	\$109.43	\$207.91	\$395.04



## FRENCH WHITE MARANS

French White Marans are snowy white birds with downy feathers from head to toe, a deep single red comb, and an excellent disposition. Best of all, these feather-footed white wonders lay the same deep, dark brown eggs as the popular French Black Copper Marans. Developed from the 'sports' of French Black Copper Marans, French White Marans were accepted by the American Poultry Association as a recognized variety in 2014.

White Marans, like our other Marans varieties, have a quiet, disposition and adapt well to a backyard setting, making them a good choice for families.

*Photos courtesy of Claudia Hebert and Michael Krupecki.*

Unsexed. WHMS \$8.14 ea.

Class: Continental	Mature Weight (LB): Male 7.5 / Female 4.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Feathered / Slate	

**DID YOU KNOW?** When breeding, 'sports' are generally known as white offspring from typically black birds. Roughly 1 in 100 birds from black breeds will hatch white. When retained, the white 'sports' can be used to make a white dominant flock. Many all-white breeds were developed in this way.





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Murray Fest Midwest is an opportunity for you to learn about a wide variety of homesteading skills and topics from leading experts. Spend each day attending seminars about homesteading, animal husbandry, gardening, and food preservation. Learn the ins and outs of chicken keeping and pastured poultry from McMurray's Tom Watkins and special guest Daniel Salatin of Polyface Farm. Other speakers and educators include Rory Feek, Jessica Sowards of Roots and Refuge, Ann Accetta-Scott of A Farm Girl in the Making, Anne of All Trades, and many more!

When you need a break, be sure to check out our shopping village with vendors from across the Midwest. From homesteading gear to special gifts, we are sure to have something for everyone! Grab a bite to eat from our selection of local food trucks and Midwest-grown food with your friends and family, too.

After a full day of learning, spend each evening with friends and community members as you enjoy live music and local food trucks. In addition to being our featured speaker, Rory Feek will also be joining us on stage as a headliner kicking off two nights of musical performances. *If you've ever had the chance to watch Rory perform live, you know what a treat this will be!*

# Murray Fest Midwest

JUNE 29 - JULY 1, 2024

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Close out each day by connecting with a community of those with common interests. Kick back and relax each evening with food and live entertainment.

### VIP TOURS

For the first time, McMurray Hatchery is offering a limited number of tours to our VIP ticket holders. See the Hatchery and learn about incubation, sexing, and shipping.

### CHICK SALE

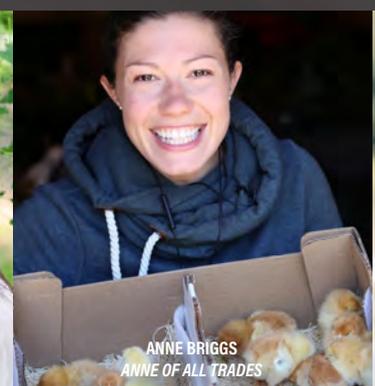
Close out the weekend by joining us Monday morning in front of the Hatchery for coffee with featured speakers, and our first-ever Hatch Day Chick Sale.



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# Minorcas (SHIPS FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

Minorcas are the largest, and heaviest, of the Mediterranean breeds. These heat-tolerant birds have long bodies, large combs and wattles, large white earlobes, and compact feathering. Minorca hens lay large white eggs and are generally non-setters. This is a very active breed that prefers to free-range and forage as much as possible.

Class: Mediterranean	Mature Weight (LB): Male 9.0 / Female 7.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Watch	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Slate	

## BLACK MINORCA

This is one of our favorite varieties here at the Hatchery! The Black Minorca was one of the first breeds shown by our founder, Murray McMurray. In his first poultry exhibition at the 1917 Iowa State Fair, he won a blue ribbon for his prize Black Minorca rooster, and the rest is history.

The Black Minorca — originally called the 'Red Faced Black Spanish' — was admitted to the Standard in 1888. While this breed is considered rare, its numbers are improving as it is listed as 'Watch' by The Livestock Conservancy.

The Black Minorca is a relatively large Heritage breed with glossy black feathers and a swooping tail, white earlobes, a large red single comb, and long red wattles. Minorcas are active foragers and thrive in free-range settings and warmer climates. Hens are good layers of white eggs and are non-setters.

Photos courtesy of Cassandra Haring, Pepper McCarty, and Tessa Stickle.



Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
BLMP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
BLMC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
BLMS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89

## BUFF MINORCA

The Buff Minorca was developed later than the Black Minorca and was admitted into the Standard in 1913. Like the Black, the Buff has a long, strong body and firm, muscular legs. Large red combs are very typical, and the hens' combs can often fall to one side, almost covering one eye. Hens lay good-sized white eggs and are non-setters. As their name implies, this variety is a rich golden-buff color with tight feathering.

These agile birds are always on the move, and they thrive when allowed to free-range. The Minorca is a Mediterranean breed that is heat-tolerant and ideal for warmer climates.

Photos courtesy of Cassandra Haring.



Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
BUMP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
BUMC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
BUMS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89

## MODERN BB RED GAME

The Modern Game was initially bred for exhibition in the mid-1800s. The breed was developed from Old English Game fowl and Malays and was added to the American Poultry Association's Standard of Perfection in 1874. Games are an ornamental breed, bred to be tall and sleek with tight feathering and long legs. However, as a strictly ornamental breed, their popularity and numbers have decreased over time. Today, the Modern Game is listed as 'Threatened' by The Livestock Conservancy.

Limited numbers are available from our flocks for 2024. Modern Games come in many varieties, but our flock is a Black Breasted Red, or BB Red, which was added to the Standard in 1939. Games are slow to mature and are very active, which helps them to maintain muscle tone. Hens are decent layers of white eggs, are fairly broody, and make good mothers. Games are a somewhat noisy breed, and they prefer warm climates. While they can be tamed and make nice pets for adults, they tend to be more independent when kept in a mixed flock. This is an excellent breed choice for fanciers and exhibitionists who are interested in breeding, genetics, and conservation.

Photos by McMurray Hatchery staff.

Unsexed. GAMS \$8.14 ea.

Class: All Other Standard	Mature Weight (LB): Male 6.0 / Female 4.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened	Egg Production: Better
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Blue, Black	



## Naked Neck (TURKEN)

This unusual Heritage breed gets its name from the lack of feathers on its neck. Naked Necks — also called Turken — are unique birds with less-than-normal feathering around their neck, breast, vent, and under their wings. In spite of this feather shortage, Turken are surprisingly hardy and withstand cold weather very well.

Class: Production	Mature Weight (LB): Male 8.5 / Female 6.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Better
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	

## NAKED NECK (SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

The Naked Neck, or Turken, is a unique breed that will add a bit of flair to any flock. Our main flock is not separated by feather color, so chicks will come in a variety of colors and patterns. Naked Neck hens are excellent brown egg layers. In fact, our flock lays the most double yolk eggs of any breed we carry! Hens tend to be broody, and they make great mothers to their chicks. These calm, friendly birds enjoy foraging and fit in well with any mixed flock.

Photos courtesy of Kelsey Houk, Pepper McCarty, Maria Wang, Jessemynn Kanis, and Nina Mullins.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
TURP	Female	\$5.71	\$5.14	\$4.88	\$4.64	\$4.41	\$4.19
TURC	Male	\$3.78	\$3.40	\$3.23	\$3.07	\$2.92	\$2.77
TURS	Unsexed	\$4.54	\$4.08	\$3.88	\$3.68	\$3.50	\$3.33



## WHITE NAKED NECK APA CERTIFIED FLOCK

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

The White Naked Neck is our newest variety. The Naked Neck was accepted into the APA Standard in 1965. Our staff worked diligently on this flock, and all of the hard work certainly paid off! **The White Naked Neck is the newest addition on our list of APA Certified flocks.** With their snow-white feathering, tidy bow ties, and bright red combs, these stunning birds will certainly delight fanciers looking for quality foundation stock. *Quantities are limited. See pg. 37 for more information on our APA Certified flocks.*

Photos courtesy of Mike Baker, Nina Mullins, and Pepper McCarty.

Unsexed. WNNS \$8.14 ea.



### DO YOU LIVE IN A WARMER CLIMATE?

Be sure to check out our Mediterranean class breeds. Mediterranean breeds have origins in Italy and Spain, so they are very heat tolerant. Though they can safely be kept in cooler climates, they tend to have large combs, so care should be taken to prevent frostbite when necessary.



**ANCONA**  
(Pg. 7)



**BLUE ANDALUSIAN**  
(Pg. 7)



**SICILIAN BUTTERCUP**  
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**BROWN / RED / SILVER LEGHORN**  
(Pg. 28-29)



**BLACK / BUFF MINORCA**  
(Pg. 34)



**WHITE FACED BLACK SPANISH**  
(Pg. 47)

## NEW HAMPSHIRE (SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

The New Hampshire was derived from the Rhode Island Red by continuous selective breeding for fast maturation, rapid feathering, strength, vigor, and large brown eggs. The New Hampshire was eventually recognized as a separate breed from the Rhode Island and was accepted into the Standard of Perfection in 1935. Just a few years later, the New Hampshire played a critical role in the development of the modern broiler when a cross between a New Hampshire and a Red Cornish won the national Chicken of Tomorrow contest for economy of production, feed efficiency, and live weight. Ironically, the breed is considered rare today, and it is listed as "Threatened" by The Livestock Conservancy.

New Hampshires are a hardy breed. Though they make an ideal choice for most areas of the U.S., they are especially well-suited to the northeastern states. Hens are consistent layers of large brown eggs. This truly dual-purpose breed is the perfect choice for those who wish to free-range a sustainable flock for both meat and egg production.

*Photos courtesy of Rebecca Reynolds, Jennifer Gabriel, Dallas Edwards, Tatum Timm, and Tessa Stickel.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
NEHP	Female	\$5.71	\$5.14	\$4.88	\$4.64	\$4.41	\$4.19
NEHC	Male	\$3.78	\$3.40	\$3.23	\$3.07	\$2.92	\$2.77
NEHS	Unsexed	\$4.54	\$4.08	\$3.88	\$3.68	\$3.50	\$3.33

Class: American	Mature Weight (LB): Male 8.5 / Female 6.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened	Egg Production: Better
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	



## LEMON CUCKOO NIEDERRHEINER

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

Hailing from Germany, the relatively new Lemon Cuckoo Niederrheiner has jumped to the top of the charts as a sustainable dual-purpose breed. Although not officially recognized by the American Poultry Association, the Niederrheiner is recognized by the German equivalent. While new to the U.S., the breed is fairly rare worldwide and listed as 'at risk' by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) DAD-IS.

The Niederrheiner's buff color and barring makes this beautiful breed stand out. Its large size is comparable to our other German breed, the Bielefelder, making them an ideal option for those who wish to raise a sustainable flock. Niederrheiner hens are reliable layers, averaging about 200 light cream-colored eggs per year. This is an auto-sexing breed, however the colorations at day-old are not always easily distinguishable.

*Photos courtesy of Teddi Yaeger.*

Unsexed. NIES \$8.14 ea.

Class: All Other Standard	Mature Weight (LB): Male 9.5 / Female 6.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Willow	



**Did You Know?** Though they are not recognized by the APA or TLC as Heritage breeds, both the Lemon Cuckoo Niederrheiner and the Bielefelder meet all other requirements to be considered a Heritage breed. They can mate naturally, their traits breed true in successive generations, and they have a normal rate of growth. Recognized as Heritage breeds in Germany, their country of origin, McMurray Hatchery gives a nod to the natural Heritage characteristics displayed by these two breeds as a result of careful selection, breeding, and preservation.



## APA Certified Breeds for a Quality Foundation

For the second season in a row, McMurray Hatchery is proud to offer chicks from flocks certified by the American Poultry Association (APA) as being bred to Standard. Six of Murray McMurray Hatchery's breeds have been certified as we head into the 2024 season. The Buff, Partridge, and Silver Penciled Plymouth Rocks, White Langshans, and White Polish all had their certification renewed. Our newest APA Certified breed is the White Naked Neck.



This year marks the American Poultry Association's 150th anniversary, as well as our 107th hatching season here at McMurray Hatchery. "We believe breeds should meet both type and function when it comes to the Standard. Preserving breed genetics and ensuring that our birds meet the function and vigor they were developed for, in addition to type and conformation, is important to us. Partnering with the APA will bring awareness to the Standards, highlight some of our stand-out breeds, and show the quality of poultry we produce," says Tom Watkins, President of McMurray Hatchery. We are proud to share a legacy of striving for the highest quality Heritage poultry with the APA.



Order your copy of the newly-released 45th edition of the APA Standard of Perfection at [McMurrayHatchery.com](http://McMurrayHatchery.com).





America's favorite pet chicken

# Orpingtons

The Orpington is a Heritage breed that was developed in England in the late 1800s, and multiple varieties were accepted into the Standard of Perfection here in the U.S. in the early 1900s. Orpingtons quickly became popular when they were introduced, and the breed has remained a best-seller to this day. Orpingtons have a gentle temperament and thrive in both urban and backyard settings, making them a perfect breed for first-time chicken keepers and families. They are a great dual-purpose choice for homesteaders and farmers who are interested in raising a sustainable flock for both meat and eggs.

Photo above courtesy of Ksenia Belanger. See pg. 123 to shop Chicken Tutus.

## BUFF ORPINGTON (SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

Buff Orpingtons are consistently one of our most popular breeds. This best-selling Heritage bird is pure gold with gorgeous buff feathering and a wonderfully quiet disposition. Their loose, fluffy feathers keep them warm in cold climates.

Orpington hens lay large brown eggs and will often continue right through colder weather. They also make excellent setters and mothers to their baby chicks. Broody Buff Orpington hens are often willing to hatch others' eggs, or accept other baby chicks as their own. This gentle breed is perfect for first-time chicken keepers and families wanting backyard chickens and fresh eggs in an urban setting.

Photos courtesy of Reba Reynolds and Danielle Hattori.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
BUOP	Female	\$5.71	\$5.14	\$4.88	\$4.64	\$4.41	\$4.19
BUOC	Male	\$3.78	\$3.40	\$3.23	\$3.07	\$2.92	\$2.77
BUOS	Unsexed	\$4.54	\$4.08	\$3.88	\$3.68	\$3.50	\$3.33

Class: English	Mature Weight (LB): Male 10.0 / Female 8.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Pinkish White	



## LAVENDER ORPINGTON (SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

Lavender Orpingtons are a truly stunning breed. Though this variety is not a recognized color for exhibition, these birds are making a splash in the poultry world, as their color is so unique and trendy. Because they are self-blue, they will breed true for color in subsequent generations. Best of all, they have the classic Orpington disposition, making this friendly breed an excellent choice for families with small children as well.

Photos courtesy of Victoria Cox, Alissa Savitz, Patricia Clarkson, and Teddi Yaeger.

Unsexed. LAOS \$8.14 ea.

Class: English	Mature Weight (LB): Male 10.0 / Female 8.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Pinkish White	



## WHITE ORPINGTON (SHIPS FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

The White Orpington is a big, docile, and gentle breed. These pure white birds are similar to the Buff version with heavy frames and pinkish-white skin. Initially called the Albion, this variety is said to have been developed by William Cook in 1889. White Orpington hens are especially sweet, are good winter layers, and also make excellent setters and mothers to their baby chicks.

Photos courtesy of Megan Kyle, Anna Chaffin, Julie Helms, Linda Lundberg, and Avery Roth.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
WHOP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
WHOC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
WHOS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89

Class: English	Mature Weight (LB): Male 10.0 / Female 8.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Pinkish White	



## SILVER PHOENIX (SHIPS FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

The Phoenix was developed from the Onagadori — long-tailed Japanese birds that were kept in Imperial gardens. The Silver Phoenix was first recognized in the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection in 1965. However, this breed is quite rare and is listed as 'Watch' by the Livestock Conservancy. This small ornamental breed is generally kept by fanciers for show. Mature males are white with black, iridescent blue, and silver shades with a long, swooping dark tail. The males require ample space and attentive care to maintain their impressive tails. Hens lay small white eggs and are non-setters. These gentle birds have gorgeous plumage and are very heat tolerant.

Photos courtesy of Eric Heberling, Michelle Richards, Meghan James, Cassandra Miller, James Holland, and Laura Becker.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
PHOP	Female	\$7.94	\$7.15	\$6.79	\$6.45
PHOC	Male	\$5.45	\$4.90	\$4.66	\$4.43
PHOS	Unsexed	\$6.48	\$5.83	\$5.54	\$5.26

Class: All Other Standard	Mature Weight (LB): Male 5.5 / Female 4.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Watch	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Blue	



# Plymouth Rocks

The Plymouth Rock is an American Heritage breed developed in the 1800s and first accepted into the Standard of Perfection in 1874. The Plymouth Rock was considered rare in recent years, but thanks to conservation efforts, the breed successfully graduated from The Livestock Conservancy Priority List in 2023. Today, the Plymouth Rock is a top choice as a sustainable Heritage breed for backyard keepers and farmers alike.

Class: American	Mature Weight (LB): Male 9.5 / Female 7.5
TLC Conservation Priority: <b>GRADUATED 2023</b>	Egg Production: Better
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	

## BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)

The Barred Plymouth Rock is one of the all-time most popular Heritage breeds in the U.S. This all-American chicken is the original variety of the breed, developed— as their name implies — in New England in the mid-1800s. As with other American breeds, the Rock is an ideal choice for all regions of the U.S.

Our Barred Rocks are bred for strength, vitality, and a beautiful temperament. Whether you are a family just getting started raising chickens in your backyard or you're already an experienced farmer, the Barred Rock is a perfect choice!

Barred Rocks have narrow, clean barring and long, broad, deep bodies. They are some of the hardest and most reliable chickens that we keep. Hens are prolific brown egg layers and are not discouraged by cold weather. Males tend to be lighter in shade than females at maturity and are known to be alert flock protectors. Baby chicks are dark gray to black with some white patches on the head and body.

*Photos courtesy of Nina Mullins, Kelbie Sweeten, Reba Reynolds, Stacy Upchurch, Maria Mickelson, and Eric Heberling.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
BARP	Female	\$5.71	\$5.14	\$4.88	\$4.64	\$4.41	\$4.19
BARC	Male	\$3.78	\$3.40	\$3.23	\$3.07	\$2.92	\$2.77
BARS	Unsexed	\$4.54	\$4.08	\$3.88	\$3.68	\$3.50	\$3.33



### Farm-to-Table Feature

In the rolling hills of New Hampshire, Barred Plymouth Rocks forage on lucious green pasture. The pastured egg flock at Walpole Vally Farms is just one portion of a multi-faceted farm-to-table operation. Eggs from these Barred Rocks are sold in the family's on-farm store, served in the adjacent historic inn, and are also used at the popular companion diner in town.



## BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCK APA CERTIFIED FLOCK

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

Searching for beautiful Standard-bred stock? Our **APA Certified Buff Plymouth Rocks** are a gorgeous golden-buff color. This Heritage variety was admitted to the Standard in 1894. Their brilliant yellow legs and beak, bright red comb and wattles, and gorgeous golden plumage make these truly remarkable birds stand out wherever they are. Order your foundation flock early, as these beautiful birds are in high demand!

*Photos courtesy of Laura Becker, and Keegan Kaleikini.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
BURP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
BURC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
BURS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89



## PARTRIDGE PLYMOUTH ROCK

**APA CERTIFIED FLOCK**

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

Partridge Plymouth Rocks were a later developed variety of the breed, added to the Standard of Perfection in 1910. They were developed by crossing the Plymouth Rock with a variety of breeds including Dark Cornish, Wyandottes, and Brown Leghorns.

Partridge Rocks are truly stunning birds, and our line is no exception as one of our six **APA Certified** flocks. Both sexes have a predominance of deep reddish-bay feathering. Females have intricate black penciling on each feather. Males have rich red hackles with black shafts and flowing, lustrous greenish-black tails. Baby chicks are a soft burgundy color with a slightly darker head and stripes on their backs.

Partridge Rocks carry the same desirable traits as other Plymouth Rocks. They are hardy, even tempered, and hens are good layers of brown eggs — even in colder weather.

*Photos courtesy of Kathy Mormino aka The Chicken Chick, Meghan James, Devi Allison, Wendy Weinacker, and Mary Kennett.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
PARP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
PARC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
PARS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89



## SILVER PENCILED PLYMOUTH ROCK

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

**APA CERTIFIED FLOCK**

This rare and beautiful breed is highly prized for exhibition purposes and for their valuable feathers, which are ideal for fly-tying. The males have a silvery neck and back with a black breast, which contrasts sharply with females, which are covered with distinct silver-gray and black penciling.

*Photos courtesy of Carly Norris, Madison Kirchmann, and Ben Capozzi.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
SPRP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
SPRC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
SPRS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89



## WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCK

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)

The White Plymouth Rock was admitted into the Standard in 1888 and is one of the foundation breeds of today's modern broilers. Today, the White Rock is highly desired as a dual-purpose breed and their hardiness as outstanding year-round layers, especially during the cold weather.

*Photos courtesy of Regina Quinn, Peter Comly, Afrim Banushi, and Alissa Savitz.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
WHRP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
WHRC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
WHRS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89



when all you want to do  
is have some fun



## Polish (SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

The Polish is a European breed known for their distinctive crests, or top hats, and their large cavernous nostrils. Their upright head crests are attributed to what is called a vaulted skull. Polish are gentle and docile birds, but their crests limit their vision, which can cause them to be timid and easily startled. Polish hens are decent white egg layers and rarely go broody. They are frequently kept by families, hobbyists, and for exhibition.

White Crested Black Polish photo courtesy of Maria Watkins.

### BUFF LACED POLISH

As their name indicates, this variety is a rich golden-buff with each feather neatly laced in white. They have slate-blue shanks and toes, and their flowing crests and sprightly carriage make them one of the most prized Polish varieties. Baby chicks are creamy buff with a dark tan mark over each eye. Buff Laced Polish have friendly dispositions and are easy to handle. Hens lay white eggs and are non-setters.

Females, BLPP. Males, BLPC. Unsexed, BLPS.

Photos courtesy of Kathy Mormino aka The Chicken Chick, Ksenia Belanger, Kelbie Sweeten, and Kim Peters.



### More About Crested Chickens

Top hat chickens, also known as **crested chickens**, are among the most interesting and quirky breeds of poultry. With their full, feathery crests, they certainly have a unique and dramatic appearance. Baby chicks' crests show up as little top knots right from the start. In fact, the baby Polish chicks that we brought to The Homestead Festival this year were so cute they stole the show! These breeds are very quiet, gentle, and don't stray too far.

For more crested breeds, look for our Crevecoeurs (pg. 20), Houdans (pg. 26), and Sultans (pg. 47).

### Polish Quick Facts & Pricing

See below for breed quick facts and pricing for all Polish varieties.

Class: Continental	Mature Weight (LB): Male 6.0 / Female 4.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Watch	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: V	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Slate, Blue	

Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
Female	\$7.94	\$7.15	\$6.79	\$6.45
Male	\$5.45	\$4.90	\$4.66	\$4.43
Unsexed	\$6.48	\$5.83	\$5.54	\$5.26

### SILVER POLISH

The Silver Polish is similar to our other laced Polish varieties, with each feather delicately edged in a contrasting color. The Silver Polish, or Silver Laced, is just as their name implies. Each feather is a beautiful silvery-white laced with a lustrous black. Baby chicks are a dark gray with a lighter gray chest.

Females, SIP. Males, SIPC. Unsexed, SIPS.

Photos courtesy of Jamie Lynn Fletcher, Nikki Dissing, Matt Reagan, and Susan Rehman.



### GOLDEN POLISH

The Golden Polish, also called Gold Laced Polish, has the richest appearance of all Polish varieties. Each reddish-gold feather is laced in black, and birds are topped off with a bright red V-comb, wattles, and a dramatic crest. Golden Polish hens are decent white egg layers and are generally non-setters. Baby chicks are dark and golden brown.

Females, GOP. Males, GOPC. Unsexed, GOPS.

Photos courtesy of Rebekah Jaeger, Jake Girzenda, Courtney Boekweg, and Kathy Mormino aka The Chicken Chick.



### WHITE POLISH APA CERTIFIED FLOCK

With their snow-white crests and round, pure white bodies, these small birds look like snowballs. This is, by far, one of the daintiest prettiest of the Polish varieties. Baby chicks are creamy white. Our White Polish flock is **APA Certified**, making them an ideal choice for foundation stock.

Females, WHP. Males, WHPC. Unsexed, WHPS. Photo courtesy of Julie Blow and Heather Salamone.



### WHITE CRESTED BLACK POLISH

The White Crested Black Polish has a striking and dramatic appearance for such a tiny bird. They have lustrous black bodies topped with white crests, which sometimes include a few black feathers. These little birds are cunning and interesting chickens. Hens are good white egg layers and are non-setters.

Photos courtesy of Maria Watkins, Vanessa Sokic, Kim Davis, Amy Valkenburg, and Deanna Marie Johnson.





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## FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Tucked into the mountains of East Athol in North Idaho, Nikki and Erreck Conley are raising their two daughters among the orchards of their beautiful family business. The couple established Athol Orchards Antique Apple Farm in the fall of 2016 with a burning desire to pursue their life-long dreams of self-sufficiency, genuine childhoods for their girls, and the storied life of the traditional American farmer.

As the business evolved, it quickly grew beyond the antique apple orchards, and now includes a bakery and licensed kitchen for the production of their famous Apple Cider Syrups and Apple Cider Caramel, a true maple-sugaring production, orchard farm-to-table dinner events, a classic hands-on Orchard School with seasonal workshops, and a "glamping" Orchard Stay for travelers enjoying all North Idaho has to offer. More recently, the Conleys have begun offering forest-raised and apple-fed pork to their local community.

The Conleys always knew that they wanted to commit to a clean approach in raising their preservation apple orchard. In holistic-based orchard management, there are many things to consider. Water, food for the trees, insect pressure, forage for the honey bees and native pollinators, and soil health all play a huge role in the Conley family's day-to-day lives. During the second season of the orchard's establishment, several types of cover crops were seeded, including White Dutch Clover. Nikki experimented with a handful of "organic" and OMRI-certified fertilizers to feed the young apple trees, but quickly realized that the volume needed was going to be extremely costly, and was also not as effective as mass-produced traditional chemical fertilizers, which were out of the question.

With a bit of problem-solving, laying hens were first added to the orchard. Field fence ensured the hens would not be able to escape, keeping them safely tucked in among the trees. Their coop was relocated inside of the orchard perimeter, and the hens quickly went to work foraging, roaming, fertilizing, and laying some truly nutrient-dense eggs. Today, there are typically anywhere between 35-40 hens foraging throughout the orchard.

"We keep a mix of Ameraucanas, Anconas, Buff Orpingtons, Cinnamon Queens [red sex links], Cream Legbars, Marans, Rhode Island Reds, Wyandottes, and a few others," says Nikki. "I like an assortment for my skittle eggs, and I prefer to keep dual-purpose breeds as well because when push comes to shove, spent hens make a great dinner, too!"

A few years later, their two daughters insisted on trying out a few ducklings, and the rest is history. Their first round of ducklings was a mix of Indian Runners, Khaki Campbells, and Saxony. Later, they added Silver Appleyards to their duck crew.



A true success story of the symbiotic relationship between animals, crops, and their keepers.



Athol Orchards is a family-owned preservation orchard nestled in the mountains of North Idaho. The farm sells organic antique varieties of apples, baked goods, and farm products to customers across the northern Idaho-Washington-Montana region. Follow them on Instagram at @atholorchards.

In addition to being Erreck's favorite animals at the orchards, the ducks have a crucial role to play in the health and management of the apple trees. They wander and roam, eating bugs and slugs while keeping the lush grass trimmed down. They fertilize as they go, feeding the soil and apple trees so that no commercial fertilizers are required. The ducks also work together as a team with the laying hens. Chickens naturally scratch below the base of every tree, turning up the soil and allowing the ducks to easily forage for the grubs, worms, and larvae of harmful insects that would otherwise pupate just beneath the soil. In an apple orchard, one of the most harmful insects is the disastrous Codling Moth. While the foraging ducks and chickens can't fully wipe out this pest, they do an amazing job of working together to reduce the pressure and seasonal cycle of Codling Moths at the Conley's orchard.

Perhaps the greatest joy the Conleys derive from their orchard flocks is the abundance of new life that now surrounds them. "The ducks are so very social and will follow you throughout your time in the orchard, chattering to you about life, bugs, and the clouds up above," Nikki laughs. With the presence of the ducks and hens, the orchard floor has come to life with cover crops and grasses, including Red and White Dutch Clover, Plantain, St. John's Wort, and many other plants native to North Idaho. Not only does this season-long carpet of green insulate the orchard grounds by holding moisture closer to the surface, but it has also convinced the Conley's honey bees to stay closer to home, ensuring pollination throughout the orchards.

In this way, Athol Orchards Antique Apple Farm has grown into a true success story of the symbiotic relationship between animals, crops, and their keepers. The Conleys work alongside their animals and trees as a team to provide their community with some of the region's most nutrient-dense and sustainable food available, which is no small feat for a family farm.



Foraging ducks and hens work in tandem to reduce pests in the orchard.



### RHODE ISLAND RED (SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

One of the most famous and all-time favorite American chicken breeds, the Rhode Island Red was developed in the late 1800s in the states of Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The single comb variety was recognized by the American Poultry Association in 1904, and a lesser known rose comb variety was recognized in 1906. Today, the Rhode Island Red is the official state bird of Rhode Island, and it remains the only breed of chicken recognized as a state bird in the United States.

The Rhode Island Red was developed as a dual-purpose breed to lay a high number of eggs and dress out at a good size. Over the past century, the Rhode Island Red has been selectively bred for more efficient egg production and less broodiness. Our production strain is one of our best brown egg layers here at the Hatchery.

These hardy birds are a good choice for all areas across the United States, thriving under a variety of conditions. Hens are prolific brown egg layers and are easy to raise. Both hens and roosters are a rich mahogany color, and males have a lustrous black tail.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
RIRP	Female	\$5.71	\$5.14	\$4.88	\$4.64	\$4.41	\$4.19
RIRC	Male	\$3.78	\$3.40	\$3.23	\$3.07	\$2.92	\$2.77
RIRS	Unsexed	\$4.54	\$4.08	\$3.88	\$3.68	\$3.50	\$3.33

Class: Production	Mature Weight (LB): Male 8.5 / Female 6.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Best
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	



Photos courtesy of Dallas Edwards, Molly Schooley, Eleanor Durham, Nichola Morrison, and Jessica Pledger.

# Sex Links

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

A sex link is a hybrid cross chicken that can be sexed by its color at the time of hatch. This trait does not carry down to subsequent generations, however. Sex links are bred specifically to be excellent layers, often producing 300+ eggs per year depending on the quality of care and feed. They are a perfect choice for those selling farm fresh eggs. In fact, sex link hens are responsible for the same consistent, large brown eggs you find in grocery stores. Sex links are friendly and easy to raise, hardy in most climates, and have a good feed-conversion ratio. Sex link hens will often keep laying right through warm or cold weather.

## AMBER STAR

The Amber Star — sometimes called an Amberlink — is a sex link chicken whose parent stock is the inverse of our Red Stars. Amber Stars are a great choice if you're looking for heavy layers. Hens are predominately white with some red flecking. These hardy birds will lay the same large brown eggs as the Red Star. As with all sex link chickens, Amber Stars are hardy yet docile heavy layers that will even lay in cold weather.

Females, AMSP. Males, AMSC. Unsexed, AMSS.

Photos courtesy of Ayden Jones, Stephany Mastrangelo, Photos courtesy of Nathalie Manus, and Stacy Chester.



Class: All Other Production	Mature Weight (LB): Male 8.0 / Female 6.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Best
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	

Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
Female	\$5.71	\$5.14	\$4.88	\$4.64	\$4.41	\$4.19
Male	\$3.78	\$3.40	\$3.23	\$3.07	\$2.92	\$2.77
Unsexed	\$4.54	\$4.08	\$3.88	\$3.68	\$3.50	\$3.33

## BLACK STAR

Black Stars are hardy, heavy layers with wonderful personalities. These hens are prolific brown egg layers with a quiet disposition. We have two lines of Black Stars. In one, females are black with gold hackle and breast feathers, and males are black with white barring. In the other, females are barred with a gray chest. While baby chicks are almost all black, males have a white dot on their head.

Females, BLSP. Males, BLSC. Unsexed, BLSS. Photos courtesy of Michelle Richards, Brittney Knight,

Lorraine Truty, Daniel Smith, Joe Claborn, Anna Christian, and Kayla Villars.



## RED STAR OUR BEST BROWN EGG LAYER!

The Red Star sex link chicken is one of our favorite heavy layers, ranking it as one of our best sellers. No other breed consistently lays as many large brown eggs as the Red Star. At approximately 22 weeks, these hens will start to lay, and will keep on laying eggs right through hot or cold weather.

Red Stars are quiet birds with an excellent disposition. Hens are reddish brown with white flecks, and are non-setters. Males are white with reddish flecks, and they are often raised for meat production as fryers. Raise these hens on pasture and let them forage, or keep a few in your backyard flock. Either way, they will be content and will happily keep your basket full of their beautiful brown eggs!

Females, RESP. Males, RESC. Unsexed, RESS.

Photos courtesy of Daniel Smith, and Cedar Ledge Farm.



**ON THE BLOG: Why I Keep Production Layers**  
Learn more about the benefits of keeping hybrid or production layers. Scan the QR code to read the blog.

# WHITE FACED BLACK SPANISH

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

The White Faced Black Spanish is a graceful and stylish Heritage breed. They are thought to be the oldest breed in the Mediterranean class of poultry and fowl. This breed is considered critically endangered, and is listed as 'Critical' by The Livestock Conservancy. The White Faced Black Spanish was admitted to the American Poultry Association's Standard of Perfection in 1874.

These stately birds are often kept by hobbyists. The Spanish is similar to a Minorca, except these glossy black birds have a long, pendulous white face and ear lobes. Hens lay white eggs and are non-setters. Spanish chickens are quick and active birds bred for warmer climates. They have large single combs and wattles, so special care must be taken in colder climates to prevent frostbite. *The white face on the Spanish is slow to develop. Allow the birds to go through at least one molt if you plan on showing them.*

Photos courtesy of Jessica Szachury.

Class: Mediterranean	Mature Weight (LB): Male 8.0 / Female 6.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Critical	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Slate	

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
WFBP	Female	\$10.27	\$9.24	\$8.78	\$8.34
WFBC	Male	\$6.44	\$5.80	\$5.51	\$5.23
WFBS	Unsexed	\$8.14	\$7.32	\$6.96	\$6.61



## SULTAN (SHIPS FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

Sultans are one of our rarest and most critically endangered breeds. This old ornamental breed was once favored by the rulers of Turkey. Sultans have a full list of distinguishing characteristics including a crest, muff, beard, vulture hocks, fully-feathered shanks and feet, and a fifth toe. They have a dramatic presence with their pure white coloring and contrasting bright red V-comb and wattles. Males sport a larger crest and tail, while females have a dainty, rounded crest and shorter tails. Sultans are docile birds and have a sweet disposition. Hens are white egg layers and are typically non-setters.

Photos (top) courtesy of Cassandra Haring.

Unsexed. SULLS \$8.14 ea.

Sultans are available as STRAIGHT RUN (unsexed) only at this time.

Class: All Other Standard	Mature Weight (LB): Male 6.0 / Female 4.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened	Egg Production: Fair
Comb Type: V	
Feet & Legs: Feathered / Slate, Blue	



## SUMATRA (SHIPS FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

These rare and beautiful long-tailed chickens are a native to the island of Sumatra in Indonesia. The Sumatra is a lustrous greenish-black bird with a graceful, long tail and small pea comb. This breed is known for its pheasant-like behavior, and fares best when allowed to free range and forage. Hens lay small white eggs. Sumatras are active, alert, and are said to be able to launch themselves vertically to escape danger.

Photos courtesy of Jamie Lynn Fletcher, Leilani Heng, Sue Loring, and Bernadette Woodworth.

Unsexed. SUMS \$8.14 ea.

Sumatras are available as STRAIGHT RUN (unsexed) only at this time.

Class: All Other Standard	Mature Weight (LB): Male 5.0 / Female 4.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened	Egg Production: Fair
Comb Type: Pea	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Black	



## SPECKLED SUSSEX (SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

The Sussex was bred and developed in Sussex County, England over a century ago for market purposes. Speckled Sussex are a rich mahogany color with some feathers tipped in white, and others with a black bar. This well-rounded Heritage breed combines looks, personality, and production. A flock of Speckled Sussex will easily keep a small farm or homestead in meat and eggs. The Speckled Sussex coloration will breed true in successive generations. Sussex are calm, friendly, and content to forage quietly. Roosters are gentle yet alert, and are a family favorite of our own.

*Photos courtesy of CR Fiske, Holly Callahan-Kasmala, Chrisie DiCarlo, Sara Alvord, Hannah Lillie, Lauren Clark, and Angela Napiwocki.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
SPSP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
SPSC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
SPSS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89

Class: English	Mature Weight (LB): Male 9.0 / Female 7.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Recovering	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	   
Feet & Legs: Clean / White	



## WELSUMMER (SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

The Welsummer is a single comb, clean legged breed that originated in Holland. Welsummers have a docile temperament, are cold hardy, and lay rich brown eggs. The feathering of the males is very different from that of the females. The male's saddle, head, and neck feathers are a rich golden brown, while the back, wing front, and wing bows are bright reddish-brown. Each feather on the back of the females is reddish-brown, stippled with black, and has a distinct lighter shaft.

*Photos courtesy of Toni Walley, Teddi Yaeger, Leilani Heng, Kelly McMillion, and Susie Dearsley.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
WLSP	Female	\$7.94	\$7.15	\$6.79	\$6.45
WLSC	Male	\$5.45	\$4.90	\$4.66	\$4.43
WLSS	Unsexed	\$6.48	\$5.83	\$5.54	\$5.26

Class: Continental	Mature Weight (LB): Male 6.0 / Female 5.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Better
Comb Type: Single	   
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	



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Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
BELP	Female	\$69.11	\$109.43	\$207.91	\$395.04



## Whittings

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

Both the Whiting True Blue and the Whiting True Green have skyrocketed to the top the list of must-have breeds for colored eggs in the past few years. Both varieties are exclusive to McMurray Hatchery. These unique birds bear the name of Dr. Tom Whiting, the renowned poultry geneticist who developed them. Using his background in poultry genetics and selective breeding, these birds were developed to lay a large number of consistently-colored eggs.



*Photos courtesy of Nina Mullins.*

### WHITING TRUE BLUE

Whiting True Blues, as their name indicates, were developed to lay a consistent light blue egg. While they bear some resemblance to an Ameraucana, they are their own breed. This breed is selected primarily for egg color, so they come in a myriad of feather colors, patterns, and leg colors. Whiting True Blues have a tight pea comb, and many of them will have beards and muffs. Hens are medium-sized birds that are excellent layers, and they rarely go broody. Pullets will start out laying medium-sized eggs and progress to large eggs given adequate nutrition. They are heat-tolerant, free-range well, and have a good temperament.

*Photos courtesy of Micah Gilbert, Destiny LaPointe, Leeanna Howard, and Jessica Sowards of Roots and Refuge Farm.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
WTBP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
WTBC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
WTBS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89

Class: Not A Standard Breed	Mature Weight (LB): Male 7.0 / Female 5.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Best
Comb Type: Pea	  
Feet & Legs: Clean / Mixed	



### WHITING TRUE GREEN

The Whiting True Green has rapidly gained notoriety for laying an abundance of large green eggs. These hardy and easy-to-raise hens are our best layers —giving even the White Leghorn a run for her money! Several of our customers who depend on income from egg sales swear by these birds. Whiting True Greens have a single comb and display two color variations: reddish birds with gold and black at the neck and black on the tail, or a lighter chestnut color with some white areas. Averaging just 4 lbs., hens have an astounding feed-to-egg conversion. Whiting True Greens are friendly, active, and excellent foragers that free-range well.

*Photos courtesy of Teddi Yaeger, Leeanna Howard, Ashley Bickell, and Cassidy Cornell.*

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
WTGP	Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
WTGC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
WTGS	Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89

Class: Not A Standard Breed	Mature Weight (LB): Male 7.0 / Female 4.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Best
Comb Type: Single	  
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	



# Wyandottes

The Wyandotte (first named the American Sebright) is a Heritage breed that was admitted into the APA Standard of Perfection in 1883. Most commonly known for the varieties with colorful feathering and contrasting lacing, these large, quiet, cold-hardy birds come in a variety of colors and feather patterns, making them a fun addition to any backyard flock.

This breed is a truly classic dual-purpose chicken. Hens are good layers of lovely brown eggs. They are known to go broody somewhat often, and they are typically excellent mothers to their baby chicks. Spent hens can be used in soups and stews, while extra males can be grown out as fryers.

The Wyandotte is a well-rounded bird that speaks to nearly every type of chicken enthusiast. Backyard keepers and families with small children will appreciate their calm nature and quiet demeanor. Homesteaders and farmers can add these birds to the list of sustainable dual-purpose breeds that can easily keep a family in both meat and eggs. Fanciers delight in their many feather and color patterns, which provide pops of color and gorgeous lacing to any flock.

Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
Female	\$6.58	\$5.92	\$5.62	\$5.34	\$5.07	\$4.82
Male	\$4.45	\$4.01	\$3.81	\$3.62	\$3.44	\$3.26
Unsexed	\$5.30	\$4.77	\$4.53	\$4.31	\$4.09	\$3.89

Class: American	Mature Weight (LB): Male 8.5 / Female 6.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Study	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Rose	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	



Photo courtesy of Nina Mullins.

## BLUE LACED RED WYANDOTTE

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

The Blue Laced Red Wyandotte has been one of our best-selling varieties for several years, as they are arguably one of the most beautiful birds we carry. Due to the genetics of the color blue, their lacing can range from blue to white. The Blue Laced Red Wyandotte has a great disposition, does well in cold climates, and is an excellent forager. Hens are good brown egg layers and may set. *Blue Laced Red Wyandottes will come in a mix of blue, black, white, and splash lacing. See pg. 6 for more information on breeding for the color blue in poultry.*

Females, BRWP. Males, BRWC. Unsexed, BRWS.

Photos courtesy of Teddi Yaeger (above), Chelsea Adams, Julie Reth, Nina Mullins, Aletha Thornton, Ashley Stratton, and Jessica Sowards of Roots and Refuge Farm.



### More About Lacing in Poultry Feather Patterns

The lacing feather pattern is a favorite of poultry keepers. Lacing is when each feather appears to be outlined in a contrasting color. Lacing may be broad or narrow in width, and it can be single or double — a second band of color nested inside the first. The Silver Laced and the Gold Laced are two of the most common colorings — seen in Wyandottes, Cochins, and Polish. The Blue Laced, pictured here, adds further dimension as the blue feathering in poultry will produce offspring with lacing in an array of blue, white, black, or splash outlines around a chestnut red feather. *For more laced breeds, see the Silver Laced Cochins (pg. 16-17), and the Golden or Silver Polish (pg. 43).*

## GOLDEN LACED WYANDOTTE

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

The Golden Laced Wyandotte originated in Wisconsin and was originally called the Winnebago. This variety has the traditional laced feather pattern of other Wyandottes, but its coloring is a beautiful combination of rich golden-bay laced with lustrous greenish-black.

Females, GOWP. Males, GOWC. Unsexed, GOWS.

Photos courtesy of Teddi Yaeger, Kim Peters, Tracy Anderson, and Meghan Ham.



## COLUMBIAN WYANDOTTE

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

Columbian Wyandottes were named after the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, where they first were exhibited in 1893. They have the classic deep, well-rounded Wyandotte body and close set comb. However, this variety has a solid white body, and silver lacing only on its black neck, tail, and wing feathers.

Females, COWP. Males, COWC. Unsexed, COWS.

Photos courtesy of Teddi Yaeger and Caitlin Caserta.



## SILVER LACED WYANDOTTE

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)

The Silver Laced is the original Wyandotte variety. Their smooth, silver-white plumage is sharply marked with lustrous greenish-black edging. Their close-fitting rose comb and good body size are valuable assets for colder weather and winter laying. Hens lay a good-sized brown egg and will sometimes set. Wyandottes have good dispositions and are an excellent option for families and urban flocks.

Females, SLWP. Males, SLWC. Unsexed, SLWS.

Photos courtesy of Leilani Heng, Sarah Haggas, Carol Forsberg, Emily Waddell, Debra Lewis, and Ashley Bickell.



## WHITE WYANDOTTE

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

White Wyandottes are snow-white from their outer feathers to their fluffy down, and they do not display the traditional lacing of other Wyandottes. Developed from the Silver Laced Wyandotte, it was admitted into the APA Standard of Perfection in 1888. These broad-bodied birds are quiet but active foragers. Their tight rose combs allow them to withstand cold weather, making them an excellent choice for northern climates.

Females, WHWP. Males, WHWC. Unsexed, WHWS.

Photos courtesy of Michael Krupecki, Tad Taylor, Ruth Hansen, Melissa Brodeur, and Cassandra Haring.



## RED SHOULDERED YOKOHAMA

(SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

This exotic and rare bird was first developed in Europe from Japanese breeds. Yokohamas are quiet, gentle, and friendly. Males are known for their impressive long tails and saddle feathers. Females lay a good number of cream colored eggs.

When purchasing for show or as a foundation flock, we recommend ordering multiples to allow ample numbers for selection.

*Photos courtesy of Tatum Timm, Anna Ingram, Linda Lundberg, Jennifer Bryant, and Rosetta Latham.*



Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
RSYP	Female	\$10.27	\$9.24	\$8.78	\$8.34
RSYC	Male	\$6.44	\$5.80	\$5.51	\$5.23
RSYS	Unsexed	\$8.14	\$7.32	\$6.96	\$6.61

Class: Asiatic	Mature Weight (LB): Male 4.5 / Female 3.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened	Egg Production: Fair
Comb Type: Walnut	  
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	

## Bantam Breeds

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BANTAM

# Ameraucana

The Ameraucana is one of the more recent additions to the Bantam world, and they are the full package. With their small stature and docile temperament, Ameraucanas are ideal for backyard settings and families with small children. Best of all, the hens lay beautiful baby-blue eggs. Like their standard-size counterparts (pg. 6), our Ameraucana Bantams come in a variety of colors and feather patterns.

Unsexed. ARBS \$6.95 ea.

*Photos courtesy of Jennifer Benson, Melissa Brodeur, Reba Reynolds, Heather Jones, and The Spry Farm.*

Class: American, AOCCL	Mature Weight (LB): Male 1.9 / Female 1.8
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Pea	  
Feet & Legs: Clean / Green	



## QUAIL ANTWERP BELGIAN BEARDED D'ANVERS BANTAM

The Quail Antwerp is a variety of the Belgian Bearded D'Anvers Bantam. The Quail Antwerp's color pattern is particularly unique. The body is brownish-black and is slightly tinged with a straw coloring. The breast, beard, and muff are all a lustrous bay, while the head is a striking black. These fun miniature birds are very friendly and are well-suited to backyard settings. *Photos courtesy of Claudia Hebert & Kayla Nunes.*

Unsexed. QABS \$6.95 ea.

Class: Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantam	Mature Weight (LB): Male 1.8 / Female 1.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Fair
Comb Type: Rose	  
Feet & Legs: Clean / Slate, Blue	



BANTAM

# Belgian Bearded D'Uccle

These beautiful birds came to Europe from Japan in the 17th century and can be seen in the paintings of many early Dutch artists. Today, these little birds are highly prized by backyard flock owners and poultry enthusiasts for their beauty, tiny size, and large personalities. They are considered rare and are listed as 'Watch' on the Livestock Conservancy Priority List. Known for their puffy beards, vulture hocks, heavy leg feathering, and wide-set tails, these little birds are a delight to keep.

Class: Feather-Legged Bantam	Mature Weight (LB): Male 1.8 / Female 1.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Watch	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Single	   
Feet & Legs: Feathered / Yellow	

## MILLE FLEUR BELGIAN BEARDED D'UCCLE

The Mille Fleur is one of the most colorful and interesting varieties of the Bantam breeds. With their reddish-bay feathers tipped in white and black, muffed faces, and booted legs, these little birds are true show-stoppers. Their unique coloration will change as they age. The Mille Fleur has a sweet disposition and lays small white eggs.

*Photos courtesy of Heather Harper, Gigi Ahrens, and Grace McCain.*

Unsexed. MFBS \$6.95 ea.



## PORCELAIN BELGIAN BEARDED D'UCCLE

The Porcelain has many of the same characteristics of the Mille Fleur, except that these birds are a very pale blueish-white. All feathers are tipped in white, making them one of the prettiest chicks offered at the Hatchery. These petite birds lay small white eggs and have a very gentle, docile nature.

*Photos courtesy of Kate Burke, Tiffany Felder, Ellie Bowman, and Sophie Cain.*

Unsexed. PBBS \$6.95 ea.



## BUFF BRAHMA BANTAM

The Buff Brahma is a smaller version of its standard-sized counterpart. These small feather-footed birds are gentle, quiet, and docile in nature. Their wonderful personalities and excellent conformation make them a perfect choice for 4-H prospects. Buff Brahma Bantams are a beautiful golden-buff color with black tails and gold-laced hackles. Like our standard Brahmans, these Bantams are cold-hardy and do well in a mixed flock. Hens are productive setters that lay small brown eggs.

*Photos courtesy of Angela Greenroy, Jordan Haggard, Hannah Forget, Angela Vallencourt, and Mike Zimmerman. 2022 Sac County Champion Individual Bantam shown by Ryan Zimmerman.*

Unsexed. BBBS \$6.95 ea.

Class: Feather-Legged Bantam	Mature Weight (LB): Male 2.5 / Female 2.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Fair
Comb Type: Pea	  
Feet & Legs: Feathered / Yellow	



## BANTAM Cochin

Cochins are the most popular of our feather-legged Bantam breeds. Cochins originated in China and are heavily feathered down their legs and toes, making them appear much larger than they actually are. Hens are excellent setters and make fantastic mothers to their baby chicks. Cochin Bantams are extremely gentle, quiet, and require very little space, making them a perfect choice for families and urban backyard coops.

Class: Feather-Legged Bantam	Mature Weight (LB): Male 2.0 / Female 1.8
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Fair
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Feathered / Yellow	



### BARRED COCHIN BANTAM

The Barred Cochin has the same barred pattern of a Barred Rock. They have defined alternating dark and light barring running parallel along the length of each feather, which is contrasted with a bright red comb and wattles.

*Photos courtesy of Eric Edwards and Melissa Brodeur.*

Unsexed. BABS \$6.95 ea.



### BLUE COCHIN BANTAM

Blue Cochin Bantams are stunning and highly sought after by backyard flock owners. Chicks come in a beautiful blue, black, white, and splash.

*To read more about breeding for the color blue, see pg. 6.*

*Photos courtesy of Erica Westmoreland and Ashley Wildes.*

Unsexed. BABS \$6.95 ea.



### BUFF COCHIN BANTAM

The Buff is one of the oldest and most established varieties of Bantam Cochins. With their calm, friendly personalities, they are one of our most popular Bantam breeds. They are covered in an abundance of soft golden-buff feathers from head to toe.

*Photos courtesy of Darcy VanLienden, and Laura Franssen.*

Unsexed. BCBS \$6.95 ea.



### GOLDEN LACED COCHIN BANTAM

Golden Laced Cochin Bantam hens are golden bay color laced in a lustrous black. Males have a golden laced chest with iridescent greenish-black hackle, saddle, and tail feathers.

*Photos courtesy of Tammy Hughes, Patrick Holt, and Melissa Brodeur.*

Unsexed. GLBS \$6.95 ea.



### MOTTLED COCHIN BANTAM

The Mottled Cochin Bantam has a lustrous black base with feathers randomly tipped in white. Their beautiful coloring is set off by their bright red combs and wattles. The mottling on each bird will vary, making this beautiful breed stand out in any flock.

*Photos courtesy of Abby and Cory Watts, Matthew Arnett, and Sherri Odenbaugh.*

Unsexed. MCBS \$6.95 ea.



### RED COCHIN BANTAM

We're sure you'll fall in love with these beautiful little birds! Both male and female Red Cochin Bantams are a deep, rich red with feathered legs and feet. Males have dark red hackle and saddle feathers, too.

*Photos courtesy of Teddi Yaeger, Jake Grzenda, Pam Hamilton, and C. Liang.*

Unsexed. RDBS \$6.95 ea.



### PARTRIDGE COCHIN BANTAM

These Bantams display the classic Partridge pattern and coloring. Females are mahogany brown with double-penciling. Males are a brilliant bright red and mahogany over a glossy black body.

*Photos courtesy of Abby and Cory Watts, Matthew Arnett, and Sherri Odenbaugh.*

Unsexed. PCBS \$6.95 ea.



## Frizzled Cochin

These truly unique miniature chickens have feathers that curve outward and forward. Frizzled Cochin Bantams are available in red, black, and white. They have heavily feathered legs and feet, just as Cochin Bantams do.

*NOTE: The frizzle feathering does not show as baby chicks. Because the frizzle trait does not breed true, approximately one third to one fourth of baby frizzle chicks will develop normal feathering and the others will be frizzled.*

*Photos courtesy of Teddi Yaeger, Wanza Giorgio, and Wanda Blake.*

### BLACK FRIZZLE COCHIN

Unsexed. BFCS \$6.95 ea.

### RED FRIZZLE COCHIN

Unsexed. RFBS \$6.95 ea.

### WHITE FRIZZLE COCHIN

Unsexed. WFCS \$6.95 ea.



BANTAM

# Japanese

Japanese Bantams are miniature birds with big attitudes. Often raised for show, these popular little birds are true Bantams, meaning that they have no large fowl counterparts. This Heritage Bantam breed is considered rare and listed as "Threatened" on The Livestock Conservancy's Priority List. Japanese Bantams carry their tails upright — higher than their head — and their wings angle down and back. Japanese Bantam hens are fair layers of small white eggs.

*NOTE: There are no pure short-legged Japanese Bantams. Some chicks will have medium-to-long legs.*

## BLACK JAPANESE BANTAM

These tiny all-black birds are a delight to raise and keep. Their glossy black feathers are a beautiful contrast with their bright red comb and wattles.

*Photos courtesy of Amanda Balinski and Lawrence Byman.*

Unsexed. BZBS \$6.95 ea.



## BLACK TAILED WHITE JAPANESE BANTAM

This distinguished variety is pure white with black tail feathers and a bright red comb and wattles.

*Photos courtesy of Micah Gilbert, Indah Erdmann, James Agnew, Grace McCain, Klarissa Olvera, and Mari Hastings.*

Unsexed. BJBS \$6.95 ea.



Class: Single Comb Clean-Legged Bantam	Mature Weight (LB): Male 1.8 / Female 1.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened	Egg Production: Fair
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	   

## BLACK TAILED BUFF JAPANESE BANTAM

One of our most popular Bantam varieties, these birds are a beautiful golden-buff color. They have a dark black tail and a bright red comb and wattles.

*Photos courtesy of Kayla Nunes, Jessica Dial, Diane Belnavis, and Indah Erdmann.*

Unsexed. BFJS \$6.95 ea.



## Clean-Legged Bantam Assortment

Assortments are a great way to jumpstart a backyard flock or add variety to an existing flock. Bantams are sold as STRAIGHT RUN ONLY (unsexed) and require a minimum order of 15 chicks per order to ship safely.

Our Clean-Legged Bantam Assortment includes a mix from our choice of breeds from our Japanese, Ameraucana, Rhode Island Red, Rock, Polish, and Old English Game Bantams.

Item #	Sex	15	25	50
CLBS	Unsexed	\$86.25	\$136.56	\$259.47

BANTAM

# Old English Game

Old English Games are a true Bantam breed. They are considered very rare and are currently listed as 'Watch' on The Livestock Conservancy Priority List. While they are very popular for showing, they also make excellent additions to backyard flocks. This is one of the smallest breeds we raise, but despite their small stature, these miniature birds have big personalities! They are active, alert, and have a confident disposition. Old English Game Bantams have an upright appearance. The comb on Old English Games should be dubbed when raising birds for show and exhibition.

Class: Game Bantam	Mature Weight (LB): Male 1.5 / Female 1.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Watch	Egg Production: Fair
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Pinkish White	   

## B.B. RED OLD ENGLISH GAME BANTAM

Black Breasted Red (B.B. Red) Old English Game Bantams are beautiful, brightly colored birds with active personalities.

*Photos courtesy of Kayla Nunes, Laurie Woller, Amanda McDonough, Claudia Hebert, and Melissa Read.*

Unsexed. BRBS \$6.95 ea.



## RED PYLE OLD ENGLISH GAME BANTAM

The Red Pyle is an active, alert bird. They are a striking combination of red, white, orange, and salmon. Hens lay small cream colored eggs.

*Photos courtesy of Kayla Nunes, Jessica Dial, Diane Belnavis, and Indah Erdmann.*

Unsexed. RPBS \$6.95 ea.



## SILVER DUCKWING OLD ENGLISH GAME BANTAM

The Silver Duckwing is a true show-stopper. Males are silver-white and a lustrous blue-black with a contrasting bright red comb and wattles. Females are an ashy gray with a silver head and neck, offset by a beautiful salmon colored breast.

*Photos courtesy of Ashley Stratton, Claudia Hebert, Destiny LaPointe, .*

Unsexed. SDBS \$6.95 ea.



## PARTRIDGE ROCK BANTAM

These are the some of the showiest, and the smallest, of all the Plymouth Rocks. These pint-sized birds have the the same stunning partridge pattern and coloring of their standard size counterparts. *Photos courtesy of Michael Drake.*

Unsexed. PRBS \$6.95 ea.

Class: Single Comb Clean-Legged Bantam	Mature Weight (LB): Male 2.0 / Female 1.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Fair
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	  



## WHITE CRESTED BLACK POLISH BANTAM

This is a smaller version of our standard White Crested Black Polish. These Bantam birds are solid black with a bright white crest. They are very small and easy to care for, making them a customer favorite for urban flocks and backyard coops alike.

*Photos courtesy of Eric Edwards and Toni Walley.*

Unsexed. BPBS \$6.95 ea.

Class: Other Combs Clean-Legged Bantam	Mature Weight (LB): Male 1.9 / Female 1.8
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: V	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Slate, Blue	



## RHODE ISLAND RED BANTAM

Rhode Island Red Bantams are one of the Bantam breeds with a standard-sized counterpart (see pg. 45 for our standard Rhode Island Reds).

Bantam Rhode Island Reds are a deep mahogany color and have the old-fashioned single comb appearance. These docile birds lay small brown eggs and are a great alternative to their larger counterparts for backyard settings and urban flocks where space is limited.

Unsexed. RIBS \$6.95 ea.

Class: Single Comb Clean-Legged Bantam	Mature Weight (LB): Male 2.2 / Female 1.9
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Fair
Comb Type: Single	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow	



## BANTAM

# Sebright

The Sebright is an ornamental Bantam breed, and they are one of the few true Bantam breeds with no standard counterpart. Sebrights are also the only breed of chicken that is "hen feathered," meaning that males have no pointed sex feathers in the hackle, saddle, or tail. Sebrights are rare, but their numbers are improving and they have moved up to 'Watch' on The Livestock Conservancy Priority List. They are easy to raise, have nice personalities, and bear confinement well. Sebrights are well-suited to urban flocks, backyards, and coops with enclosed runs. These birds stand out in any flock, as each feather is strikingly outlined in black. We offer both Golden and Silver, which are the two original varieties of Sebrights.

*Photos courtesy of Emilee Wilcox, Amber Filan, Jennifer Kroll, Susan Koch, Lisa Taylor, Meghan Nicole Brawdy, and Kathy Mormino aka The Chicken Chick.*

### GOLDEN SEBRIGHT

Unsexed. GSBS \$6.95 ea.

### SILVER SEBRIGHT

Unsexed. SSBS \$6.95 ea.

Class: Rose Comb Clean-Legged Bantam	Mature Weight (LB): Male 1.5 / Female 1.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Watch	Egg Production: Good
Comb Type: Rose	
Feet & Legs: Clean / Slate, Blue	



## BANTAM

# Silkie

Silkie chickens are the quintessential pet chicken. Their small size, gentle personality, and quiet demeanor are just a few reasons why Silkies top the list of popular breeds for families and backyard flock owners year after year. These unique chickens have soft hair-like feathers from head to toe, a top crest, a mulberry comb, black skin, and five toes. Silkies are available in white, buff, blue, and black varieties — both bearded and non-bearded. Hens lay small white eggs, and they are well-known as tremendous setters and fantastic mothers. In fact, Silkies will often readily hatch and raise almost any type of baby fowl they are given.

*Photo courtesy of Lisa Murano, and Amy Warrell of Pine & Poppy.*

Class: Feather-Legged Bantam	Mature Weight (LB): Male 2.5 / Female 2.0
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed	Egg Production: Fair
Comb Type: Walnut	
Feet & Legs: Feathered / Black	

### BLACK SILKIE

Unsexed. BSBS \$6.95 ea.

### BUFF SILKIE

Unsexed. BFBS \$6.95 ea.

### BLUE SILKIE

Unsexed. BXBS \$6.95 ea.

### WHITE SILKIE

Unsexed. WSBS \$6.95 ea.

*See pg. 6 to learn more about breeding for the color blue in poultry.*

## BARGAIN CHICK ASSORTMENTS

# Bantam Assortments

Bantams are just one-fourth to one-fifth the size of a standard chicken. These miniature birds come in a variety of breeds and colors. Because of their small size and fun personalities, Bantams are very popular with families and urban backyard flock owners. They easily adapt to confined areas, such as small coops and runs. Bantams are also popular for showing and are a top choice for 4-H kids across the U.S.

Choose from our four Bantam Assortments to start your own backyard flock. Or, if you're already an experienced Bantam keeper, add variety to your existing flock with any of our assortments. Bantams are sold as **STRAIGHT RUN ONLY** (unsexed) and require a minimum order of 15 Bantam chicks per order to ship safely.

Sex	15	25	50
Unsexed	\$86.25	\$136.56	\$259.47

### ASSORTED CLEAN-LEGGED BANTAMS

Includes a **STRAIGHT RUN** mix of our choice from our Japanese, Ameraucana, Rhode Island Red, Polish, and Old English Game Bantams. — *Unsexed, CLB*

### ASSORTED COCHIN BANTAMS

A wonderful **STRAIGHT RUN** assortment of our Cochin and Frizzle Cochin Bantams. Includes our choice of at least four varieties. — *Unsexed, ACB*

### FEATHER-FOOTED BANTAMS

Includes a **STRAIGHT RUN** mix of our choice of varieties from any of these Bantam breeds: Cochins, Brahas, D'Uccles, and Silkies. — *Unsexed, FFB*

### ASSORTED PUREBRED BANTAMS

This **STRAIGHT RUN** (unsexed) assortment of purebred Bantams includes our choice from any of our Bantam breeds. — *Unsexed, APB*

# Meat Birds

raise your own



Cornish Cross photo courtesy of Ramey Ranch.



Our prize-winning Cornish Cross is the most remarkable meat bird we carry — our family raises them to fill our own freezers each year. These best-sellers are fast-growing with outstanding feed efficiency, and they are known for an abundance of tender breast meat. For best results, raise your Cornish Cross on pasture, moving them to fresh grass daily. They should also have access to a quality commercial feed and ample clean water. Choose from our popular Jumbo Cornish Cross or our Cornish Game Hens.

## JUMBO CORNISH CROSS

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

These best-sellers are fast-growing birds with outstanding feed efficiency. No other meat bird offers the same quality of breast meat in the same amount of time as the Cornish Cross. Males will dress out at an average of 4-6 pounds in just 8 weeks. Grow out females for 1-2 weeks longer to reach the same weight, or process them sooner for a tender and delicious Cornish Roaster.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-25	26-50	51-99	100+*
CXRP	Female	\$3.64	\$3.46	\$3.28	\$3.09	\$2.91	\$2.74
CXRC	Male	\$4.05	\$3.85	\$3.65	\$3.44	\$3.24	\$3.06
CXRS	Unsexed	\$3.80	\$3.61	\$3.43	\$3.26	\$3.10	\$2.94

Visit our website for price breaks for higher quantities on Jumbo Cornish Cross.

Not recommended for altitudes above 5,000 ft. Jumbo Cornish Cross and Cornish Game Hens are hybrid birds and breeding is not recommended. Hybrids do not produce the same results in subsequent generations, and their rapid growth rate prevents them from breeding naturally.

Photos courtesy of the Ramey Ranch, Jill Martin, Mikel Hunt, and Jack Pollner.

## CORNISH GAME HENS

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

Cornish Game Hens are a highly sought after small, tender, restaurant-quality bird. A Cornish Game hen should be processed young, weighing no more than two pounds (900 g) when ready to cook. Chefs and food connoisseurs prefer them for their tender meat, which absorbs marinades and seasonings readily. Cornish Game Hens are sold as **FEMALE CHICKS** only.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
CGHP	Female	\$3.64	\$3.46	\$3.28	\$3.09	\$2.91	\$2.74



"There are so many great things I could say about this particular breed of meat bird! The one thing I love the most about raising Cornish Cross from McMurray Hatchery (besides how delicious they are) is how fast they grow out. I get an amazing product that I'm able to enjoy much quicker, and their short turnaround gives me more time to focus on other projects around the homestead, too." — Grow Build Raise on YouTube and Instagram.



# Raising a year of poultry in the backyard



Last Thanksgiving, we had our first pasture raised turkey...and it was life-changing. My husband said it was the most delicious Thanksgiving meal he had ever eaten. And thus, a dream was born.

We had moved to our small suburban homestead just a few months before, so I was already kicking around the idea of getting a few Cornish Cross and trying our hand at raising meat chickens. But what if I raised a few holiday turkeys, too? If I was going to do that, I might as well fully commit to raising a decent-sized batch of Cornish Cross. And while I was at it, maybe I should try raising a few Jumbo Pekins as well. For variety. And for prosciutto. And for pâté.

After a few too many cups of coffee one morning shortly after the holiday, I texted my boss/best friend, Ginger (yes, *Ginger of McMurray Hatchery*), and told her that I wanted to raise all of my family's poultry for a whole year in our small pasture. I was a little nervous; it felt like sort of a crazy dream since we were (*and still are*) so new to raising our own food. Her response? "How exciting! Let's do it!"

Our turkeys came first, and I went with Murray's Midget Whites because of their smaller size and relatively faster grow-out time compared to other production breeds. Then came our little Cornish Cross chicks, who were all strong and hardy from the get-go. We grew out the turkeys for about 16 weeks because of scheduling and took our Cornish Cross to 8 weeks with zero health issues whatsoever. The Jumbo Pekins came next, and were the most healthy and robust round of birds I've ever raised. In the end, we filled our freezer with four turkeys, 31 chickens, and 11 ducks.

*Not bad for our first year!*

Looking back, I'm not only grateful for a freezer full of meat, but for a season of growth. Our family worked together to learn how to raise these birds. We moved our Premier One netting every day, and the kids helped feed and water the birds right alongside me. Our system wasn't perfect, and I definitely had to round up our chickens with a rake more often than I would have liked to. We made some mistakes along the way, but we learned a lot. We changed and adjusted and tried and tried again.

Above all else, we will spend the next year enjoying some of the most nutritious and sustainable meat imaginable from birds that lived truly happy lives. In his book *The Marvelous Pigness of Pigs*, Joel Salatin asks, "If I were an animal, would I want to live like this?" And when I think back to the way we raised our meat birds, my answer is always yes.

**One year.  
One acre.  
Four turkeys.  
Thirty-one chickens.  
Eleven ducks.**

Our Cornish Cross ran the pasture with our layer flock, taking dust baths and napping in the sun. Our turkeys foraged and followed us around when we worked outside. Our ducks chatted and roamed our pasture to their hearts' content. All of this, so many lives well-lived, right in our little backyard pasture.

Grateful doesn't even begin to cover how I feel when I reminisce on this past year. I had the opportunity to learn something new many times over, to work day in and day out with my husband and children, and to provide a good quality of life for the animals I cared for. I was supported along the way by a fantastic community full of willing mentors and helpful friends. And now, at the end, I get to feed my family in a way that I truly believe in.

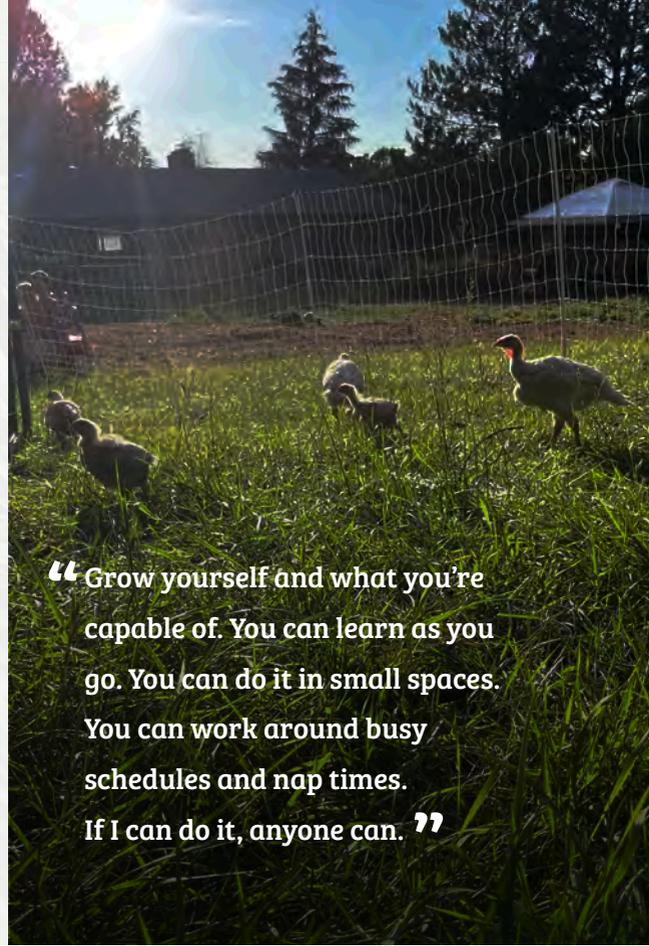
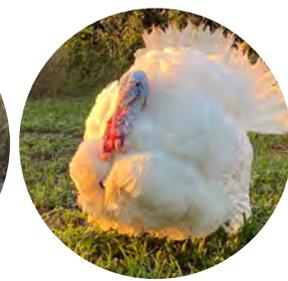
The best part? I did it all in a suburban backyard with little kids in tow. So my advice to you is this: if you feel even the smallest calling to raise a couple layers or try your hand at putting a few birds in the freezer: go for it. Grow yourself and what you're capable of. You can learn as you go. You can do it in small spaces. You can make it work around busy schedules and nap times.

*If I can do it, anyone can.*



**CASSIDY CORNELL** is a mom, wife, homesteader, and one of the team here at McMurray Hatchery. Cassidy and her family raise chickens, ducks, turkeys, and goats on her one-acre urban homestead in the Pacific Northwest. Follow her on Instagram at [@thehalftimehomestead](#).

**“ My favorite breeds to raise on our homestead are the Cornish Cross, Murray's Midget White, and Jumbo Pekin. They all have relatively fast grow-out times (which frees up my limited space), they thrive on pasture, and are easy to care for.”**



**“ Grow yourself and what you're capable of. You can learn as you go. You can do it in small spaces. You can work around busy schedules and nap times. If I can do it, anyone can. ”**





*dual-purpose  
at its finest*



*homestead favorite*



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## DELAWARE ENHANCED HERITAGE BROILER

(SHIPS MARCH - SEPTEMBER)

In recent years, raising poultry for meat has increased in popularity thanks to the rise of the homesteader movement. With this self-sufficient mindset often comes the question, "How can I raise a sustainable flock on my own?" McMurray Hatchery's exclusive Delaware Enhanced Heritage Broiler was developed as an answer to that question. The Delaware Broiler is an enhanced version of the traditional Heritage Delaware, and is a **true dual-purpose** bird. Raise them on pasture for meat, or keep a flock for eggs and

process for meat as needed. The Delaware Broiler is just as easy to raise as any Heritage chicken, and the growth rate for these birds will be similar to a traditional poultry breed, with maturity at around 20 weeks. The Delaware Broiler **will breed true**, and you should make sure to select for size in order to retain their broiler qualities. We recommend keeping ample numbers when breeding to ensure you can adequately select from the best stock within each generation and ensure genetic diversity.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
DBES	Unsexed	\$5.00	\$4.75	\$4.51	\$4.29	\$4.07	\$3.87

SCAN TO LEARN ABOUT RAISING A SUSTAINABLE FLOCK



## MURRAY'S BIG RED BROILER

(SHIPS FEBRUARY - OCTOBER)

This meat bird is our take on the infamous Red Ranger, also known as the Freedom Ranger. Murray's Big Red Broiler is a favorite among homesteaders and hobby farmers wanting to raise chickens for meat. These birds are known to be more active foragers than Cornish Cross, and they thrive when raised on pasture.

Murray's Big Red Broilers are medium-growth birds reach maturity in about 10-12 weeks. While they take a few weeks longer than a Cornish Cross to raise, they produce a good-sized carcass.

Hens are also reliable layers of extra large brown eggs. We always suggest keeping a few hens back to add into your flock of layers.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
RXRP	Female	\$4.00	\$3.80	\$3.61	\$3.43	\$3.26	\$3.10
RXRC	Male	\$4.45	\$4.23	\$4.02	\$3.82	\$3.62	\$3.44
RXRS	Unsexed	\$4.25	\$4.04	\$3.84	\$3.64	\$3.46	\$3.29

COMPARE BREEDS IN OUR MEAT BIRD ROUNDUP



### MEAT BIRD ASSORTMENTS

#### ALL HEAVIES

Our All Heavies **ALL MALE** chick assortment is a great selection of heavy breeds to raise for meat. Butcher them young for fryers, or hold them a little longer for a delicious roasting bird. Includes our choice of at least five different heavy breeds.

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
ALHC	Male	\$46.50	\$73.63	\$139.89	\$265.79

#### BARBECUE SPECIAL

An assortment of fast-growing chicks that will make delicious, broad-breasted table birds. This best-selling broiler assortment includes a mix of our popular Jumbo Cornish Cross and Cornish Game Hens.

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
BBQS	Unsexed	\$56.25	\$89.06	\$169.22	\$321.52

#### FRYING PAN SPECIAL

These are smaller, white feathered, yellow skinned, light breed **ALL MALE** White Leghorn chicks. They will take 16-20 weeks to reach butchering size for fryers. *Leghorns do not finish out as large as Cornish Cross.*

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
FRPC	Male	\$44.25	\$70.06	\$133.12	\$252.93

#### MEAT-N-EGG COMBO

Looking for both meat and eggs? This popular assortment includes a mix of our Cornish Cross and assorted female chicks from our Murray's Choice Layers or Brown Egg Layers assortments.

Item #	Sex	15	25	50	100
MECS	Mixed	\$66.75	\$105.69	\$200.81	\$381.53

## MURRAY'S GINGER BROILER

(SHIPS MARCH - SEPTEMBER)

Ginger Broilers are a unique hybrid broiler exclusive to McMurray Hatchery. The Ginger Broiler is built like a Cornish Cross, but without many of the health issues. Developed high in the Rocky Mountains, the Ginger Broiler is ascites-resistant, making them ideal for thriving at higher altitudes.

The Ginger Broiler also has a slower, more natural growth rate, so they can be kept longer and processed as needed. They are known for their overall incredible health and wonderful dispositions.

Photos courtesy of Anna Christian.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6-15	16-24	25-50	51-99	100+
GBBS	Unsexed	\$5.00	\$4.75	\$4.51	\$4.29	\$4.07	\$3.87

*altitude-tolerant*



# Ducklings

take two -  
they're small



Khaki Campbell duckling photo courtesy of Toni Walley.

It is often said that chickens are the gateway to more livestock, and for many people, ducks are next on the list. Ducks are a fun addition to any barnyard, and they offer many benefits. Ducks are easy to raise, are naturally disease-resistant, and require little feed once mature. While many breeds are raised for meat, ducks also lay well. Duck eggs are larger and more nutrient-dense than chicken eggs. Their eggs have large, rich, creamy yolks that are ideal for baking. Read about our favorite duck breeds by scanning the QR code below.



MCMURRAY HATCHERY BLOG: OUR FAVORITE DUCK BREEDS

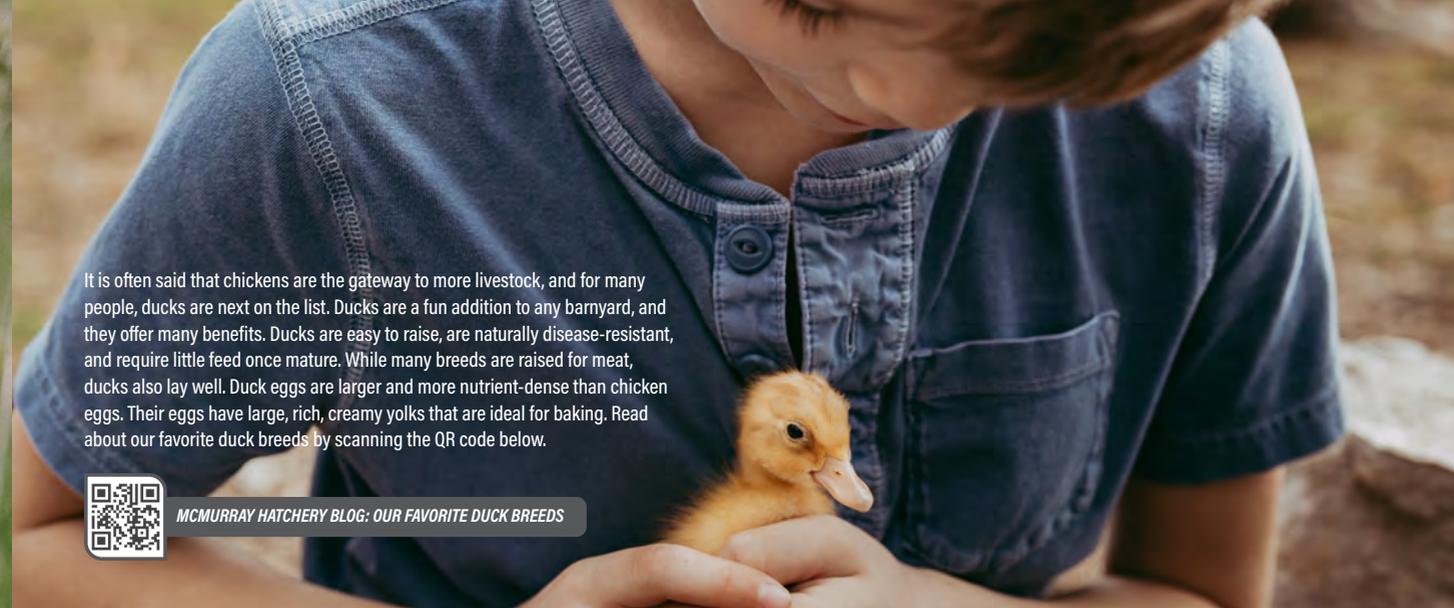


Photo above courtesy of Thayne Media.

## BUFF

Buff ducks, also called Buff Orpingtons, originated in the famous Orpington Farms in England — also the home of the Orpington chicken. Buffs are a rare Heritage duck breed. Drakes and hens have the same soft buff coloring, with the exception of the drake's seal-brown head. Hens are good layers and are rarely broody. Mature Buff ducks weigh between 5-6.25 lbs.

Photos courtesy of Tiffany Johnson, Alice Keim, Pat Lewis, and Selah Dickson of YouTube's The Fit Farmer.

Item #	Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
BUDP	Female	\$13.24	\$11.92	\$11.32
BUDC	Male	\$6.41	\$6.09	\$5.78
BUDS	Unsexed	\$9.80	\$9.31	\$8.85



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## KHAKI CAMPBELL

Khakis are known for being one of the best general purpose ducks and are one of the best layers of all domestic breeds. As a meat fowl, their light feathering makes them easy to dress when processing. Females are seal-brown, while males have touches of darker brown, resembling Mallard drakes. Khaki Campbells are excellent foragers and withstand cool climates very well.

Photo courtesy of Rhonda Lynch, Mike Dickson of YouTube's The Fit Farmer, and Toni Walley Photography.

Item #	Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
KCDP	Female	\$13.10	\$11.79	\$11.20
KCDC	Male	\$5.86	\$5.56	\$5.29
KCDS	Unsexed	\$9.46	\$8.99	\$8.54



## Egg Laying Duck Assortment

Stock up on duck eggs with this new layer assortment. Includes our choice of FEMALE Gold Star Hybrid, White Star Hybrid, and Khaki Campbell ducklings. While we'll do our best to provide you with a mix, this mix is based on availability and does not guarantee a number of ducks per breed.

Item #	Sex	10 Birds	20 Birds
ELDS	Female	\$150.00	\$300.00



Minimum Order: 2 Ducklings and/or Goslings — \*Small Order Fee May Apply

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# CEO of ducks

## IT'S NOT A COMMON TITLE ... BUT IT SUITS A.J. JUST FINE

We have raised ducks as egg layers here at **4 Kids and a Farm** since the very beginning. Over the years, we've kept many breeds of ducks including Runners, Blue Swedish, Mallards, Silver Appleyards, and Pekins. A.J. has always had a special soft spot for low-riding Pekin Ducks.

Why ducks, though? We get asked this question all the time. What can they provide that other poultry couldn't do equally as well ... or better?

Ducks are hard to explain to the uninitiated. Our web-footed farm friends have a bad reputation that precedes them (with good reason ... sort of.) The filthiest rumor, which just so happens to be very, very true, is that they poo ... a lot ... and everywhere. Clean eggs are nearly impossible to achieve with ducks. So ducks often get passed up for chickens, who are generally much less dirty.

But what if you could take their "dirtiness" out of the equation? Ducks are a blast to raise. They are so goofy and cute and cuddly and fun. Ducks are very adaptable, and in many ways, they are hardier than chickens. In our climate, they will even lay eggs throughout the winter.

Ducks eggs are fantastically richer and more nutrient-dense than chicken eggs. They are equally delicious, and many people who are allergic to chicken eggs do just fine with duck eggs.

Recent pandemics brought a unique opportunity to our young entrepreneur. When Avian Influenza hit the chicken industry, eggs became extremely expensive and hard to find. With chicken eggs becoming more scarce at the store, many of our customers were willing to try a few

duck eggs as replacements. To their surprise, the duck eggs were an enjoyable substitution.

The rest is history, as they say. A.J. saw a need and decided to take his passion for ducks and turn it into an egg laying business. He made a solid business plan, and we made a quick request for an order of Gold Star Hybrid ducklings from our friends at Murray McMurray Hatchery.

As parents, we interfere very little with A.J.'s plans. If he needs help, we are happy to assist. But on a day-to-day basis, A.J. handles all the duckie details — from keeping track of feed, to cleaning eggs, to product distribution.

So what does the future look like for this egg laying enterprise? Well, the requests for eggs sure aren't slowing down! The demand is so great that our 20 ducks just can't keep up.

We're currently making decisions on how we want to scale up. Do we double, triple, or quadruple our duck numbers? How do we do that in a responsible and sustainable way? Can A.J. do it by himself, or does he need to hire an employee (most likely a willing minimum-wage sibling)? These are the exciting decisions A.J. is making as he moves forward with this small but fulfilling career.

We couldn't be more proud of our young man and his desire to turn this passion into a profitable business. His efforts are providing our family and our community with a clean and nutritious protein source. We are so thankful to Murray McMurray Hatchery for providing us with the healthiest ducklings and the best customer service we could ever hope for!



A.J. raises both Pekins and Gold Star Hybrid ducks as part of his duck egg enterprise at 4 Kids & a Farm. Photos courtesy of 4 Kids & a Farm.



**4 KIDS & A FARM** — as their name implies — is a family of 6 living on a 5-acre homestead and flower farm in Northern California. For the past 6 years, they have focused on organic and regenerative farming practices. Together, they work to create a more self-sufficient lifestyle, connect with the land, and grow responsibly raised food for themselves and the community around them.

## CAYUGA

The Cayuga is one of the few duck breeds developed in America, taking its name from Lake Cayuga, New York. Best known for their brilliant "beetle" green coloring, this rare Heritage breed of duck is quiet and very hardy. Hens lay a light grey to charcoal egg. Cayugas will often display lighter colored feathers as they age, a process which is referred to as graying. Mature ducks weigh between 4.75-6 lbs.

Photos courtesy of Ashley Stratton Kayla Alpe, Angela Napiwocki, and Toni Walley Photography.

Item #	Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
CADP	Female	\$13.24	\$11.92	\$11.32
CADC	Male	\$6.41	\$6.09	\$5.78
CADS	Unsexed	\$9.80	\$9.31	\$8.85



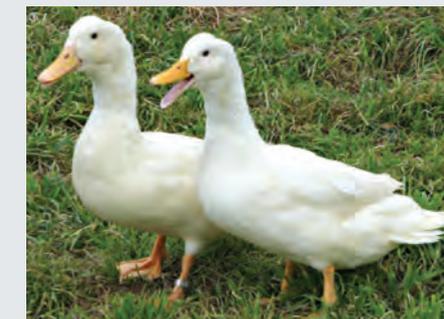
New to raising ducks? Best-selling author and poultry expert Gail Damerow's new book, *An Absolute Beginner's Guide to Raising Backyard Ducks*, is a must-have for anyone getting started with waterfowl. Order today at [McMurrayHatchery.com](http://McMurrayHatchery.com).



## DUCLAIR

The Duclair is a French breed that was developed for its rich and earthy-tasting meat, which is celebrated by chefs. Duclairs are fast-growing ducks that look like a small Pekin. For best results, process them at 7-12 weeks, or around 5-6 lbs. Duclair hens are also very good layers, laying 80-100+ large green eggs per year. These ducks are great for any size farm and do well in backyard flocks.

Item #	Sex	1+
DUCP	Female	\$18.54
DUCC	Male	\$9.25
DUCS	Unsexed	\$13.85



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## GOLD STAR & WHITE STAR HYBRID LAYERS

The Gold Star and the White Star are both high-producing hybrid layers. These ducks were bred to lay even more large eggs than the Khaki Campbell, which is an impressive feat! With their high fertility rates and calm temperaments, both the Gold and White Star top our charts in more ways than one.

Gold Star males are shades of black, while females are shades of brown. However, their coloring can vary, as they are hybrids. Gold Star ducklings are also color sexable at hatch, but this trait will not pass down to subsequent generations. As their name implies, White Stars are a striking pure-white, and they will lay slightly fewer blue tinted eggs than Gold Stars.

Mature ducks will weigh between 4.5-5.75 lbs.

**GOLD STAR HYBRID** — Females, GSDP. Males, GSDC. Unsexed, GSDS.

**WHITE STAR HYBRID** — Females, WSHR. Males, WSHC. Unsexed, WSHS.

Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
Female	\$13.19	\$11.87	\$11.27
Male	\$6.97	\$6.62	\$6.29
Unsexed	\$10.05	\$9.54	\$9.07



Photos courtesy of Selah Dickson of YouTube's The Fit Farmer, and Toni Walley Photography.

## MAGPIE

**NEW FOR 2024!** The Magpie is a British duck breed that was imported to the United States in the 1960s. Magpies were accepted into the Standard of Perfection in 1977. Today, the breed is very rare, and is listed as 'Threatened' on The Livestock Conservancy Priority List.

The Magpie is a light and long-bodied duck. They are known for their distinctive and striking markings. Magpies are white with dark coloring on top of their heads with a large dark colored patch along the back from the shoulders down. Interestingly, Magpie duckling coloration will not change as they mature. The Magpie, like the Cayuga, can display graying, with white flecks appearing in their cap as they age. Hens are good layers, and their eggs have been known to hatch a bit earlier than other breeds. Magpies are cheerful and active foragers that do well in a free-range setting.

Unsexed. MAGS \$18.95 ea.



## FLYING MALLARD

If you're looking for ducks that fly, these are the ones! All domestic ducks — except the Muscovy — are derived from the Mallard. While they may look similar to a Rouen, these ducks are much smaller and are excellent flyers. As a meat bird, they have a distinctive gamey taste not found in other domestic duck breeds. Mature ducks weigh between 2.25-2.5 lbs. *NOTE: Mallards are restricted in some states. Before ordering, please check with the Regulatory Agency in your state that controls wildlife management.*

Item #	Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
FMDP	Female	\$13.24	\$11.92	\$11.32
FMDC	Male	\$6.41	\$6.09	\$5.78
FMDS	Unsexed	\$9.80	\$9.31	\$8.85



## MUSCOVY

The Muscovy has risen to popularity in recent years as a dual-purpose duck breed. Though they take a bit longer to mature than other meat ducks, their meat is said to be tender, juicy, and delicious. Muscovy meat is also 98% fat free, so it isn't greasy or heavy. Because they are active foragers, these birds can make themselves useful on a farm or homestead as natural insect control. The Muscovy is the one domestic duck breed that isn't derived from the Mallard. These birds are actually a large perching waterfowl, so they need access to a roost at night.

Muscovies are quiet and calm ducks. Hens are average layers, but make excellent mothers to their young. Interestingly, Muscovy eggs take longer to hatch than other duck breeds, requiring a full 35 days rather than the usual 28.

**NEW FOR 2024 — Muscovies are now available in both Black and White varieties.** Our White Muscovy are mostly white with the occasional dark spots on the head or body. Black is the original Muscovy coloration. Our Black Muscovy are mostly black with some white on the head and neck.

**WHITE MUSCOVY** Unsexed. EDOS \$13.85 ea.

**BLACK MUSCOVY** Unsexed. BMDS \$21.85 ea.



Photos courtesy of Tawnie Freeland, Krista Wadekamper, and Selah Dickson of YouTube's The Fit Farmer.

### Muscovy Duo Assortment

Save when you order this **STRAIGHT RUN** (unsexed) assortment of Muscovy ducklings. Includes a mix of White and Black varieties.

Item #	Sex	10 Birds	20 Birds
MUDS	Unsexed	\$140.00	\$280.00

## PEKIN

Originating in China, Pekins were brought to the western world in the mid 1800s. Their fine meat quality and excellent laying ability quickly made them a top choice among American duck keepers. Both sexes are creamy white with yellow skin and have very large breasts. Mature Pekins weigh between 8-12.25 lbs.

Jumbo Pekins are generally raised as a meat duck, averaging at about 9-13.5 lbs., which is approximately 15-18% larger than the standard Pekin. The Jumbo Pekin is a fast-growth breed, and they can be table ready as early as 6-8 weeks. However, they can also be kept longer without major health issues. These hardy birds are great foragers and thrive when raised on pasture.

### WHITE PEKINS

Item #	Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
PEDP	Female	\$13.10	\$11.79	\$11.20
PEDC	Male	\$5.53	\$5.33	\$4.81
PEDS	Unsexed	\$9.46	\$8.99	\$8.54

### JUMBO PEKINS

Item #	Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
JPDP	Female	\$14.61	\$13.14	\$12.49
JPDC	Male	\$11.45	\$10.88	\$10.33
JPDS	Unsexed	\$12.98	\$12.33	\$11.72



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White Pekin photos courtesy of Cedar Ledge Farm, Melissa Pendleton, Jessica Friede, Samantha Kirk, and Ashley Stratton. Jumbo Pekin photos courtesy of Mike Dickson and Susan Pedersen.

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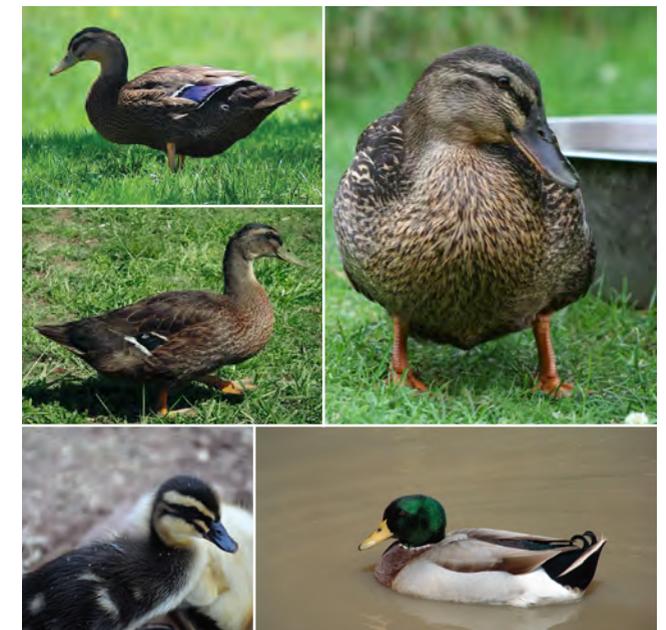
## ROUEN

These attractive ducks bear the name of the famous French city where they originated. Rouens have the same coloring as Mallards, but they are nearly double the size. Mature ducks weigh between 5-7.25 lbs., making them a popular choice for meat production. Hens are good layers of light greenish tinted eggs.

Males have a lustrous green head and neck, a rich purplish-brown chest, and steel gray penciling on the upper body. Females are mahogany brown with fine greenish-black or brown penciling, and a blue chevron on the wing.

Photos courtesy of Casey Rehse, Rhonda Silva, Lisa Borgen, Hannah and Holly Nelson, and Sarah Lawrence.

Item #	Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
RODP	Female	\$13.10	\$11.79	\$11.20
RODC	Male	\$5.86	\$5.56	\$5.29
RODS	Unsexed	\$9.46	\$8.99	\$8.54



"The Rouen duck is a great choice for a family duck. While mostly known as a meat production breed, the Rouens on our farm were our children's pets. We enjoyed many hours watching the antics of our small flock of Rouen ducks. We have enjoyed having them as part of our farmyard. Rouen eggs are also very large! We mainly reserved them for baking, as they have a higher fat content than chicken eggs, and a rich flavor."

— Janet Garman, The Timber Creek Farmer

## RUNNER

Runner ducks are long, slender waterfowl that were developed in Scotland around the beginning of the 20th century from stock that came from the East Indies. These unique ducks have tall bodies with a vertical posture, earning them the nicknames “Penguin Ducks” and “Bottle Necks.” Runners are sold in four color varieties: black, blue, chocolate, and fawn/white. These ducks don’t waddle like other breeds, but move with a quick step, often running together as a group. They are good foragers, lay blue-white eggs, and are a very fun addition to any farmstead. Runners are a lighter weight waterfowl, weighing just 3.25-4 lbs. at maturity.

**BLACK RUNNERS** – Females, BRDCP. Males, BRDC. Unsexed, BRDS.

**BLUE RUNNERS** – Females, BLDP. Males, BLDC. Unsexed, BLDS.

**CHOCOLATE RUNNERS** – Females, CRDP. Males, CRDC. Unsexed, CRDS.

**FAWN/WHITE RUNNERS** – Females, FWDP. Males, FWDC. Unsexed, FWDS.

Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
Female	\$15.02	\$13.51	\$12.84
Male	\$7.68	\$7.29	\$6.93
Unsexed	\$11.32	\$10.75	\$10.21



Photos courtesy Nina Mullins and Toni Walley Photography.

### Runner Duck Assortment

With their unusual upright appearance, Runner ducks are a delight to watch. This **STRAIGHT RUN** (unsexed) assortment includes our choice of at least two of our Runner color varieties, including black, blue, chocolate, and fawn/white.

Item #	Sex	10 Birds	20 Birds
RDAS	Unsexed	\$78.00	\$140.40

## SAXONY

This cream-colored breed was developed in Germany in the 1930s. Saxonys are excellent dual-purpose birds. Hens are buff colored and have creamy white neck ring, underbody, and facial stripes. Drakes have a blue-gray head, back, and wing markings with a rich chestnut-burgundy breast, cream underbody and flanks, and a white neck ring. Mature ducks weigh approximately 6.5-8.5 lbs.

Item #	Sex	1+
SAXP	Female	\$18.54
SAXC	Male	\$9.25
SAXS	Unsexed	\$13.85



## SILVER APPELYARD

Silver Appleyards are said to be one of the best egg layers among the heavy weight breeds, and they are one of the most flavorful ducks when raised for meat. Silver Appleyards are very rare, listed as ‘Watch’ on The Livestock Conservancy Priority List. These large ducks are active foragers – similar to the Saxony –with calm temperaments. Mature ducks weigh between 7-9 lbs.

Item #	Sex	1+
SIAP	Female	\$18.54
SIAC	Male	\$9.25
SIAS	Unsexed	\$13.85



## SWEDISH

Swedish ducks are known for their black and blue coloration. They have a white ‘bib’ that runs from under the bill to halfway down their breast, with a touch of white on their wings. Swedish are very hardy ducks and are also good foragers. Drakes will weigh up to 8 lbs. The hens will weigh up to 7 lbs. and will lay mostly white eggs, with the occasional blue or gray tint.

When ordering and raising Blue Swedish, see pg. 6 for information on breeding for the color blue in poultry.

**BLACK SWEDISH** – Females, SBDP. Males, SPBC. Unsexed, SPDS.

**BLUE SWEDISH** – Females, BSDP. Males, BSDC. Unsexed, BSCS.

Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
Female	\$13.38	\$12.04	\$11.44
Male	\$6.56	\$6.23	\$5.92
Unsexed	\$9.94	\$9.44	\$8.97

Photos courtesy of Maya Sarver, Amy Warrell, and Teddi Yaeger.

## WELSH HARLEQUIN

The Welsh Harlequin is a fairly rare Heritage breed. Developed in Wales, they were brought to the U.S. in the 1960s and were accepted into the American Poultry Association in 2001 in the Light Duck class. Females are excellent layers, good setters, and great mothers to their ducklings. They are calm, inquisitive, and love to forage. Interestingly, they can be sexed just after hatching with 90% accuracy by their bill color. Males have darker bills, while lighter bills ending in a dark spot are females. Mature ducks will weigh between 4.5-5.5 lbs.

Photos courtesy of Michelle Richards, and Selah Dickson of YouTube’s The Fit Farmer.

Item #	Sex	1+
WHDP	Female	\$18.53
WHDC	Male	\$9.24
WHDS	Unsexed	\$13.86



## WHITE CRESTED

The White Crested duck is a wonderful dual-purpose breed. This breed grows rapidly, and hens are reliable layers, making them a good choice for those who want to raise ducks for both meat and egg production. These ducks stand out in a flock because of the unique crests on their head. Baby ducklings also have large crests at hatching. Mature ducks weigh between 6-7.25 lbs.

Photos courtesy of Amy Warrell, Ksenia Belanger, Amanda Churchill, and Adrianna Louise Atwood

Item #	Sex	1+
WCDP	Female	\$18.54
WCDC	Male	\$9.25
WCDS	Unsexed	\$13.85



WATERFOWL ASSORTMENTS

**DUCKS DELUXE MIX**

For this **STRAIGHT RUN** (unsexed) duck assortment, we will hand select at least three different breeds for each order of 10 birds. This is a great option for those just getting started with ducks, and for people who want to add a few new breeds to existing flocks.

Item #	Sex	10 Birds	20 Birds
DDMS	Unsexed	\$121.40	\$218.80

**FANCY DUCK PACKAGE**

This **STRAIGHT RUN** (unsexed) assortment of ducklings contains our choice of at least four varieties of rare and unusual ducks when you order 20 birds. Visit our website for a list of possible breeds included.

Item #	Sex	10 Birds	20 Birds
FDPS	Unsexed	\$132.00	\$238.00

**GREAT GOOSE GROUP**

Let our team hand-select a grouping of **STRAIGHT RUN** (unsexed) goslings for your homestead or farm. Includes our choice of at least three different varieties. Order this discounted mix today and save on your new flock!

Item #	Sex	10 Birds	20 Birds
GGS	Unsexed	\$246.20	\$492.40

**NEW! ASSORTED EGG LAYING DUCKS**

Stock up on duck eggs with this new layer assortment. Includes our choice of **FEMALE** ducklings from our Gold Star Hybrid, White Star Hybrid, and Khaki Campbell breeds. While we'll do our best to provide you with a mix, this mix is based on availability and does not guarantee a number of ducks per breed.

Item #	Sex	10 Birds	20 Birds
ELDP	Female	\$150.00	\$300.00

**NEW! MUSCOVY DUO ASSORTMENT**

Save when you order this **STRAIGHT RUN** (unsexed) assortment of Muscovy ducklings. Includes our choice of White and Black Muscovy. *This assortment is based on availability and does not guarantee a number of ducks per variety.*

Item #	Sex	10 Birds	20 Birds
MUDS	Unsexed	\$140.00	\$280.00

**FANCY GOOSE PACKAGE**

The Fancy Goose Package is a **STRAIGHT RUN** (unsexed) mix of our rare and exotic varieties of geese. Includes our choice of at least breeds. Sold in lots of 10 goslings.

Item #	Sex	10 Birds
FGPS	Unsexed	\$363.30

BARNYARD ASSORTMENTS

**BARNYARD COMBINATIONS** (SHIPS MARCH - JUNE)

Looking for a variety of ducks, geese, and turkeys at a good price? Just getting started on a new farm or homestead? Let us make up a special order for you! Choose from these three combinations below:

Barnyard Combination #1

**Includes: 2 Goslings, 7 Ducklings, and 7 Turkeys**  
 Our choice of breeds and varieties. Unsexed.  
**BCAS \$184.00**

Barnyard Combination #2

**Includes: 9 Ducklings and 6 Turkeys**  
 Our choice of breeds and varieties. Unsexed.  
**BCCS \$164.25**

Barnyard Combination #3

**Includes: 6 Goslings and 6 Ducklings**  
 Our choice of breeds and varieties. Unsexed.  
**BCDS \$126.36**

**HOMESTEADER'S DELIGHT** (SHIPS MARCH - JUNE)

Get started raising a variety of poultry with our Homesteader's Delight package! This mix includes our choice of 10 brown egg laying chickens (female), 2 ducklings (unsexed), 2 goslings (unsexed), and 2 turkeys (unsexed).

Item #	Number of Birds	Price
QGHS	16	\$146.08

TURKEY ASSORTMENTS

**TURKEY ASSORTMENT**

(SHIPS APRIL - AUGUST)

Is this your first time raising turkeys, or are you interested in trying different varieties of turkeys? Our **STRAIGHT RUN** Turkey Assortment is a great opportunity to save money and raise your own turkeys. Includes our choice of varieties from any of the breeds we offer.

Item #	Sex	15 Birds	30 Birds
TASS	Unsexed	\$165.00	\$313.50

**RARE TURKEY ASSORTMENT**

(SHIPS APRIL - AUGUST)

This popular **STRAIGHT RUN** assortment of rare Heritage turkeys will contain our choice of at least two of the following varieties: Black Spanish, Blue Slate, Bourbon Red, Chocolate, Standard Bronze, Midget White, White Holland, Narragansett, and Royal Palm.

Item #	Sex	15 Birds
FRTS	Unsexed	\$210.00

**STOCK UP AND SAVE WITH DISCOUNTED CHICK ASSORTMENTS.**  
 Shop layer breed assortments, pg. 13; meat bird assortments, pg. 66.

Geese

*once upon a time  
is right here*

Gosling photo by Thayne Media.



# goslings

Geese are a fun and adventurous addition to any homestead, farm, or large property. There are numerous reasons to raise geese, including companionship, predator prevention, help in the garden, and sustainable meat and eggs.

## AFRICAN

Contrary to their name, African geese actually originated in China. This rare Heritage breed is listed as 'Watch' on The Livestock Conservancy's Priority List. They are similar in appearance to the Brown Chinese, with a large black knob and a dark stripe down the back of the neck. However, the African is a mid-sized breed, averaging 12.5-15.5 lbs. — not as heavy as a Toulouse or Embden. Like the Chinese, African geese are a noisy breed. They are very active foragers, mature early, and are good layers with above-average fertility.

Photos courtesy of Ashley Stratton, and Selah Dickson of YouTube's The Fit Farmer.

Item #	Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
AFGP	Female	\$39.14	\$37.18	\$35.32
AFGC	Male	\$19.48	\$18.51	\$17.58
AFGS	Unsexed	\$25.24	\$23.98	\$22.78



## BUFF GEESE

Buff geese are very calm and have a wonderful disposition. While most breeds of geese originated in other countries, the Buff (also known as the American Buff) is a rare Heritage breed that was uniquely developed in the United States. With their light-colored feathers, Buff geese were once used as a commercial meat bird, as they are much easier to dress out than some other breeds of geese. Today, the Buff is listed as 'Watch' on The Livestock Conservancy's Priority List. Buff geese will average 14-16 lbs. at maturity and are good layers.

Photos courtesy of Katie Olivia Breanna Brooks, Bernie Erickson and Diana Hutson.

Item #	Sex	1-5
BFGP	Female	\$68.23
BFGC	Male	\$30.54
BFGS	Unsexed	\$43.29



**IMPORTANT:** Leg tape **MUST BE REMOVED** upon receiving your birds. When ordering sexed goslings, males have leg tape on the right leg and females have leg tape on the left leg.

## CHINESE

The Chinese goose is an old breed derived from the wild Asiatic Swan goose. The earliest record of these geese in the U.S. is from 1788, when George Washington received a pair from Governor Morris. These birds have a prominent raised knob above the beak and are available in either white or brown. The Brown Chinese averages 9-10 lbs., while the White weighs 10-15 lbs. Chinese geese are excellent foragers. As one of the noisiest goose breeds, they are a great alarm system when intruders are near. White Chinese can lay 40-55 eggs per season, making them one of the most prolific layers in the goose world.

Photos courtesy of Amy Fewell, Leigh Ann Shifflett, Edely Hammond, Teddi Yaeger, and Bailey Ann Franklin.

### BROWN CHINESE

Item #	Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
BCGP	Female	\$58.59	\$55.66	\$52.88
BCGC	Male	\$29.59	\$28.11	\$26.70
BCGS	Unsexed	\$37.62	\$35.74	\$33.95

### WHITE CHINESE

Item #	Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
WCGP	Female	\$36.05	\$34.25	\$32.54
WCGC	Male	\$18.99	\$18.04	\$17.14
WCGS	Unsexed	\$23.03	\$21.88	\$20.78



## WHITE EMBDEN

White Embden geese originated near the Em River in Germany and were first brought to the U.S. in 1821. Embden geese are the most common breed used for commercial meat production due to their fast growth rate, large size, and soft, white feathers. Mature males weigh in around 20 lbs., while females are closer to 13 lbs. Embdens are very calm, heavy birds. They are good layers of large eggs and have high fertility rates. Our line makes excellent show birds.

Photos courtesy of Regina Quinn, Teddi Yaeger, Brittany Knight, Taylor Bohmier, and Chersten Sparks.

Item #	Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
WEGP	Female	\$31.48	\$29.91	\$28.41
WEGC	Male	\$18.02	\$17.12	\$16.26
WEGS	Unsexed	\$22.01	\$20.91	\$19.86



## PILGRIM

The Pilgrim Goose is the only domestic breed wherein males and females can easily be differentiated at all ages. This Heritage breed is very rare and is listed as 'Threatened' on The Livestock Conservancy Priority List. Day-old males are yellow and light gray with lighter colored bills, while females are a deeper gray-green with a darker bill. Adult males are white with a touch of gray on the rump or wings. Mature females are gray like a Toulouse, and they often have white on their head. These calm, quiet geese are excellent foragers and make wonderful parents. Their egg fertility is lower than other breeds, averaging around 55% over the season.

Photos courtesy of Michelle Armogida, Charlotte Fields, and Mahlon Hunt.

Item #	Sex	1-5
PGGP	Female	\$68.23
PGGC	Male	\$30.54
PGGS	Unsexed	\$43.29





## SEBASTOPOL

Thought to have originated in southeastern Europe, these flightless geese are fair layers and are smaller in size than many other breeds, weighing just 10-14 lbs. These calm, gentle birds are often kept as pets. Good specimens of Sebastopol geese will have long, curly white feathers on the back and front that nearly touch the ground, with much shorter and smoother neck feathers.

The Sebastopol is one of our most sought-after breeds of geese, desired for their flowing, spiraled white feathers. Despite their current popularity, the Sebastopol is an extremely rare Heritage breed that is listed as 'Threatened' on The Livestock Conservancy Priority List.

Item #	Sex	1-5
SEBP	Female	\$241.30
SEBC	Male	\$107.45
SEBS	Unsexed	\$175.29

**LIMIT 6 (3 females) Sebastopol goslings per customer.**

*Photos courtesy of Melissa Kee and Caroline Scott.*

## TOULOUSE

Named for the famous city of Toulouse in France, these geese, along with White Embdens, are the most popular commercial geese in America. Toulouse produce excellent yields of both down and dark meat. Their varying shades of gray plumage emphasize their deep, rounded breasts and large bodies. Fall weights for these geese average 18-20 lbs. for males and 12-13 lbs. for females.

**NEW FOR 2024: French Toulouse are now available!** You can now choose from our original Heritage Toulouse geese and our new French Toulouse flock. The French variety is not an exhibition line. This flock is slightly larger, lays nearly as many eggs as the Chinese, and are hardy birds.

*Photos courtesy of Ann Accetta-Scott, Lindsay Jones, Amelie Boucher Otis, and Nina Mullins.*

## TOULOUSE

Item #	Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
GTGP	Female	\$50.48	\$47.96	\$45.56
GTGC	Male	\$27.61	\$26.23	\$24.92
GTGS	Unsexed	\$35.10	\$33.35	\$31.68

## NEW! FRENCH TOULOUSE

Item #	Sex	1-15	16+
FTGP	Female	\$57.08	\$49.23
FTGC	Male	\$28.08	\$23.15
FTGS	Unsexed	\$35.34	\$29.67

## TUFTED ROMAN

The Tufted Roman is the rarest breed of goose that we carry. Listed as 'Critical' on The Livestock Conservancy Priority List, the Roman is largely kept as an ornamental breed today. As their name suggests, this regal breed sports a tuft, which is much smaller than a full crest, atop their head. Tufted Romans are pure white, have a gentle temperament, and are moderate layers. These are not large geese, with males averaging around just 12 lbs.

*Photos courtesy of Rebecca Hester, Michaela Scarsella, and Helga Romoser.*

Item #	Sex	1-5
TRGP	Female	\$64.97
TRGC	Male	\$32.05
TRGS	Unsexed	\$46.76



## WEEDER GEES

You can turn your flock of weeder geese loose in your strawberries, corn, cotton, or garden and let them do the hard work for you! They will leave your crops alone and dine on pesky weeds. This assortment is filled with our choice of breeds based on availability. May include cross-breeds as well.

Item #	Sex	1-4	5-24	25+
WRGS	Unsexed	\$24.14	\$22.93	\$21.79





As you embark on the journey of raising your own poultry for meat, growing out your own Thanksgiving turkeys is one of the most satisfying ventures you can undertake. Watching these majestic birds grow on your homestead or farm and then presenting a homegrown feast to your family at the holidays is truly a memorable experience.

McMurray Hatchery now offers four exclusive production turkey varieties to meet rising customer demand. To better serve our homesteading and farming communities, we've added a lower 10 poult minimum when selecting from our four Murray's Turkey lines. In an effort to better serve our local customers, Murray's Turkeys also have a low 6 poult minimum when you select local pick-up.

### MURRAY'S BROAD-BREASTED BRONZE

As our take on the classic Broad-Breasted Bronze, this production variety has excellent conformation and high quality meat. These lines have nearly a century of breeding excellence behind them. Their large size, excellent feed conversion, and natural fat layering make for a plump table bird.

Murray's Broad-Breasted Bronze Turkey has beautiful feathering. This is one of the largest and heaviest turkey varieties in North America, and they are known as a quintessential Thanksgiving turkey breed. Murray's Broad-Breasted Bronze turkeys are immense birds that can measure up to four feet in length with a six-foot wing span.

Mature males weigh 39-40 lbs. at 20 weeks, while females weigh around 23 lbs. at 18 weeks.

Photos Leah Stewart, George Belka, Jerry Brodyhill, and Jack Pollner of The Mindful Homestead.

Item #	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
MBBS	\$13.00	\$12.50	\$12.00	\$11.50

**IMPORTANT NOTES when ordering Murray's Turkeys:** Vaccinations are NOT available for turkey poults. Customers may MIX AND MATCH THESE FOUR BREEDS ONLY to meet a minimum order. They CANNOT BE COMBINED with our other turkey breeds. Murray's Turkeys are hybrids and are not intended for breeding.



### MURRAY'S GIANT WHITE

Murray's Giant White turkey is one of the largest and most common broad-breasted production varieties grown in the U.S. today, and they are the most common variety raised for meat. The Giant White is known for its large size and white feathers, which make for easy plucking.

Mature males will weigh 45 lbs. at 24 weeks, while females will weigh 25 lbs. at 20 weeks.

Photos Sean Starkey, and Jack Pollner of The Mindful Homestead.

Item #	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
MGWS	\$13.00	\$12.50	\$12.00	\$11.50

 New to brooding turkey poults? Scan the QR code to read the blog post, [How to Brood and Raise Turkey Poults](#).



### MURRAY'S ARTISAN BLACK

Murray's Artisan Black is a slightly smaller production turkey variety that uniquely combines all of the best of both Heritage and production qualities. The Artisan Black offers a hearty flavor unlike any other broad-breasted turkey. These birds thrive on pasture and are good foragers. Their convenient size makes them a good option for those wanting to process their own birds.

Males will weigh 20 lbs. at 20 weeks, while females will come in at 11-12 lbs. at 16 weeks.

Photo (lower left) courtesy of George Belka.

Item #	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
MBTS	\$13.00	\$12.50	\$12.00	\$11.50

Shop our complete line of poultry processing equipment, pgs. 108-110.



Photos courtesy of Christa Wadekamper, Lisa Carter, and Mike Dickson of YouTube's The Fit Farmer.

### MURRAY'S MIDGET WHITE

Slightly smaller than the Giant Whites, these birds are easier to manage when raising and processing. Their compact size makes for an excellent table bird. This production breed is similar to our Midget Whites, combining Heritage benefits with production qualities.

Males will weigh 26 lbs. at 18 weeks, and females will be 16 lbs. at 16 weeks.

Item #	1-5	6-15	16-24	25+
MMWS	\$13.00	\$12.50	\$12.00	\$11.50



# Heritage Turkeys

(SHIPS MAY – SEPTEMBER)

Heritage turkeys are becoming more and more popular with hobby farmers and homesteaders alike. These birds are an excellent option for people who want to raise their own sustainable flocks. Our Heritage turkey lines all have the ability to breed naturally and will retain their respective characteristics in successive generations. Besides the Chocolate, all of our Heritage turkey varieties are recognized in the APA

Standard of Perfection. All eight of the rare Heritage turkey varieties that we carry are on The Livestock Conservancy's Priority List. The White Holland is listed as 'Threatened'. In 2023, Black Spanish, Royal Palm, and Blue Slate populations improved due to the rise in popularity of pastured poultry. Thankfully, all three varieties moved from 'Threatened' to 'Watch' on the Priority List.

## STANDARD BRONZE

Before the development of the Broad-Breasted Bronze in modern commercial production, there was the Standard Bronze. The Bronze is about three quarters of the size of its commercial counterpart, and this rare Heritage variety can breed naturally, requires less feed, and suffers fewer potential leg problems caused by very rapid growth. The Standard Bronze is known for its delicious, flavorful meat and beautiful feather coloring.

Unsexed. Mat. Wt.: Tom 36 lbs., Hen 20 lbs.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6+
SBTS	Unsexed	\$15.00	\$14.25



Photos courtesy of Maria Watkins, The Spry Farm, and Emily Waddell.

## BOURBON RED

The Bourbon Red variety is a rare Heritage turkey, with dark, rich chestnut feathers edged in black. These birds sport bright white on their wing tips and on half of their tails. Bourbon Reds are slower growing than the Bronze and White varieties.

Unsexed. Mat. Wt.: Tom 33 lbs., Hen 18 lbs.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6+
BOTS	Unsexed	\$15.00	\$14.25



Photos courtesy of Maria Watkins, Tawnie Freeland, and Ashley Stratton.

## CHOCOLATE

While the Chocolate variety is not recognized in the American Standard of Perfection, it is listed as 'Watch' by The Livestock Conservancy. The Chocolate turkey has struggled to make a comeback after many breeders were lost during the Civil War. As the name suggests, these quiet birds have chocolate-colored feathers, shanks, and feet. They are known to have a calm, friendly disposition.

Unsexed. Mat. Wt.: Tom 33 lbs., Hen 18 lbs.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6+
CHTS	Unsexed	\$15.00	\$14.25



Photos courtesy of Maria Watkins and Troy Liniarski

## WHITE HOLLAND

The White Holland is a very old variety originally used as a commercial bird in the early part of the 20th century. Today, White Hollands are very rare and are currently listed as 'Threatened' by The Livestock Conservancy. These birds are typically kept for exhibition.

Unsexed. Mat. Wt.: Tom 36 lbs., Hen 20 lbs.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6+
WHTS	Unsexed	\$15.00	\$14.25



Photos courtesy of The Spry Farm.

**IMPORTANT:** Raising chickens away from turkeys and other game birds is a good preventative measure in controlling Blackhead (*Histomonas meleagridis*) infections. Blackhead causes liver damage in turkeys and game birds. Cecal worms, a common parasite found in chickens, act as an intermediate host for the Blackhead organism, which can easily spread to turkeys in a mixed flock. Contact your local Extension Office to learn more.

## NARRAGANSETT

The Narragansett is a rare Heritage turkey variety. They are mostly black with bands of steel gray. The tail is a dull black penciled in tan and edged in steel gray. These medium-sized turkeys are more calm than other breeds, and hens are good mothers.

Unsexed. Mat. Wt.: Tom 33 lbs., Hen 18 lbs.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6+
NATS	Unsexed	\$15.00	\$14.25



Photos courtesy of Maria Watkins, Eric Heberling, and Angela Greenroy.

## ROYAL PALM

This small, remarkable turkey is one of the most stunning varieties that we carry. Royal Palms are mostly white with some feathers banded in metallic black. While rare, their numbers are improving. The Royal Palm is one of three varieties that moved up from 'Threatened' to 'Watch' on The Livestock Conservancy Priority List this past year.

Unsexed. Mat. Wt.: Tom 22 lbs., Hen 12 lbs.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6+
RPTS	Unsexed	\$15.00	\$14.25



Photos courtesy of Maria Watkins, Madalene Anderson, and Jennifer McQueen.

## BLUE SLATE

The Blue Slate originated in Mexico. Though this is a rare variety, their numbers are improving. As with all blue feathered poultry and fowl, poult will come in blue, black, splash, and white. *Please see pg. 6 for more information on the color blue in poultry.*

Unsexed. Mat. Wt.: Tom 33 lbs., Hen 18 lbs.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6+
BLTS	Unsexed	\$15.00	\$14.25



Photos courtesy of Maria Watkins.

## BLACK SPANISH

Spanish turkeys are a glistening, solid black with a greenish luster. This rare Heritage breed originated in Europe. Numbers are improving and the Black Spanish moved from 'Threatened' to 'Watch' on The Livestock Conservancy Priority List this past year.

Unsexed. Mat. Wt.: Tom 33 lbs., Hen 18 lbs.

Item #	Sex	1-5	6+
BSTS	Unsexed	\$15.00	\$14.25



Photos courtesy of Maria Watkins, Charlotte Fields, and Sharon Spano.

The varieties below CAN BE COMBINED with our Heritage varieties. The varieties on this page CANNOT BE COMBINED with Murray's Turkeys on the previous page.

## BROAD-BREADED BRONZE

Unsexed. Mat. Wt.: Tom 45 lbs., Hen 22 lbs. Ships March through June.

These lords of the barnyard must be seen to be appreciated. Their metallic sheen changes from copper to bronze to gold as the light moves across their feathers.

Item #	Sex	1-19	20-39	40-59	60+
BRTS	Unsexed	\$14.00	\$12.50	\$11.88	\$11.28



## BROAD-BREADED GIANT WHITE

Unsexed. Mat. Wt.: Tom 45 lbs., Hen 25 lbs. Ships March through June.

This variety is the most popular table turkey in the U.S. These large birds are very easy to dress because of their white feathers.

Item #	Sex	1-19	20-39	40-59	60+
GWTS	Unsexed	\$14.00	\$12.50	\$11.88	\$11.28



## MIDGET WHITE

Unsexed. Mat. Wt.: Tom 20 lbs., Hen 12 lbs. Ships April through August.

Midget Whites are known for their small stature, easier processing, and delicious meat.

Item #	Sex	1-19	20+
MWTS	Unsexed	\$15.00	\$14.25

# Guineas (SHIPS MAY – SEPTEMBER)

Originally from Africa, guineas are active foragers that thrive on bugs, weeds, and seeds. They are adept at reducing tick populations, and are often used as alarms, calling attention to vipers, predators, and more. Guineas are also prized for their dark and uniquely flavored meat.

## PEARL GUINEAS

These are the most common variety of guinea fowl. They are ideal for small farms or homesteads for pest control, as alarm systems, and for their delicious meat. They are easy to raise and are active foragers.

MINIMUM ORDER 30 KEETS.

Item #	Sex	1-29	30-59	60-89	90+
PEGS	Unsexed	\$7.97	\$7.22	\$6.85	\$6.47

NEW! MINIMUM ORDER 6 KEETS — A small order fee will be applied to orders of less than 13 guineas.

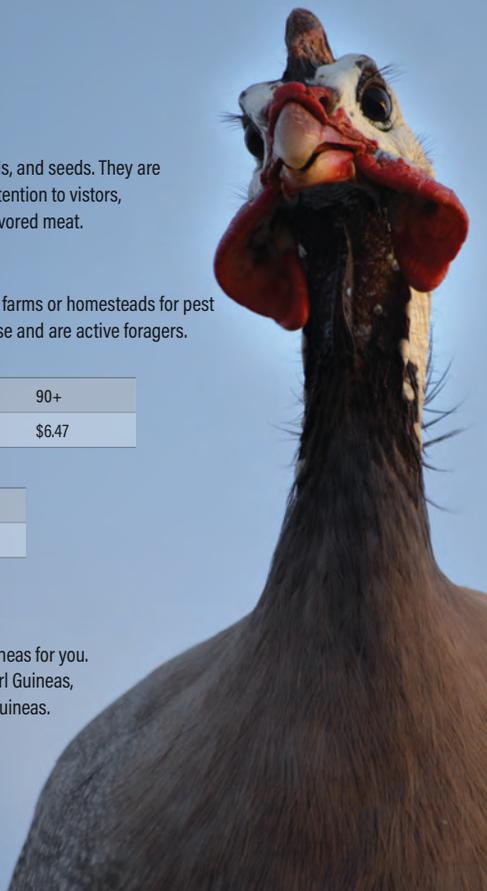
Item #	Sex	1-6	7-13	14+
PEG6S	Unsexed	\$9.56	\$9.03	\$8.51

## GUINEA ASSORTMENTS

Add variety to your homestead and let our team select an assortment of guineas for you. Choose from the **Assorted Guinea Package (AGPS)**, which may include Pearl Guineas, or the **Fancy Guinea Assortment (FGAS)**, which offers a variety of colored guineas.

Item #	Sex	30	60
AGPS - Assorted Guinea Package	Unsexed	\$239.70	\$479.40
FGAS - Fancy Guinea Assortment	Unsexed	\$239.70	\$479.40

Sold in lots of 30 or 60 keets. Includes our choice of at least 3 varieties. Straight run (unsexed) only.



# Pheasants (SHIPS APRIL – JULY)

## RINGNECK PHEASANT

Originating in China, these beautiful wild birds are delicious to eat and make a colorful addition to your yard or farm. Jumbo Ringneck pheasants are similar in appearance to Chinese Ringnecks, but are larger, as their name implies. The Jumbo variety is raised primarily for meat production, taxidermy, and ornamental use. They will average about one pound more than the standard Chinese Ringneck. *Sold in quantities listed only.*

### CHINESE RINGNECK PHEASANTS

Item #	Sex	30	60	120
RIPS	Unsexed	\$118.50	\$225.15	\$427.79

### JUMBO RINGNECK PHEASANTS

Item #	Sex	30	60	120
JRPS	Unsexed	\$148.50	\$282.15	\$536.09

## PHEASANT ASSORTMENT

This beautiful variety includes our choice of at least three of the following breeds: Chinese Ringneck, Jumbo Ringneck, or Kansas pheasants. *Sold in quantities listed only.*

Item #	Sex	30	60
PHAS	Unsexed	\$210.00	\$399.00



## MELANISTIC MUTANT PHEASANT

(SHIPS APRIL – JULY)

A favorite variety for release, this breed originated from feral stock in Europe over 100 years ago. These pheasants have a remarkable ability to survive and reproduce in the wild. Males are very dark, with glossy green and blue shades to them. Females are greenish-black. *Sold in quantities listed only.*

Item #	Sex	30	60	120
MMPS	Unsexed	\$148.50	\$282.15	\$536.09

*Pheasant orders must total 30, 60, 90, or 120 birds per breed to ensure safe delivery. Pheasants are sold as straight run only. Check with your state wildlife regulatory agency regarding permit requirements. A physical address of the final destination is required for health papers that accompany the birds.*



# Peafowl Assortment (SHIPS JUNE – AUGUST)

From the pharaohs of Egypt to modern day hobbyists, peafowl have been prized for centuries. These magnificent birds are known for their beautifully fanned tails and unique, colorful feathers. Our Peafowl Assortment includes our choice of at least two of the following varieties: India Blue, Black Shouldered, White, Pied, Spalding, Cameo, Oaten, Purple, and Silver Pied. *Visit our website for a description of each color variety. Peafowl are sold in straight run (unsexed) assortments only. Check with your state wildlife regulatory agency regarding permit requirements. Minimum order of 8 pea chicks.*

PFAS 8 Peafowl – \$53712

## PEAFOWL & GUINEA COMBINATION

This beautiful combination includes 24 total birds – 4 pea chicks and 20 guinea keets. Guineas will include our choice of at least three different varieties. *Upon arrival, start the guineas and peafowl separately.*

PGBS Peafowl & Guineas – \$361.20

Photos this page courtesy of Teddi Yaeger, Susan Knob, Nicole Palmer, Micah Gilbert, and Sharon Thornton.



# Chukar Partridge

(SHIPS APRIL – MID JULY)

These attractive little birds domesticate easily and also do well in the wild. Chukars are quick and small, averaging at about 2/3 the size of a pheasant. Their unique barred feathering and bright orange beak both make them a delight to see in the wild, but their delicious meat makes them a treat for the table, too.

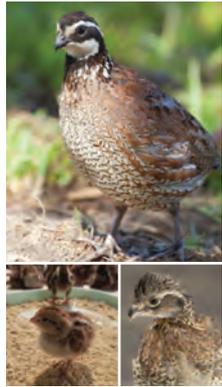
*Sold in quantities listed only.*

Item #	Sex	35	70
CHPS	Unsexed	\$140.00	\$252.00



# Quail

Raising quail offers a bounty of benefits, from their highly-coveted miniature eggs to their delicious meat. Quail are easy to raise and keep, and these tiny birds mature quickly, too.



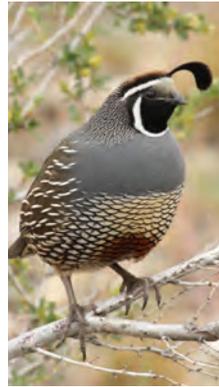
## BOBWHITE

(SHIPS JUNE – SEPTEMBER)

Bobwhite Quail are great flyers and a fun addition for any backyard or homestead. Bobwhites are a delicious meat source, and typically ready for processing by 16 weeks, dressing out at 7-9oz. Hens will start laying eggs by 24 weeks and are prolific layers.

Minimum 100 Bobwhite Quail Chicks

Item #	Number of Birds	Price
BWQS	100	\$300.00



## CALIFORNIA VALLEY

(SHIPS JUNE ONLY)

The official state bird of California, this breed is prized for its hardiness and adaptability. Their small, plump bodies sport a downward curving black plume on top of their head. Hens lay a creamy white egg that is thickly spotted with golden brown. *Limited supply.*

Minimum 100 California Valley Quail Chicks

Item #	Number of Birds	Price
CVQS	100	\$415.00



## GAMBEL

(SHIPS JUNE ONLY)

Gambel Quail are tiny birds commonly found in the desert Southwest. These little birds are gray with a teardrop crest. Males have a black abdominal marking and black necks. Hens are good layers and mothers. *Limited supply.*

Minimum 100 Gambel Quail Chicks

Item #	Number of Birds	Price
GAQS	100	\$415.00



## TENNESSEE RED

(SHIPS APRIL – SEPTEMBER)

Tennessee Reds look and whistle like a muted Bobwhite but are red in color with black dots. They are ideal for dog training and hunting preserves. These birds are VERY aggressive and cannot be raised with other quail or game birds. *Limited supply.*

Minimum 100 Tennessee Red Quail Chicks

Item #	Number of Birds	Price
TRQS	100	\$415.00

Quail orders must meet the minimum for each breed. Breeds cannot be mixed to meet the minimum. Minimums vary by breed. Check with your state wildlife regulatory agency regarding permit requirements.

# Coturnix Quail

These little birds are the total package! With their small, distinctive spotted eggs, fast rate of growth, and quiet demeanor, Coturnix are easy to raise in a variety of settings. They may be one of our smallest birds, but their many benefits outweigh their stature. These tiny dual-purpose quail come in a beautiful variety of colors. Hens are prolific layers and will begin to lay around 8 weeks of age. As a meat bird, Coturnix average 3-6oz. at maturity in just 8 weeks!

## ASSORTED 3-WEEK-OLD COTURNIX QUAIL

(SHIPS JANUARY – NOVEMBER)

Get a jump-start on your covey of quail with our 3-week-old Assorted Coturnix Quail. **SOLD IN LOTS OF 10 — INCLUDES 8 HENS AND 2 MALES.** Colors and patterns will vary.

Quail grow much more rapidly than chickens. Upon arrival, these Coturnix chicks will be starting to feather out and will be about twice the size of a day-old baby chicken.

Item #	Sex	Number of Birds	Price
CXQS	8 Female, 2 Male	10	\$117.00

**NEW FOR 2024!** New varieties of Coturnix hatching eggs now available, see pg. 90.



Photos courtesy of Cassidy Cornell and Kaela Weaver.

# Juvenile Birds

McMurray Hatchery offers a wide selection of exotic juvenile birds. From the picturesque Wood Duck to the popular Red Golden Pheasant, or the regal East African Crowned Crane, our selection is unparalleled. Our array of ducks, pheasants, swans, cranes, and other rare finds will excite even the most discerning aficionado.

**NEW!** Now offering doves, quail, cranes, peafowl, call ducks, and more! For a complete list, visit [McMurrayHatchery.com](http://McMurrayHatchery.com).

Prices are subject to change without notice. Shipping not included. For more information visit our website or call 800.456.3280.

## JUVENILE DUCKS

Shop our extensive variety of exotic juvenile duck breeds year-round — including Mandarin, Wood, North American Pintail, Ring Teal, and more. Visit our website for a complete list of breeds, pricing, and availability.

Item #	Breed	1 Pair
MDKS	Mandarin Duck (Left)	\$225.00*
NAPS	North American Pintail Duck (Middle)	\$300.00*
WDKS	Wood Duck (Right)	\$225.00*

\*Pricing subject to change. Shipping not included. Juveniles may not present full color when shipped.



## JUVENILE PHEASANTS

Our exotic pheasants are some of the most show-stopping birds we carry. These colorful birds are highly sought after by enthusiasts, aviaries, zoos, vineyards, and tropical island estates.

Item #	Pheasant Breeds	1 Pair (JUVENILES)
LAPS	Lady Amherst Pheasant (Upper right)	\$187.50*
RGFS	Red Golden Pheasant (Upper left)	\$187.50*
PHRS	Reeves Pheasant (Center bottom)	\$187.50*
SLPS	Silver Pheasant (Lower right)	\$187.50*
YGPS	Yellow Golden Pheasant (Lower left)	\$187.50*

\*Prices shown for juvenile pairs. Shipping not included. Pricing and availability are subject to change. Visit our website for a complete list of pheasant breeds and availability. Juveniles may not present full color when shipped. Pheasants will fly — please call to request a wing trim.



VISIT [MCMURRAYHATCHERY.COM](http://MCMURRAYHATCHERY.COM) TO SHOP MORE EXOTIC JUVENILE BIRDS INCLUDING PEAFOWL, DOVES, QUAIL, PARTRIDGE, AND MORE!

## JUVENILE SWANS & CRANES

Swans and cranes are some of the most majestic waterfowl species. Swans symbolize true love and have a calming presence as they glide effortlessly across the water. Cranes are stunningly tall, slender birds that have a graceful appearance.

Visit our website for a complete list of swan and crane varieties, availability, and pricing. Swan varieties include the Mute Swan, Whooper, Trumpeter, and the rare Australian Black Swan. Cranes include the East African Crowned Crane, the Demoiselle, and more.



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## CHICKEN EGGS

(AVAILABLE FEB - OCT)

Item #	10 Eggs	20 Eggs	30 Eggs	40 Eggs
<b>Special Assorted</b>				
ECAS	\$53.10	\$98.00	\$123.30	\$159.20
<b>White Leghorn</b>				
ECLS	\$53.10	\$98.00	\$123.30	\$159.20
<b>Red Star</b>				
ECSS	\$53.10	\$98.00	\$123.30	\$159.20

## DUCK EGGS

(AVAILABLE FEB - NOV)

Item #	Breed	12 Eggs	24 Eggs
EDB	Buff	\$114.84	\$218.40
EDK	Khaki Campbell	\$114.84	\$218.40
EDY	Cayuga	\$114.84	\$218.40
EDU	White Muscovy	\$114.84	\$218.40
EDP	Pekin	\$114.84	\$218.40
EDR	Rouen	\$114.84	\$218.40
EDF	Fawn & White Runner	\$114.84	\$218.40
EDZ	Swedish	\$114.84	\$218.40
EDD	Assorted Ducks*	\$114.84	\$218.40

\*Assorted Duck Eggs will include our choice of two varieties per dozen — or four per two dozen — from the above list.

## ASSORTED GUINEA EGGS

(AVAILABLE JUNE - SEP)

Item #	12 Eggs	24 Eggs
EGES	\$64.80	\$129.60

*Incubators and educational kits for hatching projects available, see pg. 92.*

## QUAIL EGGS

*Sorry, we are unable to ship quail eggs to New Mexico.*

Item #	30 Eggs	60 Eggs	90 Eggs
<b>Bobwhite (AVAILABLE MAR - AUG)</b>			
EQBS	\$96.00	\$142.80	\$205.20
<b>Tennessee Red (AVAILABLE MAR - AUG)</b>			
EQRS	\$105.00	\$204.00	\$297.00
<b>Texas Blue Scale (AVAILABLE MAY - JUN)</b>			
EQTS	\$105.00	\$204.00	\$297.00
<b>California Valley (AVAILABLE MAY - JUL)</b>			
EQCS	\$105.00	\$204.00	\$297.00
<b>Gambel (AVAILABLE MAY - JUN)</b>			
EQGS	\$105.00	\$204.00	\$297.00

Item #	30 Eggs	60 Eggs	120 Eggs
<b>Assorted Mixed Color Coturnix (AVAILABLE JAN - NOV)</b>			
EQQS	\$96.00	\$142.80	\$273.60
<b>Assorted Rare Color Coturnix (AVAILABLE JAN - NOV)</b>			
ECCS	\$105.00	\$180.00	\$300.00
<b>Assorted Feather-Sexable Coturnix (AVAILABLE JAN - NOV)</b>			
ECXS	\$96.00	\$142.80	\$273.60
<b>Jumbo Egyptian Coturnix (AVAILABLE JAN - NOV)</b>			
ECJS	\$105.00	\$180.00	\$300.00

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING HATCHING EGGS:

- We guarantee all hatching eggs we ship are fresh and will arrive in good condition.
- We are unable to guarantee the hatchability of any eggs due to conditions beyond our control during shipping and incubation.
- All hatching eggs are shipped prepaid Priority Mail and are insured. Open the box at the Post Office and report any broken eggs to your Postal Office or delivery driver before calling customer service.
- Prices shown include shipping and packaging.
- We do not accept orders for specific breeds other than what is listed here.
- HAWAIIAN ORDERS: please allow three weeks to obtain an import permit.

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2MULT - \$949.00

## HIGH HATCHER

Combine with our High Hatch Incubator to better control temperature and humidity for an optimum hatch. The five covered hatching trays hold a full set of eggs from the incubator. Features include a Digital Command Center thermostat with back-up, five hatching trays, four tray covers, moisture pan with wick pads, and instructions. 110 Volt AC. 225 Watts. 30.25"D x 15.75"W x 31.75"H

2GMUL - \$919.00



## BRINSEA MINI II ADVANCE

This fully-automated home incubator holds seven chicken eggs and controls temperature to ensure consistent and reliable hatches. Just add water to the reservoir each day to achieve correct humidity levels. Features automatic egg turning with auto-stop two days prior to hatching, countdown to hatch, temperature alarms, and a digital display. Operates at low voltage for safety.

HATCHING EGGS SOLD SEPARATELY.

2BA - \$279.99



## FULL-VIEW INCUBATOR

WITH ELECTRONIC THERMOSTAT

This popular incubator features a full-view window so you can watch as your eggs hatch. Includes an electronic thermostat and fan to maintain a consistent temperature and circulate air flow for more reliable incubation. Taller design allows for goose and other large eggs. Sold with or without turner. UL/CUL Listed. 4 pounds. 25 watts (110V AC). 18"L x 18"W x 7.5"H

HATCHING EGGS SOLD SEPARATELY. Approximate egg capacity without turner: 70 chicken, 90 pheasant or chukar, 40 turkey or duck, or 200 quail. With turner: 42 chicken, 120 quail, or up to 12 geese.



Description	Item #	Price
Full View Picture Window Incubator with Fan	250B	\$165.45
Full View Picture Window Incubator with Fan and Chicken Turner	251B	\$206.50
Full View Picture Window Incubator with Fan and Combination Chicken and Quail Turner	252B	\$214.50
Full View Picture Window Incubator with Fan and Goose Turner	253B	\$219.50



## CLASSROOM INCUBATOR & BROODER KIT

Whether you're teaching in the classroom or homeschooling, this all-in-one kit includes everything you need to incubate, hatch, and brood baby chicks — just add eggs!\* This kit includes:

- **Full View Picture Window Incubator** with electronic thermostat, fan, and automatic egg turner. (UL/CUL Listed)
- **Candling Device** to check egg development.
- **Brooder Kit** contains galvanized wire cage and removable plastic tray for easy cleaning, chick feed (5 lbs.), chick grit (1 lb.), Quik Chik, waterer, feeder, brooder lamp, bulb, and thermometer.

2NCIB - \$299.00



\*HATCHING EGGS SOLD SEPARATELY We recommend ordering this kit 2-3 weeks before your hatching eggs arrive. Recommended for use in a room that is at least 65-70 degrees with no direct drafts. Brooder will hold up to 30 chicks for up to 2 weeks.

Shop HATCHING EGGS — chicken, duck, goose, quail, and more. See page 90 for pricing.

## COOL-LITE EGG CANDLER

Examine eggs for consumption, or check development of incubating eggs with this hand-held egg candler. Includes a 5' electric cord. Bulb included. 5GCLT - \$15.00



# Brooder Heat

## SINGLE BULB BROODER

This brooder will supply heat for approximately 100 baby chicks. Clamp included. Thermostat and bulb not included.

3B1BB - \$18.85

Infrared Heat Bulb (250 Watt, 110 Volt)  
3MHB - \$8.35



Pictured with bulb installed. Bulb sold separately.

**CAUTION:** Use caution when using brooder lamps. Lamps can get very hot and can be a fire hazard. Fasten lamp securely away from bedding or other flammable items.

## PRIMA HEAT LAMP® AND STAND

Brood your chicks with this rugged and reliable hanging lamp. This brooder lamp features a protective guard over the bulb area and a 16 ft. cord with anti-chew spring wire. Add the stand for a complete brooding solution that allows you to move the lamp up and down to adjust heat levels. Infrared Heat Bulbs sold separately.

Infrared Heat Bulbs sold separately.



Prima Heat Lamp PHL - \$44.50

Heat Lamp Stand HLS - \$40.00

Infrared Heat Bulb 3MHB - \$8.35

**CAUTION:** Use caution when using brooder lamps. Lamps can get very hot and can be a fire hazard. Fasten lamp securely away from bedding or other flammable items.



## FOUR BULB BROODER

This thermostatically controlled brooder will supply enough heat for approximately 350 chicks. You can adjust the thermostat to have either two or four lights on to maintain temperature. Bulbs not included. Replacement parts available online.

3B4BB - \$96.90

Infrared Heat Bulb

4 pack. (250 Watt, 110 Volt)

3MHB4 - \$29.99



Unit shown with bulbs installed. Bulbs sold separately.

**Starter Kits** include all supplies you need all in one! See page 94-95 to shop our wide selection of kits. Our **Platinum Starter Kit** featuring the best-selling **Brinsea EcoGlow**. Shop Ecoglow brooders, see pg. 94.



## AUTOMATIC RADIANT HEAT BROODER

Save energy while you heat your birds, not the air around them! This commercial-grade brooder has an automatic temperature control. Warms up to 300 chicks or 180 turkey poults, depending on ambient temperature. Temperature range of 40-100° F. 6 ft. cord. 8 lbs. 800 Watts, 120 Volts, 6.7 Amps. 35"L x 6"W x 6"H

333 - \$395.00



## CANOPY GAS BROODER

Hanging LP gas brooder made of rigid steel for durability and strength. The S.I.T. modulating control delivers variable quiet heat from 17,000-30,000 BTUH. Heats 1,000 to 1,250 brooding chicks. Burner is factory assembled for quick installation. Canopy measures 34" and ships in two cartons. Includes 1-year warranty. PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION RECOMMENDED.

3KGB - \$429.50



## UNIVERSAL BOX BROODER AND 3-TIER START AND GROW UNIT

Take brooding to the next level with commercial box units. Openings easily adjust for chick size. Choose our single Universal Box Brooders, or our full 3-Tier Start and Grow Unit. The Start and Grow 3-tier solution includes our Universal Box Brooder plus two expanded grow-out pens, base stand with casters, heat, and troughs for feed/water in a vertical design that is ideal for limited spaces. Move chicks from brooder to grow-out pens as they grow. Expander adds height as chicks grow.

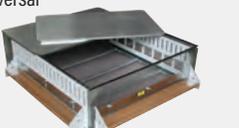
3-Tier Start and Grow Unit 3GSG - \$905.85

Universal Box Brooder Only 3GMHB - \$289.00

Grow-Off Pen Only 3GP - \$225.45

Expander Unit for added height. 3GE - \$83.25

Base Stand Only With Swivel Casters 3GB - \$136.13



Universal Box Brooder and 3-Tier Start and Grow unit not intended for use past brooding and initial grow out. Chick capacity will vary based on breed. For use indoors, not sufficient for use outdoors or in a cold or unheated location.



## Starter Kits

Once you've ordered your baby chicks, you'll need a brooder for them when they arrive. Chicks need supplemental heat for the first 6-8 weeks, until they grow out their feathers and can regulate their own body temperature. Our starter kits contain all the items you'll need to get your chicks off to a good start. We recommend ordering supplies at least four weeks before your chicks ship.

### PLATINUM STARTER KIT

Our most complete brooder setup has all you need to get started with your new baby chicks. Just set it up and add some bedding! This kit features the Brinsea EcoGlow 600 — a safe radiant heat brooder preferred by most backyard chicken owners over traditional heat lamps. Also included is the Chicken Help Book Bundle, a two-book set by best-selling author Gail Damerow. The Platinum Starter Kit will handle up to 15 chicks for two weeks and can be stored and reused again. Includes all of the following:

- Brinsea EcoGlow 600 Radiant Heat Chick Brooder
- 1 Gallon Waterer
- 20" Chick Feeder — Holds 5 lbs. of Feed
- Reusable Plastic Brooder Panels
- Brooder Thermometer
- Quik Chik Electrolytes
- Gail Damerow Chicken Help Book Bundle — Includes *Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens* and *The Chicken Health Handbook*
- Organic Chick Starter Feed — 5 Lb. Bag

5PK1 - \$180.00



### BRINSEA ECOGLOW RADIANT HEAT BROODER

Safer and more efficient than a traditional heat bulb, radiant heat brooders mimic a mother hen. Just adjust the height of the plate so your baby poultry can get underneath for warmth. The EcoGlow is available in multiple sizes to accommodate smaller or larger numbers of birds. These brooders are suitable for starting chicks, ducklings, and other baby poultry. **Recommended for use indoors in an area with an ambient temperature of at least 65 degrees.**

**ECOGLOW 600** Up to 12-15 chicks. 3EB2 - \$89.99

**ECOGLOW 1200** Up to 20-25 chicks. 3EB6 - \$129.99



### THERMO POULTRY BROODER

This affordable and efficient brooder uses around 25 watts to warm up to 15 chicks. Compare that to a 250-watt heat bulb! Adjustable so you can keep it lower for day-old chicks and raise it up as the chicks grow. Place at an angle as shown to accommodate chicks of varying sizes.

1000 - \$45.00



Shop Brooder Lamps — including our NEW Prima Hanging Lamp and stand, pg. 93; our NEW nipple waterer for baby chicks, pg. 99; and our complete line of Certified Organic Feed, pg. 116-117.



### PREMIUM STARTER KIT

This upgraded kit has all of the essentials for starting your chicks except feed and bedding. Capable of handling 25 chicks for two weeks, this setup is great for reusing over and over again. Brooder panels fold flat for easy storage till next year.

**Add the Chick Starter Home (5FSH, pictured below) to add more panels for more space.**

INCLUDES:

- 1 Gallon Waterer
- 20" Chick Feeder — Holds 5 lbs of feed
- Brooder Lamp and 250-watt Bulb
- Adjustable Lamp Hanger
- Reusable Plastic Brooder Panels
- Brooder Thermometer
- Quik Chik Electrolytes

5PSK - \$65.00



### CHICK STARTER HOME

This adjustable brooder enclosure sets up easily and then folds flat when you're done. Durable plastic panels are washable and reusable. Holds up to 25 chicks for about two weeks. Add to our Premium or Platinum kits to create a larger brooder. Includes adjustable lamp hanger. **Lamp, feeders, waterers, and feed sold separately.**

5FSH - \$22.63



### STARTER KIT

This convenient kit has the items you need to start your baby poultry. Perfect for all day-old poultry, except quail.

INCLUDES:

- 2 1-Qt Waterers,
- 2 1-LB Chick Feeders
- Brooder Guard
- Single Bulb Brooder & Infrared Bulb
- Brooder Thermometer

**Starter Kit** 5MSK - \$55.00



### BROODER GUARD

Single-faced corrugated draft shield for use during those important first few weeks. Makes an 8-foot circle when fully extended, 12" high. 5MBG - \$4.99



### QUAIL STARTER KIT

Start your quail chicks right with this specialized kit:

- 2 1-Quart Waterers
- Game Bird Feeder
- Single Bulb Brooder with Infrared Bulb
- Brooder Thermometer
- *Raising Bobwhite Quail Book*

5QSK - \$42.00



## Electrolytes for Poultry



### QUIK CHIK

Get your chicks off to a good start with Quik Chik, our own combination of vitamins and electrolytes formulated specifically for baby poultry. Just add it to your flock's drinking water. Quik Chik helps chicks overcome stress and vitamin depletion. Order extra to help your older birds during stressful times, like molting and extreme heat! One 4 oz. package will last 200 chicks for about two weeks.

**SAVE \$0.50 during checkout when you order Quik Chik to ship in the box with your chicks!**

**SHIPS FREE!** 6QC4 - \$4.39



### BROILER BOOSTER

Cornish Cross, other broiler breeds, turkeys, and many heavy breeds of chickens have astounding growth rates. If managed incorrectly, this rapid growth can sometimes cause health problems. Broiler Booster contains Vitamins A, D, E, B-12, electrolytes, and biotin, which really works to support strong leg growth. When added to your chicks' water, it will increase their overall health and strength, and result in more food on the table.

**SAVE \$1.00 during checkout when you order Broiler Booster to ship in the box with your chicks!**

**SHIPS FREE!** 6BB4 - \$8.95



### GRO-GEL PLUS

Gro-Gel provides nutrition, hydration, and beneficial microorganisms to jump-start your chicks' digestive systems. Contains proteins, amino acids, vitamins, carbohydrates, fats, and probiotic bacteria. Research has shown using Gro-Gel results in substantially improved livability and mature bodyweights while reducing bird loss. *We know it works— we ship it in every chick order!*

**SAVE \$0.50 during checkout when you order Gro-Gel to ship in the box with your chicks!**

**SHIPS FREE!** 6GEL - \$4.20

# Poultry Feeders

When you shop for feeders and other poultry equipment at McMurrayHatchery.com, you can do so with confidence. Our selection of poultry equipment has been carefully curated, and each product we offer has been tried and tested by our team at work, and at home in our own personal coops!



Photo courtesy of Anna Christian and Teddi Yeager.



## GALVANIZED HANGING FEEDER

Nothing lasts longer than heavy-duty galvanized poultry equipment. Available in three sizes, these feeders are designed to reduce feed waste.

**12-lb. Feeder** Capacity: 15-30 chickens, small birds, or chicks. 4G15 - \$18.00

**30-lb. Feeder** Capacity: 30-50 large chickens or pheasants. 4M30 - \$24.00

**40-lb. Feeder** Capacity: 50-75 chickens, broilers, or other mature birds. 4M40 - \$29.00

## PROTECTIVE COVERS FOR GALVANIZED FEEDERS

*Fits all hanging galvanized feeders.*

**Plastic Cover**  
4KHFC - \$7.05

**Metal Cover**  
422 - \$4.10



## GALVANIZED 75-LB HD FEEDER

**MADE IN THE USA** This is the ultimate in galvanized feeders. Made of galvanized steel and stainless steel screws, this wall-mount feeder will last forever. 28"H x 14.5"W. 4WRF - \$199.00



## GALVANIZED SNAP-ON FEEDER AND QUART JAR FEEDER BASE

Both of these small feeders are ideal for starting chicks. Jar feeder base attaches to any 1-qt. canning jar.

**Snap-On Feeder** 4B9HF - \$2.95

**Quart Jar Feeder Base** 4BGFJ - \$4.80



## GALVANIZED CORNER FEEDER

This space-saving corner feeder is ideal for offering free choice oyster shell or grit. Includes built-in hooks for easy hanging in a coop or hutch. 4" x 4" x 6" 4GCF - \$9.99



## DURA FEEDER

Prevent feed waste with these durable trough feeders. Available in three sizes to match your flock's needs.

**39" Feeder** Up to 30 adult birds. 4BT1 - \$43.00

**19" Feeder** Less than 20 birds. 4BT2 - \$26.75



## GALVANIZED 48-INCH RANGE TROUGH FEEDER

An off-the-ground feeder that is perfect for larger adult birds. 48"L x 4"W x 2"D and stands 5" high. Galvanized steel. 4M48 - \$22.80

See pg. 116-117 to shop Murray's Best Certified Organic Feed and nutritional supplements for all types of poultry — organic chicken feed now available in SOY FREE!



## 50-POUND RANGE TANK FEEDER

This large-capacity range feeder combines quality and durability. Large 24" diameter rain shield keeps your feed dry and removes for easy filling. The deep base and grill design both prevent feed waste. Built solid for multiple seasons of use.

4KR50 - \$75.00



## HANGING EXTREME RANGE FEEDER

**MADE IN THE USA** Fill this durable hanging range feeder with 35 pounds of feed and seal it with the leak-proof kayak lid knowing it will remain fresh and dry no matter the weather. Off-ground design keeps your feed rodent and pest free.

4SHF - \$52.00



## EXTREME RANGE FEEDER

**MADE IN THE USA** This virtually indestructible waterproof and spill-proof feeder is made of marine-grade materials. We've used this feeder for years at home! Capacity: 50 lb. (shown) or 25 lb. Visit our website for more sizes, colors, and to add an elevated stand.

4SFY - \$66.00



## PLASTIC HANGING FEEDER

Plastic hanging feeder features a built-in molded plastic grill. All three sizes come complete with cover and height adjuster. Rope handle not included.

**22 Lb.** For baby chicks. 4KPF1 - \$21.15

**35 Lb.** For adult chickens. 4KPF2 - \$28.70

**50 Lb.** For turkeys. 4KPF3 - \$36.35



## CHICK FEEDER

REEL TOP PREVENTS ROOSTING

This 20" plastic feeder comes with a reel to prevent roosting and — a benefit of plastic feeders — will not rust. Easy to clean. 5 lb. feed capacity. Good for use with all kinds of poultry.

4BCF1 - \$3.50



## COVERED PLASTIC FEEDER

COVERED TO PREVENT FOOD WASTE

This 20" long plastic feeder will feed 25 chicks. It comes with an easy-open top for cleaning and refilling. Cover allows food access but prevents loss of feed.

4BFTF - \$3.50

## PLASTIC JAR FEEDER

A handy and economical option for feeding up to 12 chicks. Feeder Base features eight openings to minimize spillage. Base can be used with our plastic jar or a canning jar. Jar can be used with the plastic water base.



Item #	Product	1	4+
4YF2	Plastic Feeder Base	\$4.80	\$4.70
4YF3	Plastic 1-Quart Jar	\$2.05	\$1.98
4YF5	1-Quart Plastic Feeder	\$5.75	\$5.20

## HIGH END HEN

This tube feeder includes brackets to attach to the wall of a wire pen or coop. Removable top allows for easy filling and spout opening helps prevent food waste while enclosed design keeps feed dry.

Holds 10 pounds of feed.

Pair with the High End Hen Waterer, pg. 99. Both designed for use with the Spring Fling Mobile Coop and Welded Wire Pen, pg. 105.

4HEF - \$48.95



## GAME CHICK FEEDER

This feeder is designed for quail, partridge, pheasants, and other small birds. It is made of sturdy plastic and will hold 5 lbs. of feed in a sanitary manner. Has 24.5" of feed space.



Item #	1	4+
4GGF1	\$17.00	\$16.00



## 60-INCH TROUGH FEEDER WITH REEL

Our largest trough feeder and a Hatchery favorite. This is our most-used feeder at home, next to our galvanized feeders. Built-in anti-roost reel keeps birds out of the feed and sides curve in to prevent spillage. Ideal for use with larger flocks. Solid PVC for years of use, guaranteed.

4BT3 - \$75.00

# Poultry Waterers



Like all living things, chickens need water. It's essential for digestion, egg production, and regulating body heat. Access to clean water is the most important thing you will need to provide when raising and keeping poultry and other animals. In extreme temperatures, both hot and cold, water is even more necessary than feed. Under normal conditions, the average adult chicken drinks about a pint of water each day. This can increase due to temperature (doubling in warmer months), health, or even high protein and salt in their diet. A laying hen drinks twice as much water as a non-layer. To calculate the number or size of waterers needed for your flock, one gallon waterer holds about 6 pints — enough for about six chickens under normal conditions. Keep your flock hydrated by providing ample waterers for the number of birds in your flock, refilling and cleaning regularly.

## GALVANIZED WATERERS

**"When all others fail, I always have my galvanized waterer."**

— Tom Watkins, McMurray Hatchery President and Co-Owner

These high-quality and durable galvanized steel waterers are built to last and are very easy to use. The tops come off for quick and easy filling.

- 2 Gallon** – Up to 100 chicks. 4BG2 - \$25.00
- 5 Gallon** – Up to 75 adult birds. 4BG5 - \$38.00
- 8 Gallon** – Up to 100 adult birds. 4BG8 - \$52.00



*Hatchery hint: order at least one size larger than you think — as your chicks grow and drink more, this will help cut down your number of trips to refill waters.*



## 3-GALLON PLASTIC WATERER

Our 3-gallon waterer has a twist-lock, leak-proof base, and heavy duty carrying handle. Easy to clean and won't rust or corrode. Rounded shape eliminates roosting.

4K3G - \$24.60



## 5-GALLON DURA FONT

This durable waterer features a wide-mouth opening for easy filling or cleaning and a handle for easy carrying. Replacement parts available online at McMurrayHatchery.com.

4MD5 - \$41.10



## 6-GALLON MILDEEW-RESISTANT HANGING NIPPLE WATERER

Made of high-density marine-grade plastic, built to last and inhibit mildew and mold growth. A McMurray Hatchery exclusive! 20" H x 20" W

4SHW - \$49.99



## NEW! CHICK NIPPLE WATERER

Nipple waterers help keep water — and brooder bedding — clean and fresh! This small drinker starts your chicks off using nipple waterers from the beginning. *Set or hang drinker to a height just above the average beak height of your birds to allow easy access and drinking.* Includes a metal hanging bracket. Optional brackets for hanging on a wall or outside of a cage are available.

4CNW - \$6.00

*Make your own nipple waterer. Poultry nipples available online at McMurrayHatchery.com.*



## PLASTIC JAR WATERERS

An easy, economical option for watering up to 12 chicks. Each base can be used with our plastic jar or a standard glass canning jar. Interchangeable with 1-Quart plastic feeder base. Easy to clean.

Item #	Product	1	4+
4YF1	Plastic Chick Waterer Base	\$2.25	\$2.00
4YQB	Plastic Quail Waterer Base	\$2.25	\$2.00
4YF3	Plastic 1-Quart Jar	\$2.05	\$1.98
4YF4	1-Quart Chick Waterer	\$3.75	\$3.40
4YQW	1-Quart Quail Waterer	\$4.75	\$4.30

Quart Waterer top and base are interchangeable with the Quart-sized Plastic Feeder, see pg. 97.



## 1- AND 2-GALLON PLASTIC WATERERS

These tough Poly Founts are perfect for young birds. Available in 1-gallon and 2-gallon sizes. Bases and water vessels are interchangeable. Individual pieces sold separately on our website. 1-and 2-gallon waterers include a chick base. Chick base not for use with quail. Quail base is interchangeable and sold separately.

**1-GALLON** 4BYW1 - \$7.50

**2-GALLON** 4B2 - \$13.45

**QUAIL BASE FOR 1-2 GALLON WATERERS**  
4BCQ - \$4.05



## PLATFORM STAND

Clean water is essential for a healthy flock. Chickens and other poultry are notorious for kicking shavings into their water and feed as they scratch around their brooder, coop, or run. Raise your fountains and feeders with the platform stand to keep litter out of the trough and keep water and feed clean. Ideal for most waterers or feeders. 2.75"H x 20.5"D.

4KPS - \$23.00



## BUCKET WATERER CONVERTER

Turn your plastic bucket into a DIY poultry waterer without tools! Snaps on most 3- or 5-gallon plastic buckets to create a tip-over waterer for adult birds in minutes. *Save when you buy 3+ online.*

4BASE - \$12.00

## HIGH END HEN WATERER WITH DRINKER CUP

This 2-gallon waterer with poultry cup drinker includes brackets to attach to the wall of a wire pen or coop. Drinker cup provides clean water to chickens while minimizing waste. Removable top allows for easy filling.

4HEW - \$38.95

Pair with the High End Hen Feeder, see pg. 97.

*Make your own cup waterer. Cup waterers available at McMurrayHatchery.com.*



## Shop Heated Waterers

WINTER POULTRY EQUIPMENT — See pg. 101.



# Watering Systems

## AUTOMATIC WATER BOWLS

This gravity watering system provides an ongoing supply of fresh water and is a favorite among many seasoned poultry experts. The bowl is made from high-impact styrene and includes a solid brass valve that controls the level of water in the bowl. Bowls must be suspended at least 2-3" above the ground in order to operate properly.

**King Size Bowl** For up to 300 Mature Birds. 4YKB - \$34.64

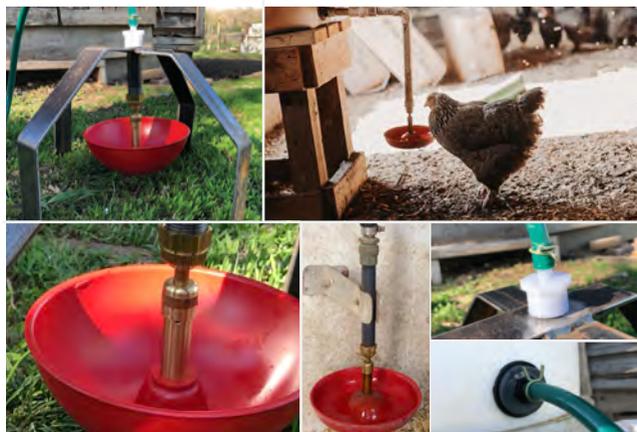
**Game Size Bowl** For up to 200 Game Birds. 4YGB - \$27.30

**Baby Chick Bowl** For up to 250 Baby Chicks. 4YBB - \$27.50

**WATER BOWL KITS** — Our newly redesigned installation kits make it easy to connect your water bowls to a hose or bucket suspended by a wall bracket or a movable stand. Brass valve assembly included with each bowl. Operates at 10-70 PSI.

**Wall Mount Kit** 4YK - \$14.05

**Water Bowl Stand Kit** 4TPK - \$39.98



## 3-BOWL WATERING SYSTEM

This three-bowl system hooks onto your water spigot. It is made to operate on water pressure up to 50 lbs. PSI. May be used for all types of poultry over 10 days of age. Contains three 9-inch diameter water bowls and tubing with hose connection. 4GWS - \$48.50



## CAGE WATERING KIT

Use this kit to build a watering system for show or breeding cages. Includes: 3 drinkers, 9 clamps, 3 cage brackets, 10' tubing, 3 cup guards, 6 zipties, and 2 tees. 4MCK1 - \$32.40

**Manual Fill Hook-up Kit**  
Connects your Cage Watering Kit to any plastic bucket. *Pictured below right. Plastic bucket and garden hose adapter not included.* 4MCK3 - \$3.95



## 9-INCH DRINKER

Have a small backyard flock? This 9-inch drinker is lightweight and quickly connects to any garden hose to give your birds extra water on a hot day. This is the same bowl that comes in our 3-Bowl Watering System (right). Includes tubing and a hose connector. Just attach it to your faucet or outdoor hose (up to 50 PSI) and the float inside the bowl regulates the water level. 4G22 - \$17.50

# Winter Accessories

When the weather turns cold, it's important to keep your flock protected from the elements and keep their water clean and thawed. Our line of winter equipment and accessories will help you and your flock weather the elements.



## HEATED FLAT-BACK BUCKET

4.5 gallon (18 qt.), 90-watt heated bucket heats water only when needed. Made of durable plastic. Convenient easy-pour spout and a heavy-duty chew-proof cord that stores in base. 4HB - \$49.95



## HEATED POULTRY WATERER

3-gallon plastic waterer includes a thermostat-controlled 100-watt heater and is suitable for all seasons. Fills from the bottom. Use only in a dry, sheltered area. 2' cord. 4HPW - \$45.95



## EASY-CARRY HEATED WATERER

Keep your water flowing with this 2.5 gallon waterer. Easy to fill and carry. Roost and spill-proof. Replacement tank sold separately online. 5HPW - \$98.99



## THERMO-CUBE® OUTLET ADAPTER

Plugs into a standard 15-amp electrical outlet. Turns power on at 35°F and off at 45°F automatically. Great for use with heated waterers. 4PLUG - \$17.50



## WATER DE-ICER

Keep 50 gallons of water thawed. Safe for use in plastic or metal waterers. Thermo-controlled to only heat when needed. Cast aluminum. 5CWD - \$45.00



## PERFECT BUCKET HEATER

Keep up to 5 gallons ice-free using only 80 watts. Safe for all buckets, plastic or metal. 57" cord. MET listed. 5PBH - \$34.50



## HEATED BASE

This heated base is UL listed and safe for use with any poultry waterer. Thermo-controlled to not heat unless the temps are cold enough. Recommended for use in sheltered areas. 16" diameter. 4KB1 - \$46.50



## THERMO-CHICKEN™ HEATED PAD

Help your chickens stay warm when frigid winter temperatures arrive. Features an internal thermostat. MET listed and energy efficient. 12.5" L x 18" W. 4KHTC - \$55.50



## THERMO-CHICKEN™ HEATED PERCH

Birds lose body heat through their feet and can lose toes due to frostbite. Protect your birds with a heated perch. Features dual thermostats. MET listed. 36" L x 14" W x 8" H. 5.5' cord. 5HP - \$49.95



Photo courtesy of Reba Reynolds

# Nest Boxes

As pullets reach maturity and approach laying age, you'll want to make sure they have nesting boxes ready and waiting in their coop. A nest box is a safe, cozy location for your young pullets or mature hens to lay their eggs. Nest boxes come in all shapes and sizes and have a variety of features. Our One Stop Coop Shop offers a wide selection of nest boxes to fit your flock's needs. From a standard single-hole nest to the 10-hole roll-out nest boxes that we use with our own flocks, we have something for everyone!



Photos courtesy of Maria Watkins, Lauren Lewis, and Paul Kichar.

## ROLL-OUT NEST BOXES

Protect your eggs from breakage and egg eaters while keeping them clean with a roll-out nest. No more searching under your hens for eggs. Eggs roll into a tray — either to the front or rear of the nest — for easy collection.

### SINGLE HOLE ROLL-OUT NEST

Perfect for up to six laying hens in a small coop. Overall dimensions are 12"D x 13"W x 22"H with an 8" x 11" opening in front. 5RON - \$60.00



### 10-HOLE ROLL-OUT NEST

Includes individual roll-out trays for each nest. Comes complete with roll-out nest bottom inserts. Ships in two cartons. Assembly required with a pop-rivet gun (not included). Replacement nest bottoms and nest pads available on our website. Important note: Select front or rear egg collection when ordering.



**Front Roll-Out Nest Box 5BEN2** - \$484.00  
**Rear Roll-Out Nest Box 5BEN3** - \$494.20

## BIG BIRD NEST BOXES

These nest boxes are taller (24"), deeper (14"), stronger, and have a 10" front opening. Comes complete with metal nest bottoms. Assembly required with use of a pop-rivet gun (not included).

### 5-Hole Big Bird Nest Box

Overall size 26"H x 60"L x 14.25"D  
 5BB5 - \$267.60

### 10-Hole Big Bird Nest Box

Overall size 40.75"H x 60"L x 14.25"D  
 5BB10 - \$598.80



## GALVANIZED NEST BOXES

These tried and true nest boxes are what we use with our flocks at the Hatchery. Each galvanized nesting box is sturdy and will stand up to years of use. Each opening is 8" x 11". Partitions have holes for fresh air flow. Nest bottoms are removable, and perches are hinged to lift up for easy cleaning.

### 4-Hole Galvanized Nest Box

12"D x 26"W x 36"H  
 5FHN - \$124.20



### 8-Hole Galvanized Nest Box

(Not pictured) 12"D x 48"W x 34"H  
 5B8 - \$191.70

### 10-Hole Galvanized Nest Box

5B10N - \$283.20

### 10-Hole Galvanized Roll-Out Nest Box

5B10R - \$477.60



## STANDARD NEST BOXES

Looking for a more affordable nest box solution for your coop? Our standard nest boxes are made of durable plastic and steel and are perfect for light breeds and small flocks. Assembly required, all hardware included.

### 4-Hole Nest

Overall size 33"H x 11.5"L x 24"W  
 5BEN4 - \$195.60

### 6-Hole Nest

Overall size 33"H x 11.5"L x 36"W  
 5BEN6 - \$227.65



## HEN NESTING SHELF

This nest is 14"L x 16.625"W x 11"H and weighs 4 lbs. Smooth surface is easy to clean and includes drain. A mounting strip along the back surface makes it easy to install.

5HNS - \$36.50



## SINGLE NEST

Have just a few hens? Then this nest is for you! Made in the USA from durable marine-grade materials, this nest can be mounted almost anywhere. It has a cone shaped roof to prevent hens from perching. Easily stack several nests together for larger flocks. These will never rust and are easy to clean. Each nest is 20" high and 12.5" in diameter. One nest will be enough space for five to six hens.

5PHN - \$42.45



## MURRAY'S BEST ZEOLITE COOP FRESHENER

Control moisture and harmful ammonia odor in your chicken coop with our all-natural animal bedding and coop deodorizer. Zeolite is safe for both chickens and humans, and is an effective way to keep a healthy and dry chicken coop without perfumes, scents, or chemicals. 5 Lb. Bag 6ZCF - \$14.99



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## NEST PADS

Keep your nest box dry and clean and help prevent egg breakage with nest pads. Hay and bedding trap moisture and make cleaning a chore. Nest pads are easy to clean — just hose them off! Keep a second set to quickly swap out when one needs cleaning. Choose from turf or plastic nest pads.

### Square Plastic Nest Pads

11" x 12"  
 543 - \$3.85



### Turf Nest Pads

12" x 12"  
 5TNP - \$9.95

### Roll-Out Nest Pads

Fits most 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10-hole nests. Plastic roll-out trays available online. 501 - \$10.50 Save when you order 6 or more!



## CERAMIC & WOODEN NEST EGGS

Entice your hens to lay in the nest or curb troublesome egg eating habits in your flock. Sold by the dozen.

**Brown Ceramic Eggs 5CEB** - \$11.80

**White Ceramic Eggs 5CEW** - \$11.80

**Colored Ceramic Eggs 5CEM** - \$11.80

**Wooden Eggs 5CCE** - \$10.80



# Coop Equipment & Flock Protection

Keeping your flock safe is the most important task for a poultry owner. Predator prevention should never be overlooked, whether you have a small flock of laying hens or you're running rounds of meat birds on pasture. Keep your birds protected from outside threats with these tried and true best-selling items.



Photos courtesy of Emily Perry, and Kathy Mormino aka The Chicken Chick.

## MURRAY'S BEST COOP DOOR CONTROLLER

Automatically open your coop door in the morning and close it at night. Murray's Best Coop Door Controller does the work for you by sensing the sunrise and sunset in order to control the position of the door. Order the controller only, or choose a complete kit with a coop door. Installation videos and a complete instruction manual are available on our website.



### Murray's Best Coop Door Controller Complete Kit

Complete kit includes the controller, coop door, door rails, and installation instructions. MBCD12 - \$220.00

Murray's Best Coop Door Controller Only MBCD - \$165.00

## NITE GUARD SOLAR®

Nite Guard Solar is a safe, natural way to protect your flock, other livestock, and gardens from nighttime predators. Studies have shown the color red to be a universal alarm color for all animals. The red flash of the Nite Guard Solar mimics the eye of another animal to give the impression of a threat, which in turn helps to ward off nocturnal predators. Nite Guard Solar is solar powered, completely weatherproof, and self-activates at dusk. Works best with four units.



5NG - \$23.25

## CHICKSAFE ADVANCE COOP DOOR CONTROLLER

Brinsea's ChickSafe Advance automatic coop door opener lets your flock in the morning and shuts them in at night. This new unit features:

- Easy install with just 2 screws
- Fully digital menu control and display
- Adjustable light sensor and programmable timer
- Delayed opening option
- Manual override to open or close door as needed
- 8 lb. door lifting capacity
- Auto-stop feature for when your birds are in the doorway
- Battery operated (4-AA) with long battery life — typically one year
- Battery level indicator shown on the digital display



Brinsea ChickSafe Advance Coop Door Controller 6BCD - \$169.99

## LIVE ANIMAL TRAPS

These traps are designed to trap all kinds of animals, no matter how quick and cunning they seem to be, and keep them alive. They are made of heavy-duty Galfan™ wire — made to last three times longer than common galvanized wire. After a catch, the sliding rear door provides a safer, easier release process. Available in four different sizes depending on your needs.

Squirrels, Rats, Weasels, and Chipmunks 5GATS - \$70.00

Rabbits, Mink, and Ferrets 5GATM - \$95.00

Raccoons, Woodchucks, Opossums, and Stray Cats 5GATL - \$104.00

Large Dogs, Fox, and other Large Animals 5GTXL - \$343.00



## POULTRYNET® ELECTRIC FENCING

Protect your flock with electric poultry fencing. PoultryNet® fencing is the premier fencing product on the market. This movable netting fence contains most non-flying poultry and protects them from most ground predators. It is also excellent for rapidly rotating your flock from one grass and/or garden area to another. When powered on, the close spacing of the vertical and lower horizontal wires provides both a physical and a pain barrier for the birds. The pain barrier also repels most predators. Line posts are attached to the netting.

Not for use with turkeys. An energizer is needed to power the fence.



### NEW! PoultryNet® Plus Complete Starter Kit

(Pictured above) Includes one 100 ft. roll of 48" PoultryNet electric netting, four 48" FiberTuff support posts, one SolarStop™ 80 fence energizer, and one Fence & Battery Digital Tester. 5PFKIT - \$501.80

### PoultryNet® Fencing with 4 Posts

(48"H x 164'L) Double-staked. Includes four FiberTuff posts. Energizer not included. 5PFI - \$229.80

### Solar IntelliShock® 60 Energizer with Digital Tester

Includes solar energizer, 3' ground rod, and fence tester. Can power up to three 164' rolls of fencing. 5PF4 - \$285.00



Visit [McMurrayHatchery.com](http://McMurrayHatchery.com) for additional PoultryNet products and accessories.

## FLIGHT TOP NETTING

Ideal cover for pheasant or gamebird runs. Made of very tough olefin fibers, this netting will last a minimum of five years without rust or mildew. The 1" mesh is designed for use with smaller birds or brooder pens. Not recommended for the sides of pens as predators can chew through it. Easily fastens together with hog rings, staples, or nails. Comes in 25' or 50' widths and 150' lengths. *Caution: In areas where ice/snow accumulate, additional support may be required.*



### 2-Inch Mesh Flight Top Netting

Item #	Mesh	Width	Length	Price
5KN50	2"	25'	50'	\$101.76
5KN22	2"	25'	150'	\$262.08
5KN25	2"	50'	150'	\$571.20

### 1-Inch Mesh Flight Top Netting

Item #	Mesh	Width	Length	Price
5KN20	1"	25'	50'	\$268.80
5KN12	1"	25'	150'	\$374.40
5KN15	1"	50'	150'	\$741.60

Flight Top pliers and staples sold separately at [McMurrayHatchery.com](http://McMurrayHatchery.com).

## SPRING FLING MOBILE COOP

During warmer months, free ranging and backyard chickens keep themselves happy and busy by foraging in grasses and weeds, chasing and eating bugs, and roaming their yard. Whether your chickens are foraging in your backyard, or on an acreage, you can help keep them safe from predators and contained to a specific area with the Spring Fling Mobile Coop. This mobile chicken tractor measures 96"L x 42"W x 42"H. This coop comes with wheels, nesting perch, comfort handles, a 3-hole nest box, and holds up to nine birds at a time.



5RRSF - \$653.70

## WELDED WIRE PEN

This movable wire pen is made to last and will help keep your chickens safe. At a generous 7'L x 8'W x 4'H, this is a great pen for up to 10 birds.

*This item ships via freight to lower 48 states. Alaska residents: please call for a shipping quote. Sorry, we are unable to ship this product to Hawaii or Puerto Rico.*

5RRWP - \$640.00



### SHOP THESE ACCESSORIES FOR WIRE PENS

Wooden Hutch and High End Hen feeders and waterers easily attach to both the mobile coop and wire pen above. Available online at [McMurrayHatchery.com](http://McMurrayHatchery.com)

## POULTRY LAYER CAGE

Grow out young birds, prep your best birds for show, break a broody hen, or quarantine sick birds with these stackable poultry layer cages. These 36"L x 18"W x 18"H cages are made of 1" x 2" wire, have a wire mesh divider to create two compartments, a sloped 1" sq. wire mesh floor, and an egg tray. Each cage holds two to four hens. Includes two 5.5" feeders and water cups, and four interlocking legs. Stack up to three cages together for more capacity without compromising space.

Assembly required.

Item #	1	3+
5PLC	\$310.00	\$290.00



Stack up to three layer cages together. Each unit sold separately.

## SHOW CAGE FOR POULTRY

Show poultry at the fair, break a broody hen, or keep most pets in this easy-to-assemble cage. Easily knocks down flat for storage, no tools required. Removable tray allows for easy cleaning. Two 16" x 10" doors (on top in front) for easy access. 30"L x 17"W x 20"H.

5CAG2 - \$50.55





LOCAL FRESH EGGS • PASTURED POULTRY • LOCAL HONEY • STARTED PULLETS • AND MORE!



### Connecting communities while supporting small family farms and homesteads.

McMurray Hatchery is dedicated to supporting our customer family across the United States and Canada in their efforts to raise and sell their poultry products locally.

As you shop for farm-fresh eggs, pastured poultry products, and more, visit The Marketplace at McMurrayHatchery.com to locate and connect with family farms in your area.

- Fresh local eggs
- Locally-raised pastured poultry
- Local honey and bee-related products
- Juvenile chicks and started pullets

Search The Marketplace directory by geographic location, product, or service to seek out vendors in your area. Then, visit their websites or local farms and businesses to shop direct with these certified vendors.

**MCMURRAY HATCHERY CUSTOMERS, LIST YOUR EGG STAND FOR FREE**  
Drive local sales to your farm stand, homestead, CSA, or pastured poultry business — visit the Marketplace website and complete the application to sign up today!



SCAN TO VISIT THE MARKETPLACE



Marketplace.McMurrayHatchery.com

## featured farms



### Farmhouse of Blessings Family Farm

SENOIA, GEORGIA  
NPIP CERTIFIED

Tucked away in the rolling fields outside of Senoia, Georgia, Leeanna Howard of Farmhouse of Blessings Family Farm lives with her husband, 7 children, and over 200 laying hens! She has made her passion for a breathtakingly colorful egg basket the foundation of her stunning breeding program. Her gorgeous flock of hens, who lay every egg color in the rainbow, forage in sunny southern pastures. Farmhouse of Blessings Family Farm is proud to be among the select Murray McMurray Marketplace vendors offering eating and hatching eggs, chicks, and started pullets and hens for sale locally.



- Fresh Egg Sales
- Juvenile Chicks (4-6 weeks old)
- Started Pullets (15-22 weeks old)



Support our community of McMurray Hatchery customers and partners — including these featured farms — when shopping for fresh eggs, pastured poultry products, honey, and juvenile or started pullets. Visit the Marketplace and search by geographic location or product.



Acorn Creek FARMSTEAD

HERITAGE PULLETS  
eggs are best from your own flock



### Diehl Family Farm

CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA  
PASTURE-RAISED, ORGANIC

Diehl Family Farm was established in the spring of 2016 and opened to the public in the spring of 2020. They are a first generation family farm operating on 40 acres in the Piedmont Triad area of North Carolina. Diehl Family Farm focuses using a holistic approach to heal the land and care for their pastured livestock. The Diehl family is also focused on teaching their children to be positive members of the community by working hard to provide neighbors with farm-fresh eggs and pasture raised poultry. They care deeply about taking control of food security at a personal and community level. Diehl Family Farm is proud to be in partnership with McMurray Hatchery as a source of healthy chicks and poult for their pastured poultry programs. They know their family and customers are receiving premium eggs, chickens, and turkeys thanks to the support of McMurray Hatchery's excellent customer service and Marketplace advertising.



- Fresh Egg Sales
- Pasture-Raised Poultry



# Processing Equipment

Raising poultry at home for meat is a growing trend, and the interest in raising pastured poultry is skyrocketing. Homesteaders are raising poultry for meat as a way to have a more secure food source for their families, and farmers are raising pastured broilers to meet the growing demand for more humanely raised and locally grown protein. Whether you're raising poultry for meat to feed your family or for sale within your community, make sure you have the right equipment on hand when processing day comes. McMurray Hatchery carries all the equipment and supplies you need for a successful processing day. Not sure where to begin? Give us a call at 800.456.3280 for answers to all of your processing questions.



## DELUXE BUTCHERING KIT

Having the right equipment on processing day is crucial. Process your meat birds like a pro with our Deluxe Butchering Kit. This kit contains all the essentials for a successful butchering day on your farm or homestead. Includes one each of the following:

- Restraining Cone
- Bleeding Knife
- Boning Knife
- Poultry Shears
- Pinning Knife
- Set of 50 Bags
- *Basic Butchering of Livestock & Game Book*

**Deluxe Kit with Medium Cone & Bags** 5DBKM - \$115.00

**Deluxe Kit with Large Cone & Bags** 5DBKL - \$125.00

*See pg. 110 to shop our complete line of scalders, pluckers, and more.*



## BASIC BUTCHERING KIT

Just getting started raising and processing your own meat birds? Or looking for some affordable processing equipment? Our Basic Butchering Kit is ideal for those who are new to home processing, as well as people who are on a budget. Contains one Restraining Cone (choose from three sizes), one Boning Knife, and one pair of poultry shears.

**Basic Butchering Kit with Medium Cone** 5BBKM - \$55.00

**Basic Butchering Kit with Large Cone** 5BBKL - \$62.00

**Basic Butchering Kit with Extra Large Cone** 5BBKX - \$69.00

*Questions about getting started processing your own meat birds at home? Our experienced Customer Service team has answers to all your questions — from choosing the right breed of meat bird, to all the equipment you need for processing day. Give our office a call at 800.456.3280, or visit our blog at McMurrayHatchery.com.*

## RESTRAINING CONES

Restraining cones hold the bird in place while dispatching. Available in three sizes to accommodate all types of poultry.

### Medium Cone

*For chickens.* 5VKC2 - \$26.00

### Large Cone

*For broilers and ducks.* 5VKC3 - \$34.00

### Extra Large Cone

*For geese and turkeys.* 5VKC4 - \$41.00



## PROCESSING ACCESSORIES

### BLEEDING KNIFE

3.5" Blade. 5KIL - \$17.80



### PINNING KNIFE

3" Blade. 5PIN - \$16.70



### BONING KNIFE

6" Blade. 5BNK - \$10.45



### CHICKEN LUNG REMOVER

5LUN - \$29.99



### POULTRY SHEARS

5SHIR - \$20.95



## POULTRY TRANSPORT COOPS

Easily transport your birds for processing in these high-density polyethylene coops.

**Standard Transport Coop** Holds 12-14 birds. (11" H x 39" L x 23" W) 5K14 - \$79.00

**Oversized Extra-High Transport Coop** Ideal for turkeys, ducks, and extra-large poultry. (15" H x 39" L x 23" W) 5KTC - \$199.99



## FREEZER BAGS

Protect your processed poultry with these high-quality 2 mil. freezer bags. Available in two sizes. *Not for use in vacuum sealer.*

**Large Roasters, Small Turkeys** For birds up to 10 lbs. Package of 50. (18"H x 8"W x 4"D) 5BAG1 - \$80.38

**Large Turkeys** For birds up to 25 lbs. Package of 50. (30"H x 12"W x 8"D) 5BAG2 - \$106.64

## HEAT SHRINK BAGS

Protect your fresh processed poultry with heat-shrink bags. Just dip in boiling water for a few seconds to shrink — instructions included. *Available in broiler size only. Some large broilers may be too large to fit in these bags whole.*

25 Bags 5HSB2 - \$17.99

50 Bags 5HSB - \$31.99



## COMMERCIAL-GRADE VACUUM SEALER

High-powered commercial-grade vacuum sealer with an extra large Teflon bar for sealing bags up to 15" wide. Perfect for protecting domestic meats, game, fish, and vegetables. Use Automatic Mode for simple one-touch vacuum-to-seal operation or Manual Seal Mode to control the amount of vacuum pressure.



5WVS - \$445.00

Bags not included. Vacuum bags available online at McMurrayHatchery.com.



*Photos courtesy of Anna Christian, Mike Dickson The Fit Farmer, Jack Pollner, and Ann Accetta-Scott.*



## Scalders and Pluckers

Process your poultry efficiently with these best-selling scalders and pickers.



### NEW! PROPANE SCALDER KIT

This new scalding kit is perfect for home processing. Includes a sturdy, 60 qt. aluminum stock pot and lid, perforated drain basket, and welded stand with jet burner. The powerful single-jet burner provides 110,000 BTU over a 19" square surface for efficient and even heating. Hose assembly connects directly to a standard portable LP (propane) tank.

5PSCK - \$175.00



### ELECTRIC SCALDER

Thorough, accurate scalding is the secret to better picking. This home unit has a 110-Volt heating unit and works well if you have just a few birds to process. Adjustable thermostat and easy to clean fiberglass tank. Measures 20"L x 20"W x 20"H with an interior depth of 18". Weighs 30 lbs. *Not recommended for commercial or heavy use.*

#### Single Heating Element Scalding

Requires a 110-Volt Circuit. 5SCLD - \$240.00

#### Double Heating Element Scalding

Requires two 110-Volt Circuits. 5SCL1 - \$270.00

#### 240-Volt Heating Element Scalding

Requires a 240-Volt Circuit. 5SCL2 - \$255.00



### EZ PLUCKER

This plucker is a game-changer for processing meat birds. Just place dispatched poultry in the tub, and spray with water as the unit spins. The rubber fingers easily remove feathers in under a minute. This electric plucker can be used for chickens and small turkeys. The large tub on the EZ Plucker 151 is ideal for 1-4 chickens at a time, or a turkey up to 28-lbs. Features an extra 6" of tub depth and a water hose adapter.

*Due to high demand, we recommend calling our office for availability. Replacement fingers available on our website.*

**EZ Plucker 131** 5EZPIK131 - \$688.00

**EZ Plucker 151** 5EZPIK - \$788.00

**EZ Plucker 169** 5EZPI69 - \$888.00

New to processing poultry? Get started with *Basic Butchering of Livestock & Game* — shop this and other helpful titles in our online bookstore at [McMurrayHatchery.com](http://McMurrayHatchery.com).



## Featherman Poultry Processing Equipment

Take your processing to the next level with Featherman poultry processing equipment. Making the move from raising poultry for your family to making a profit means more birds to process. Featherman equipment is durable and designed to make processing more efficient.



### FEATHERMAN RESTRAINING CONES AND STAND

Process efficiently with this rotating stand and cone unit. The 36" diameter base/trough is made of high-density, UV-resistant, molded plastic and is easy to clean and sanitize. Cones are stainless steel and spot welded for strength and longevity. *Made in the U.S.A.*

#### 8 Broiler Size Cones and Stand

5F10 - \$688.00

#### 4 Turkey Size Cones and Stand

5F11 - \$639.80



### FEATHERMAN MANUAL DUNKER AND SHACKLES

Speed up your processing with Featherman's stainless steel dunker and shackles. The shackle holds 1-5 broilers at a time. The entire unit mounts on the Featherman Scalding, locking into place with no tools required. The dunking arm pivots from left to right for easy loading and unloading. *Made in the U.S.A.*

**Dunker Only** 5F08 - \$427.00

**Shackles Only** 5F09 - \$98.18



### FEATHERMAN SCALDER

The Featherman Scalding holds a consistent water temperature to give you that perfect scald. Made of 16 gauge stainless steel with a 100,000 BTU propane burner, temperature control within a five degree range, and a 48-gallon capacity to hold four birds at a time for maximum performance. Add the Featherman Manual Dunker and Shackles for an efficient process. *Made in the U.S.A. Tarp cover sold separately.*

5F04 - \$1,932.00



### FEATHERMAN PRO PICKER

The Featherman PRO is a must-have for those anyone wanting to increase processing efficiency. Drop scalded birds into the tub and the plucker does all the work. This model is primarily for chickens, but can handle turkeys, too. Made from durable, UV-resistant USDA food-grade plastic. Includes spray ring, feather chute, waterproof switch, and 119 fingers. Capacity 3-50 lbs. *Made in the U.S.A. Fully assembled.*

5F01 - \$1,882.00

**Featherman Set-Up Special** — SAVE \$100 when you purchase one of our complete set-up kits. Visit [McMurrayHatchery.com](http://McMurrayHatchery.com) for details.



## tips for raising meat birds

*with Jason Contreras*

JUMBO CORNISH CROSS

### What are some of your best tips for anyone wanting to get started raising meat birds?

Before you order any chicks, make sure you have ALL the necessary equipment so that you're fully prepared. There's nothing worse than getting a call from the post office saying that your chicks are there and you're not ready for them. — *Oh yeah! We've all been there!*

I recommend that you have a brooder set up for when your chicks arrive and a chicken tractor already made, because the first weeks they spend in the brooder go by quick. Before you know it, they will need to be put out on grass. Building a last minute chicken tractor can be stressful when you have a bunch of chicks ready to get out of the brooder. From that point, you'll have a little more time until your butcher date, but that will come fast as well. Again, you'll want to purchase equipment like a scalding, kill cones, and a plucker ahead of time. I would order those things way in advance to make sure they are in stock and arrive before you need to use them. If you can't get your butchering equipment that early, see if your local extension office rents any equipment out, or see if you can borrow from someone in your local community.

A good way to bring the price down when you get your meat birds is to go in on an order with friends or neighbors and order a big batch of chicks all at once. When they arrive, you all meet up and divide the chicks for everyone to take home. To bring the price down further, see if you can get together with neighbors and buy feed in bulk. Also, when it's time to butcher, you can all get back together and have one big butcher day with all the families involved.

### What are the best tips you have to transition from raising meat birds for home use to raising them to sell?

Research your area and see if there is a market for pastured poultry. Go to farmers markets and see how other farms are selling and pricing their chickens. Asking friends and family if they're interested first is a great way to start selling.

After a certain amount of birds, you'll have to think about buying in bulk. Bulk feed is more economical and it comes in 1,000 or 2,000 pound totes typically. Also, you have to think about how you are going to unload all of that feed. A good way to store bulk feed is in 55 gallon metal or plastic drums with a locked lid. You can find those for relatively cheap from Craigslist or Facebook Marketplace. This will keep your feed safe from critters and weather.

### What breeds of meat birds do you recommend?

For chickens, I prefer Murray's Big Red Broilers. For turkeys, I would say the Broad-Breasted Bronze Turkeys. The Giant White turkeys did grow twice the size, but the Bronze are so friendly.



MURRAY'S BIG RED BROILERS



WATCH SOW THE LAND ON YOUTUBE

**JASON CONTRERAS** is a homesteader living and farming on 14 acres with his family in North Carolina. In 2016 Jason, his wife Lorraine, and their daughter sold most of their belongings and left the city in southern California to start a small 1.5 acre homestead in the mountains of North Carolina. Recently, they upgraded to a 14 acre property where they document their life on Youtube, showing viewers how a family from the city left to start a completely different lifestyle. The Contreras family uses their platform to educate others about growing food, building stuff around the farm, and living a healthier lifestyle.



# Egg Supplies

After months of caring for your flock and patiently waiting, your hens are finally laying you a rainbow palette of color, or a volume of perfectly uniform brown eggs. Whether you want to share them with a friend or neighbor, sell them at your local farmers' market, or just keep them for yourself, we have everything you need for cleaning, weighing, and safely storing or selling your precious dozens.



Photo courtesy of Anna Christian.



## HANDMADE AMISH EGG BASKETS

Gather your eggs in style with these unique, hand-made Amish woven baskets. Each basket is signed and dated by the family member who made it. They are beautiful, versatile, and make great gifts!

Egg Basket	Item #	Price
6 inch	1AB06	\$25.00
8 inch	1AB08	\$30.00
10 inch	1AB10	\$36.00
12 Inch	1AB12	\$45.00



## WIRE EGG BASKETS

Our most popular and economical egg baskets are made of heavy wire and are welded at every joint. Each wire is coated to reduce breakage. Available in three sizes.

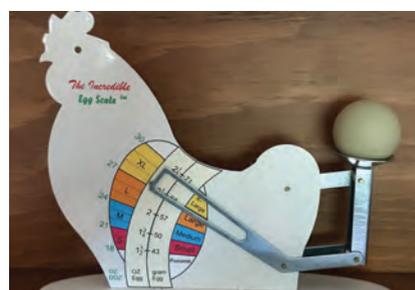
Item #	Description	Price
5BAS	Med. Black, 13 In. Basket (8 Doz.)	\$19.95
5BAS3	Small Black, 8 In. Basket (3 Doz.)	\$17.95
5BEB	Tall Green, 10 In. Basket (4 Doz.)	\$23.95



## FARMHOUSE STYLE WOODEN COUNTERTOP EGG HOLDER

Made popular by the English show *Downton Abbey*, this handmade wooden egg holder is a beautiful way to show off your fresh eggs and your farmhouse flair. Hand-crafted here in Webster City, Iowa, by a local woodsmith, each holder is just the right height to stack on on each other and hold several rows of eggs. *Types of wood and stain may vary slightly. Holds one dozen large eggs.*

5EH - \$27.00



## THE INCREDIBLE EGG SCALE

Weigh and size your fresh eggs with this vintage-designed solid steel scale. Perfect for small farm or home use, it makes a great gift for the poultry lover on your list! *Not for use in weighing eggs for trade.*

5KES - \$34.99



## WOODEN NEST EGGS

Encourage new pullets to lay in the nest box or help stop egg eating behaviors with these wooden nest eggs. These natural colored eggs are a similar weight and size of a real chicken egg. *Sold in packs of 12. Each egg is 2.25" tall. Ceramic colored eggs available online.*

5CCE - \$10.80



## MURRAY'S BEST EGG WASH AND EGG SCRUBBER

Concentrated egg wash cleans both market and fresh eggs, safely removing unwanted bacteria.

2 Lb. Jar 6XESC - \$17.95  
4 Lb. Jar 6XEC - \$32.90

Murray's Best Egg Scrubber 7ES - \$5.00



## CLEAR PLASTIC EGG CARTONS

Let the beauty of your eggs show through these clear plastic egg cartons. Made from 100% post consumer recycled PET bottles, they are good for your business and great for the environment. Even better, they can be easily washed and used again. Holds medium to large size eggs. Blank printable labels included separately.

25-Pack 5CSLP - \$20.99 *Save when you order 4 or more!*

Bulk Case (375 Count) 5CS330 - \$105.99



## PRINTED PLASTIC CARTONS

Full-color pre-printed labels affixed to each carton. Choose from four colorful designs. **COLOR LABELS AFFIXED**

Item #	Design	1-3	4+
510	Gray	\$20.99	\$17.99
512	Pink	\$20.99	\$17.99
514	Egg Spiral	\$20.99	\$17.99
516	Coop	\$20.99	\$17.99



## NEW! EGG STAMPS AND EGG CARTON STAMPS

Dress up your rainbow dozens to garner attention at your farmers' market, give them as a personal gift, or enjoy them yourself with these egg and carton stamps by Wild Feather Farms. Each stamp is mounted on laser-etched natural maple wood with eco-friendly and 100% renewable and resourced red rubber.

**Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery as all stamps are all made to order.**

Prices starting at \$13.00



## PAPER EGG CARTONS

Looking for an economical and biodegradable egg carton? These sturdy paper egg cartons hold one dozen eggs and are very popular with both home flock owners and commercial producers.

50-Pack 5ICC - \$17.90 *Save when you order 2 or more!*



## PAPER EGG FLATS

This is a great way to take your eggs to market or to use in egg cases — we use them to ship hatching eggs at the Hatchery. Each biodegradable paper chicken egg flat holds 30 eggs.

Item #	Number	Price
5F70	70	\$25.95
5F140	140	\$37.95



## FLUFFY LAYERS EGG COLLECTION APRONS

Grab your apron and head to the coop to gather your fresh eggs in style! Each egg collecting apron has individual egg pockets to protect your precious dozens. Available in both adult and child sizes.

Adult Apron 1EA1 - \$19.99

Child Apron 1EK4 - \$13.99

# ALL ABOUT PRESERVING EGGS

My family and I have been raising poultry for almost ten years now, and in this time, I have learned a thing or two! One of the most important skills I have learned is how to preserve eggs for long-term storage, which is a necessity for all poultry keepers. This will ensure you have eggs from your flock year-round, even through the winter. Regardless of if you are a homesteader or small backyard keeper, it is necessary to prepare for the time of year when egg production decreases and then stops completely. Nothing is more devastating to your egg basket than molting season.

The primary reason for raising poultry is the ability to consume farm-fresh eggs. Eggs which were laid by humanely-raised chickens. Chickens who are allowed to live their best lives.

It is hard to imagine that during the peak egg laying season, March through early September, we take for granted having and abundance of fresh eggs on hand. It is the arrival of molting season and the decline of daylight hours that remind us that our fresh eggs need to be preserved, and quickly.

The easiest way to squirrel away eggs is to reserve one fourth of your flock's weekly egg production. This amount may shock many, but in truth, it really is not that much to set aside, considering your flock will likely go several months without laying an egg later in the season.

The alternative to preserving an abundance of eggs during peak laying season? Purchasing them from the market — which I refuse to do regardless of how desperate I am. Luckily, there are many ways to preserve eggs for long-term storage, and you will most certainly find one (or more!) that comes naturally to you and works best in your own home kitchen.

The life I live ensures we consume foods from our farm year-round. This includes preserving farm-fresh eggs when egg production is at its peak. Whether you are freezing, dehydrating, water glassing, or freeze-drying your eggs, taking time to preserve them ensures your family will have plenty of eggs from your flock, even when they are taking a break from laying.

## ALL ABOUT FRESH EGGS

Those who are new to raising chickens often wonder if their farm-fresh eggs need to be refrigerated. I personally do not know of one poultry keeper who does not keep eggs on their counter. I keep my own freshly collected eggs in an old wicker basket for roughly one to two weeks before I begin preserving them.

For those new to keeping chickens, let me explain why it's okay to leave eggs out this long. When a hen, regardless of the breed, lays an egg, it is coated with a clear fluid known as the bloom. This fluid coats the shell pores to prevent bacteria from entering the egg while reducing moisture loss from inside. The bloom will remain on the egg as protection until it is washed off, which allows eggs to be stored at room temperature. This, my friends, is why farm-fresh eggs last longer than eggs purchased from the local supermarket.

For best practices, you should package eggs for refrigeration after one to two weeks on the counter. On our homestead, eggs are typically packaged every Sunday for the refrigerator. With that said, we have left eggs in the egg basket for up to a month before packaging them to be placed in the fridge. Keep in mind, eggs are freshest up to two weeks. Clean, unwashed eggs can last up to six months in the refrigerator. If you have the room, this is the first (and easiest) way to preserve your farm-fresh eggs.

## PRESERVING EGGS FOR LONG-TERM STORAGE

Do not get caught wishing you had stored away eggs when they were plentiful! Start preserving your eggs as soon as they come back in the spring. Take time during the winter months to research which egg preservation methods you want to try this upcoming season.

**FREEZING** fresh eggs is one of the easiest methods for preserving them, and you can do it in any kitchen with very simple equipment. You will need a large silicone ice-cube tray and a freezer safe container for storing the frozen eggs. Many people use freezer-safe plastic bags, however, I prefer vacuum sealing them in small bags to prevent any issue of freezer burn from occurring. When you are ready to use them, simply thaw your frozen eggs and use in your next batch of cookies or omelette.

**DEHYDRATING** eggs to create a powder is easy to achieve, but you will need a dehydrator for this method. Once your eggs are dehydrated, simply crush them into a powder using a blender or food processor and store in a glass mason jar with an oxygen absorber. You can also vacuum seal the jars to further preserve the freshness of your powdered eggs. To make scrambled eggs or an omelette, reconstitute your eggs at a ratio of 2 tbsp. of powdered eggs to 6 tbsp. of water. For baked goods, simply add the dried eggs and water directly to the mixing bowl along with the other ingredients.

**WATER GLASSING** is the most traditional means for preserving eggs. It has been reported that eggs which are preserved using the water glassing technique will keep for up to 18 months without rotting. However, the longer the eggs sit, the runnier the whites and yolk becomes. This method of egg preservation requires very little time and equipment. Fill a bucket or jar with a ratio of 1 quart water to 1 ounce of lime, and add unwashed eggs pointy side down. Secure the lid and store your water glassed eggs in a cool, dark location. Then, simply use eggs as needed, washing well prior to using.

**FREEZE DRYING** eggs is admittedly the most complicated form of egg preservation because it requires investing in a freeze dryer. This is a big expenditure, but a great investment to those who seek to live a more sustainable life. Foods preserved with the use of a freeze dryer maintain 97% of their nutrients, and can last in storage between 10 to 25 years. Once your scrambled eggs have gone through the freeze dryer, process them into a powder and store in mason jars (similar to dehydrated eggs) or place them in a sealed mylar bag with an oxygen absorber to further extend their shelf life.



**ANN ACCETTA-SCOTT** is a homesteader and an educator encouraging those who are seeking to live a more sustainable lifestyle. She is also the face behind the websites *A Farm Girl in the Making* and *Acorn Creek Farmstead*. For more information on preserving eggs and the garden's bounty, take a look at Ann's book, *The Farm Girl's Guide to Preserving the Harvest* available at [McMurrayHatchery.com](http://McMurrayHatchery.com).



# Certified Organic Feed & Natural Supplements

## CERTIFIED ORGANIC FEED

Our ready-to-use feed is certified organic by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and is free of any antibiotics and hormones. Contains a complete balance of protein, essential amino acids, vitamins, and minerals. NEW at McMurrayHatchery.com, shop our exclusive line of soy-free certified organic chicken feed.



### ORGANIC CHICKEN FEED

Type	Protein	Item #	Price (25 Lb.)	Item #	Price (40 Lb.)
Starter	22%	60CS25	\$25.35	60CS40	\$37.95
Grower	20%	60CG25	\$24.15	60CG40	\$36.23
Finisher	18%	60CF25	\$23.55	60CF40	\$36.23
Layer Complete	16%	60LC25	\$21.83	60LC25	\$35.03
Premium Layer	16%	60PL25	\$23.48	60PL40	\$36.15

### NEW! ORGANIC SOY FREE CHICKEN FEED

Type	Protein	Item #	Price (25 Lb.)	Item #	Price (40 Lb.)
Starter	22%	60CSNS25	\$26.55	60CSNS40	\$41.70
Grower	20%	60CGNS25	\$25.80	60CGNS40	\$39.72
Layer	16%	60LNS25	\$24.08	60LNS40	\$37.80



### ORGANIC TURKEY FEED

Type	Protein	Item #	Price (25 Lb.)	Item #	Price (40 Lb.)
Starter	26%	60TS25	\$28.58	60TS40	\$39.60
Grower	24%	60TG25	\$25.65	60TG40	\$36.38
Finisher	22%	60TF25	\$24.15	60TF40	\$35.93

### ORGANIC DUCK FEED

Type	Protein	Item #	Price (25 Lb.)	Item #	Price (40 Lb.)
Starter	24%	60DS25	\$23.70	60DS40	\$37.28
Grower	20%	60DG25	\$22.88	60DG40	\$36.30
Finisher	18%	60DF25	\$22.20	60DF40	\$35.78



### ORGANIC FEED BASE *Make your own feed using our pre-mix.*

Type	Description	Item #	Price (20 Lb.)
Starter/Grower/Finisher	Makes 200 lbs. of feed	60CS40	\$40.95
Layer (with added calcium)	Makes 400 lbs. of complete feed	60LC40	\$45.15

### ORGANIC WILD GAME BIRD FEED *For all game birds from start to finish.*

Type	Protein	Item #	Price (25 Lb.)	Item #	Price (40 Lb.)
Complete	28%	60WG25	\$28.80	60WG40	\$39.83

*Feed and supplement pricing is subject to change without notice. Express shipping not available for these items. Visit our website for state and country restrictions and limitations.*



### MURRAY'S SELECT GROUND OYSTER SHELL

This must-have calcium supplement for laying hens keeps egg shells strong and helps prevent soft or thin-shelled eggs. Offer as a free choice along with grit and feed.

5 Lb. Tub 6BOY5 - \$9.95  
10 Lb. Tub 6BOY10 - \$13.95



### MURRAY'S #1-SIZED CHICK GRIT

Our chick grit is a smaller size for baby chicks and juvenile birds. Chicks need grit once they begin eating treats and other foods, or when they start foraging in the yard and run. Sprinkle a small amount on top of your juvenile chicks' feed. *More tub sizes available online.*

2.5 Lb. Tub 6GI25 - \$5.79



### MURRAY'S #3-SIZED GRIT FOR ADULT BIRDS

Poultry need grit to break down the food they eat. Grit helps them process and digest the seeds, grasses, bugs they find while foraging. Offer as a free choice in a separate feeder for your flock. *More tub sizes available online.*

10 Lb. Tub 6G310 - \$17.99



### PROSO WHITE MILLET

White millet is high in protein. Throw some in your coop or run as a nutritional treat, sprout it for fodder, or plant it as a foraging crop. *More tub sizes available online.*

1 Lb. Tub 6P1 - \$6.00



### ORGANIC ARGONITE

A pre-digested form of calcium derived from seashells. It builds strong egg shells, bones, and healthy chicks.

10 Lb. Bag 6CEFA - \$13.65



### ORGANIC FISH MEAL

Our fish meal is specially processed to meet organic standards. Fish meal is a protein source that offers balanced essential amino acids.

10 Lb. Bag 6CFM1 - \$30.30



### ORGANIC FLAXSEED

A good source of Omega 3 fatty acids. Flaxseed is proven to increase this important nutrient in eggs.

5 Lb. Bag 6FX5 - \$12.00



### ORGANIC KELP

A source of naturally chelated vitamins and trace nutrients. Helps to alleviate known and hidden deficiencies.

5 Lb. Bag 6CK5 - \$11.70



### ORGANIC SCRATCH GRAINS

25 Lb. Bag 6FSG25 - \$15.75  
40 Lb. Bag 6FSG40 - \$25.28



### ORGANIC CORN

**Medium Ground Corn**  
40 Lb. Bag 6FCS40 - \$22.88  
**Whole Kernel Corn**  
40 Lb. Bag 6FCM40 - \$22.65

### ADD SOME VARIETY TO YOUR FLOCK'S DIET

McMurray Hatchery offers a variety of poultry treats and nutritional supplements. All of the items we carry in our One Stop Coop Shop are tried and tested by our staff and our own flocks. Visit our website at McMurrayHatchery.com for a complete list of products available.



### MURRAY'S BEST® DRIED BLACK SOLDIER FLY LARVAE

Sourced in the USA, these dried grubs are a healthy treat for chickens and a natural source of calcium and lysine – an important nutrient in egg and feather production.

1 lb. bag. 6SFL - \$16.99

# Pharmacy

If you have questions about the safety of using any medication on your birds, please check with your local veterinarian or county Extension Office. Some medications do not have FDA approval for laying hens or meat birds. Read and follow all directions on product labels.



## MURRAY'S BEST® FIRST AID KIT

It's always a good idea to be prepared for anything — from minor cuts and pecking wounds, to more severe injuries. Murray's Best First Aid Kit contains nearly all you need for immediate first aid for your flock. 1AID - \$54.68



## VETERICYN® +PLUS

This topical spray can be used for treating poultry wounds, cuts, pecking sores, vent prolapse, frostbite, bumble foot, scratches, and more. Non-toxic. Contains no alcohol, antibiotics, or steroids. Safe for all life stages. 1VET - \$26.99



## BLU-KOTE®

A quick-drying and protective wound dressing to treat ringworm, skin abrasions, surface wounds, and promote rapid healing. Works on pecking wounds. Cannot be shipped out of the USA. 5 oz. can. 6BK - \$9.42



## SCALEX® MITE AND LICE SPRAY

Convenient spray to treat your birds or cages for mites or lice. Comes in 1 quart spray bottle. 6SCA - \$18.30



## AMPROL® AMPROLIUM 9.6%

Act fast and treat a coccidiosis outbreak by treating your flock with Amprolium. Concentrated. Follow label instructions for dosage. 1 gallon. 6AMPR - \$71.93



## AQUA-DEE® VITAMIN D3

Water-miscible source of Vitamin D3 for poultry use to treat soft eggshells, swollen joints, stiff gait, soft beaks, and more. Follow label for instructions. Prepare fresh daily. 32 ounce bottle. 6AQD - \$42.50



## MURRAY'S BEST® ALL NATURAL DUSTING POWDER

Chickens love to dust bathe to clean their feathers and rid themselves of lice and mites. This 5-pound tub contains enough diatomaceous earth to dust hundreds of birds naturally and without chemicals. 6HDB - \$23.25



## PROZAP® GARDEN AND POULTRY DUST

Ready-to-use insecticide dust to control Northern Fowl Mites, lice, bedbugs, brown dog ticks, fleas, and more. 2 lb. canister. 6DST - \$10.95



## PULLORUM TESTING UNIT

A Pullorum test is required for bird shows and selling chicks across state lines. Includes with a 60W bulb, bleeder, and loop. *Antigen stain sold separately.* 5PULL - \$168.65

**Antigen Stain** 350 Dose Bottle. 6WAT - \$105.00  
**Extra Bleeder Loop** 5KBL - \$14.95

### Electrolytes & Probiotics

Hydrate a sick, overheated, or stressed bird, or offer vital probiotics and minerals to your new baby poultry with Murray's electrolytes and probiotics. **Shop for Quik Chik, Broiler Booster, and Gro-Gel Plus on pg. 95**, or visit our website at [McMurrayHatchery.com](http://McMurrayHatchery.com).

### Vaccines for Baby Poultry

McMurray Hatchery offers both Coccidiosis and Marek's vaccines on all orders of day-old baby chicks. Vaccines are not available for all types of poultry. **To learn more about vaccines for baby poultry, see pg. 126**, or visit our website at [McMurrayHatchery.com](http://McMurrayHatchery.com).

### Poultry Health Resources

For over a century, McMurray Hatchery has been a trusted resource on all things poultry. When you have questions, turn to us for assistance: browse our blog articles, shop our curated collection of books for sale, and tap into the vast knowledge of our customer service staff by giving us a call at 800.456-3280.

## ANTIBIOTICS

*NOTE: It is safe to eat eggs during treatment with the products listed below.*

**VetRx™** is a century-old remedy used to control colds and respiratory problems, scaly legs, eye worms, and to treat birds before and after poultry shows. Considered safe for all chickens, waterfowl, turkeys, and gamebirds. Follow package label for directions. 2 ounce bottle. 6VET - \$8.70

**BMD SOLUBLE** is used to treat enteritis in chickens, turkeys, quail, chukar, and other game birds. Enteritis lives in litter, and young birds (4-16 wks) can be susceptible. Follow package label for directions. 6GST - \$27.25

**ACIDIFIED COPPER SULFATE** is a dietary copper nutritional supplement for turkeys, chickens, hogs, and cattle over 3 weeks old. Follow package label for directions. Administer via a glass or plastic waterer. 6ACS - \$6.25

## LEG BANDETTES



Bandettes are small numbered plastic bands. Sold in packs of 25 with consecutive numbers that are all the same color.

Size	Recommended Use	Item #	Pack of 25
7/16"	Bantams / Wild Ducks	5NB76	\$8.00
9/16"	Light Breed Hens / Pheasants	5NB96	\$9.00
11/16"	Heavy Hens	5NB11	\$10.00
3/4"	Heavy Males / Ducks	5NB34	\$11.00

## LEG BANDS



Leg Bands are rounded plastic bands. Sold in packs of 50 of all the same color.

Size	Recommended Use	Item #	Pack of 50
1/4"	Baby Chicks / Quail	5NL14	\$6.75
7/16"	Bantams / Wild Ducks	5NL76	\$7.10
11/16"	Heavy Hens	5NL11	\$7.75
7/8"	Geese / Turkeys / Swans	5NL78	\$9.50

*CAUTION: Leg bands DO NOT expand as the bird grows. • More sizes available online.*

## VACCINES

*Vaccines are shipped Express with ice packs. Up to 4 vaccines per insulated box. A \$25.00 handling charge will apply. Vaccines are non-returnable.*

**AVIAN ENCEPHALOMYELITIS (AE) AND FOWL POX VACCINE** AE causes a drop in egg production and can be passed to offspring resulting in neurological disorders and mortality. Fowl Pox can cause egg loss, poor growth, and mortality. Vaccination is applied via the wing web with the enclosed stabber. Some restrictions by state or country may apply. 1,000 dose vial. 6WPV - \$21.95

**LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (LARYNGO) VACCINE** Laryngo is an acute, highly contagious poultry disease. Symptoms include gasping, spitting blood, swelling of the lining of the windpipe, and death. Laryngo can be contracted at poultry shows and gatherings. Vaccinate healthy birds 4+ weeks of age with an eyedropper. Some restrictions by state or country may apply. 1,000 dose bottle. 6WL - \$11.95



## MURRAY'S BEST® EXHIBITOR'S KIT & SUPPLIES

Our updated exhibitor kit features the products and information to help you be successful at your next poultry show. The kit includes: Murray's Best Chicken Suds Poultry Shampoo and Conditioner (8 oz. each), VetRx (2 oz.), and *Storey's Showing Poultry: A Complete Guide to Exhibiting Your Birds*.

**Murray's Best Exhibitor Kit** 6SHO - \$24.95

**Murray's Best All Natural Chicken Suds** 8 oz. bottle. 1MBCS - \$6.95

**Murray's Best All Natural Chicken Conditioner** 8 oz. bottle. 1MBCC - \$6.95



## POLY PEEPERERS

Our most popular and best-selling anti-pick device. Poly Peepers are flexible and bend easily to keep from getting caught in netting. Easy to apply and excellent for gamebirds such as pheasants.

### POLY PEEPERERS WITH C-CLIPS



Item #	25	50	100
5VPP1	\$7.50	\$13.50	\$24.00

**C-Clip Pliers** 5KPL - \$13.80

### POLY PEEPERERS WITH NYLON PINS



Item #	25	50	100
5VPP2	\$7.50	\$13.50	\$24.00



## PINLESS PEEPERERS

No pins or clips needed! **The Pinless Peeper must be installed with the SNAP pliers.** Use the pliers to open the Peeper, align it, and then release the clip onto the nostrils. Sold in packs of 25. *Pliers sold separately.*

Item #	1	2-3	4+
5PLP	\$2.55	\$2.45	\$2.35

### SNAP Pinless Peeper Pliers

This tool is specially designed for use with the Pinless Peeper. Use to spread open the Peeper. Align the peeper with the bird's nostrils, then release as the Peeper stays in place by holding onto the nostrils. 5SNAP - \$19.20



## PLASTIC ANTI-PICK BITS

Reusable and easily applied and removed without a tool. Won't cut into beaks like metal bits do. Use only in captivity. Not for use on breeding males.

### LARGE ANTI-PICK BITS

*For pheasants or large birds 6+ wks old. 25-pack.*

Item #	1	2	3+
5PC	\$2.50	\$2.20	\$2.00

### SMALL ANTI-PICK BITS

*For small birds: 3+ wk old quail and partridge; small 3+ wk old pheasants; or 3-6 wk old pheasants. 25-pack.*

Item #	1	2	3+
5QC	\$1.50	\$1.37	\$1.25



From hatch to lay, chickens provide countless opportunities for little ones to get involved and learn about the value of hard work, responsibility, and providing good food for their families. Though it can feel intimidating for some to include their young kiddos in chores around the farm, we promise that it's a worthwhile endeavor! Here are a few ways that kids within the McMurray community, including our own, like to help out with chicken chores.

# chicken chores

EASY TASKS FOR CHILDREN



## chick care

When you order your baby chicks, let your kids help pick out their favorite breeds. We love Bielefelders, Buff Orpingtons, and Cochins (to name a few) as amazing family-friendly breeds.

As you prepare for your chicks' arrival, kids are more than capable of helping set up a brooder. When your chicks arrive, teach your kids to gently dip their beaks in water before releasing them into the brooder, too.

## daily tasks

Young kids are often the most willing helpers. Even though it can take some extra focus to teach them the ropes, if you put the time in now, your kids will be caring for your chickens solo in years to come. Our own kiddos love to help feed and water their flocks at home each morning. If you raise meat birds, teach your kids how to help you move netting, too!



## fermenting projects

Fermenting feed and sprouting fodder are excellent educational opportunities for your young helpers. Fermenting feed is very easy to do, and doing so gives you a chance to talk about the process of fermentation itself and the importance of good bacteria for all types of animals. Sprouting fodder requires a bit more work up front, but your kids will have a chance to watch your grains sprout into tiny green shoots that will make a tasty and nutritional snack for your chickens. Sprouting fodder is a really fun activity to do indoors during winter, too.

## socialization

Let your kiddos help socialize your chicks! After new chicks have had some time to settle in, eat, and get hydrated, don't be afraid to let your kids hold them. When it's time for chicks to go back into the brooder, take the opportunity to teach your kiddos about the importance of good hand washing routines, too.



## egg duty

Though your eggs are delicate (and precious!), little ones love to take responsibility during egg collecting each day. Whether they use an egg apron, basket, or a t-shirt, this is a great way to teach little hands about how to handle important things with care. Once the eggs are brought in, kiddos can also help wash, dry, and package eggs for storage. If they're old enough, let your littles run a carton over to the neighbors...there's nothing like sharing the fruits of your labor with people you love, no matter your age!



# McMurray Hatchery Gift Shop

Shopping for the perfect gift for the poultry lover on your list? We've got something for everyone in this curated collection of our favorite poultry-themed gifts and merchandise!



### MURRAY'S REPEAT T-SHIRT

Murray's Repeat t-shirt has a modern red graphic on a heathered charcoal gray shirt with a modern fit. Available in adult and child sizes. Unisex. 21 (S-3X, YS-YL) **\$13.00-\$14.00**



### ALL THINGS CHICKEN T-SHIRT

This fun t-shirt has an art deco floral rooster design printed in black on a soft, thick shirt in light heather blue. Available in adult sizes. Unisex. 210 (S-2X) **\$13.00-\$14.00**



### FOWL LANGUAGE T-SHIRT

Show off your extraordinary chicken communication skills in our popular Fluent in Fowl Language t-shirt. Available in adult sizes. Unisex. 22FL (S-4X) **\$13.00-\$14.00**



### MURRAY'S VINTAGE '77 T-SHIRT

This vintage design t-shirt features artwork from our 1977 catalog. Adult sizes available in brown/tan. Child sizes available in gray/navy. Unisex. 2T77 (S-3X, YS-YL) **\$13.00-\$14.00**



### RISE, SHINE, REPEAT T-SHIRT

When the rooster crows, head to the coop in our soft, heathered Rise, Shine, Repeat t-shirt. Available in adult sizes. Limited availability. Unisex. 20 (S-3X) **\$13.00-\$14.00**



### MURRAY'S SIGNATURE HOODIE

Our ultra-soft heathered hoodie has a modern fit. Our chick icon is stitched on the front chest and Murray's signature is down the arm. Adult sizes. Unisex. 1HSIG (S-2X) **\$45.00**



### MURRAY'S KNIT WATCH CAP

Keep warm while tending to your chickens and other livestock with our embroidered Knit Watch Cap. This vintage-style beanie makes a great gift! One size. Unisex. 1KWC **\$12.99**



### EMBROIDERED CANVAS CAP

When you work hard, only the best will do. This embroidered CARHARTT® washed canvas cap is comfortable and built to last. Adjustable. One size fits all. Unisex. 1H21 **\$24.00**



### JUST HATCHED ONESIE

Our all new Just Hatched onesie makes a perfect baby gift for any poultry lover. Featuring our chick logo, this fun onesie is soft, comfortable, and stylish. Unisex. 1ZJH (6-12 mos.) **\$20.00**



### HANDMADE STONWARE MUGS

Rise and Shine with our stoneware mugs, handcrafted in the U.S.A. Collect all three: Olive Egger green, Ameraucana blue, and Speckled (Sussex) light brown. 1MUG23 (A-C) **\$30.00**



### SIGNATURE TRAVEL MUG

This etched RTIC travel mug makes a great gift. Our 20 oz. steel tumbler is double-walled and insulated to keep your coffee hot and your iced drinks cold. BPA free. Hand wash. 19C **\$24.99**



### GIFT CERTIFICATES

Give the poultry lover on your list a McMurray Hatchery Gift Certificate — printed or digital versions available. May be redeemed on any purchase on our website — including baby chicks!



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C



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#### A SLOGGERS CHICKEN PRINT BOOTS & CLOGS

Head out to the coop in style in a pair of comfortable, waterproof, and just plain cool chicken print Sloggers. Available in yellow or red boots and clogs, these are all the rage in chicken fashion. Available in women's sizes 6-10. Prices starting at **\$33.00**

#### B 'JUST HATCHED' BABY GIFT BASKET

This unique gift basket makes a great baby shower or newborn present. Featuring a hand-made knit chicken design stocking cap and a soft chicken lovey from Pine & Poppy with our own Just Hatched onesie packaged in a beautiful hand-woven Amish basket. Call or office to add a gift certificate to your basket! 1JHGB — **\$160.00**  
**MORE HOLIDAY & GIFT BASKETS AVAILABLE AT MCMURRAYHATCHERY.COM!**

#### C WOODEN EGG STAMPS AND EGG CARTON STAMPS

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#### D NEW! RAINBOW CHICKEN TUTUS

Keep your backyard chickens en vogue with these beautiful Rainbow Chicken Tutus. Made in the U.S.A. from high-quality black elastic and colorful tulle netting, they make great Instagram-worthy chicken outfits! *IMPORTANT: Tutus should not be left on birds without supervision.* One size only, fits most standard sized chicken breeds. Spot clean only. Non-returnable. 5CRT — **\$18.00**

#### E HEN SADDLES

Protect your molting or over-mated hens with our stylish hen saddles. Hen saddles — also called hen aprons — cover your hen's back and protect it as she regrows her feathers. Now carrying multiple colors, sizes, and styles from The Chicken Chick, Hen Couture, and Thimbleworks. Prices starting at **\$10.00**

#### F CHICKEN PRINT EGG COLLECTING APRONS

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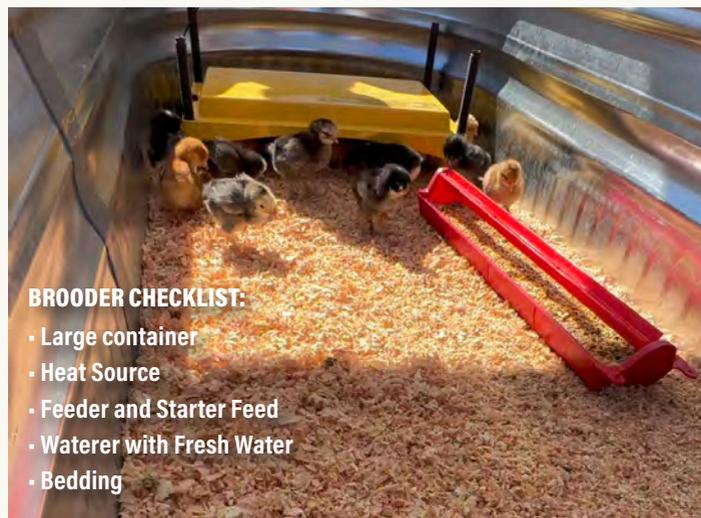
# Caring for Baby Poultry

Your new baby poultry will arrive two to three days after they ship. Baby chicks do not need food or water for those few days because they ingest the yolk of the egg as they hatch. However, when they arrive, they will need water, food, and a warm brooder immediately. A brooder is a confined space that is free from drafts. Baby poultry will need a brooder for approximately 4-8 weeks until they are feathered out and can regulate their own temperature. To help you get your chicks off to a good start, this page includes some important information to keep in mind as you prepare for the arrival of your poultry.

## BROODER BASICS

(UP TO 4-8 WEEKS)

- FEED:** Use a commercial chick starter for the first eight weeks. On the first day, cover the litter with newspaper and spread some feed on the papers. You should also have full feeders available. This will allow the new birds to find the feed easily. Use a 2-foot feeder for each 25 chicks. After the first day, remove the papers from the starting area. Please refer to the next page for required feed protein levels for each type of poultry.
- WATER:** We recommend a 1-gallon chick waterer per 50 birds. Your birds will be very thirsty when they arrive. Carefully dip the tip of each chick's beak in the water before setting it in the brooder. This helps ensure they can find their water so they remain properly hydrated. Never let your birds run out of water. We recommend using either Quik Chik or Broiler Booster in the water. For the first two days, you can add three tablespoons of sugar to each quart of water for extra energy if needed.
- HEAT:** Baby poultry can't regulate their own core body temperature, so maintaining the proper brooder temperature is critical. For the first week, baby poultry will need a brooder with the temperature at 90-95 degrees. Use a thermometer to monitor the brooder temps. The area directly under the bulb should be kept at the proper temperature, while the outer areas of the brooder will be slightly lower. Birds will seek out areas with the temperature they need. Use one bulb for each 50 chicks in cold weather. Use one bulb for each 100 chicks in warm weather. Each week, reduce the temperature by five degrees until you get to 70 degrees. By then, your birds should be feathered out and won't need any more supplemental heat. A good source of heat is a brooder lamp with a 250-watt heat bulb, hung 18" above the brooder floor. Red bulbs are preferred, as the red light may help to prevent picking. Use caution with heat bulbs, as they can be a fire hazard. A radiant heat plate is a safe and effective alternative to heat lamps. Use radiant heat plates in a room with an ambient temperature of at least 60-65 degrees.
- LIGHT:** If you use a heat bulb, this will also serve as a light. If not, your birds will need light. Use a 75-watt bulb on dark days. A small night light - approx. 15 watts - can be used at night to help prevent piling.
- SPACE:** To create the brooder area, create an area of 0.5 sq. ft. per bird at the start. Use a draft shield, brooder guard, or cardboard at least 12 inches high to form the brooder sides. This will help contain your birds and protect them from drafts. For 50 chicks, make the circle about 5-6 feet across, or 7-8 feet across for 100 birds.



### BROODER CHECKLIST:

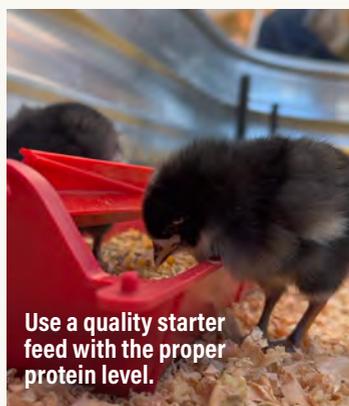
- Large container
- Heat Source
- Feeder and Starter Feed
- Waterer with Fresh Water
- Bedding



For the first week, keep the brooder at 90-95 degrees. Decrease the temperature by 5 degrees each week for 6-8 weeks.



Provide fresh water and electrolytes as needed.



Use a quality starter feed with the proper protein level.

## OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS

- **BEDDING/LITTER:** Wood shavings, rice hulls, or ground cobs make good litter. Do not use cedar chips, sawdust (which is too fine and baby birds may eat it instead of their food), or treated wood chips. Sand, straw, or dirt will also work, but are not as ideal as the options mentioned above. Cover the base of your brooder with at least one inch of bedding. We recommend covering the bedding with paper towels or other non-slip paper for the first day in order to prevent the chicks from eating their litter instead of the feed. To avoid possible leg problems, ensure the paper you use is non-slip. Remove the papers after the first day for heavy breeds and meat birds, and after the third day for lighter breeds.
- **GRIT:** Chickens and other poultry do not have teeth, so POULTRY MUST HAVE GRIT (crushed rock) to help break down the food in their crop and gullet. Once your chicks are started and eating properly - somewhere around the third day - sprinkle Chick Grit (#1 size) on their feed daily, just as if you were salting your food. Avoid putting too much at any one time so your birds don't fill up on grit instead of their feed.
- **BEHAVIOR ISSUES (PICKING):** Chickens and other poultry will often pick each other if they are too hot, crowded, bored, or without fresh air. Bright light can also cause them to pick, but sometimes they pick for no apparent reason. To stop picking, try giving your birds fresh grass clippings a few times a day and darken the room. Treat injured birds using an anti-pick product on any wounds until healed. If necessary, separate the injured or the aggressive bird.

## STRESS OR HEALTH ISSUES

- **IF THE BIRDS HAD A HARD TRIP DURING SHIPPING:** Instead of using the standard feed and water suggestions listed, put six more tablespoons of sugar in each gallon of water. Then, mix some of this extra sweet water with some of your feed to make a soupy mix. Give your birds this soaked feed and water mix for 3-4 days to get them over the hump.
- **REAR-END PASTY BUTT:** Sometimes, stress can cause feces/manure to stick to and dry on the backside of a baby bird. It is important to remove this buildup daily. Using a cloth and warm water, gently soak and loosen the dried manure from the affected area, being careful to not pull out the down. This should disappear in a few days as the bird starts to grow.

## CARING FOR POULTRY AFTER FOUR WEEKS

- **SPACE:** Increase floor area to 0.75 sq. ft. per bird.
- **FEEDERS:** Increase feeders to provide 2.5-3 inches of space per bird.
- **WATERERS:** Increase waterers to one 5-gallon fount per 100 birds.
- **GRIT:** Make sure grit hopper is filled with the proper sized grit.
- **ROOSTS:** Install roosts at the back of the brooder area. Allow 4 inches per bird with roost poles 6 inches apart.
- **FRESH AIR:** Weather permitting, open windows during the day, and leave partially open overnight.
- **RAISE WATER FOUNTS:** Place founts on platforms to prevent water puddles.
- **GET OUTSIDE:** Let your birds forage outside in a safe area on warm days.

## STARTING CORNISH CROSS & BROILERS

- Start these types of birds on a broiler starter. Higher protein has been known to help avoid leg problems.
- We recommend switching to limit feeding when your chicks are around 12 days old. Fill their feeders each day, and let feed run out in the late afternoon. Repeat with fresh feed each morning. Research has shown that following a limit feeding schedule leads to considerably less health problems as birds mature.
- We also recommend giving your chicks Broiler Booster in their water from start to finish.
- While management, environment, and feed quality can affect growth rates, Cornish Game Hens should be ready to process by 4 weeks. Cornish Cross cockerels will be ready to process in 6-8 weeks. Pullets will take 1-2 weeks longer.
- Under ideal conditions, birds will gain 0.5-1 pound per week after 6-7 weeks.
- Birds grown past suggested time frames may experience leg and heart problems.

## QUICK REFERENCE FOR STARTING BABY POULTRY

	Chicks or Bantams	Cornish Cross, Heavy Breeds, and Turkeys	Pheasants, Quail, and Chukars	Guineas	Ducks or Geese	Peafowl
<b>FEED</b>	18% Commercial Starter	22% Broiler or 28% Turkey Starter	28%-30% Game Bird or Turkey Starter (MASH)	28%-30% Game Bird or Turkey Starter	Non-Arsenic 21% Waterfowl Starter	28%-30% Game Bird or Turkey Starter
<b>ADD TO WATER</b>	Quik Chik	Broiler Booster	Antibiotic	Quik Chik	Quik Chik	Antibiotic
<b>HEAT AT FLOOR LEVEL</b>	90-95 Degrees	90-95 Degrees	90-95 Degrees (Quail 95-97)	95 Degrees	90-95 Degrees	95-97 Degrees
<b>LIGHT</b>	Extra Light in Room	Extra Light in Room	Extra Light in Room	Extra Light in Room	Extra Light in Room	Extra Light in Room
<b>SPACE</b>	1/2 Sq. Ft. per Bird	1/2 Sq. Ft. per Bird	1/2 Sq. Ft. per Bird	1/2 Sq. Ft. per Bird	1/2 Sq. Ft. per Bird	1/2 Sq. Ft. per Bird
<b>LITTER</b>	Commercial	Commercial	Commercial	Commercial	Commercial	Commercial

### HAVE QUESTIONS OR ISSUES WITH YOUR BABY CHICKS OR OTHER POULTRY?

Our experienced Customer Service team can help. Call 800.456.3280 for reliable information and assistance.

## CARING FOR BABY DUCKS AND GEESE

- 1. FEED:** Feed starter crumbles up to four weeks of age. Grower pellets are preferred from that point on. Layer pellets can be introduced gradually at their first egg. Mash should not be fed at any time unless it is moistened at each feeding, and care should be taken to avoid spoilage. Whole and cracked grains can be used to supplement the pellets at maturity. Green grass and vegetable trimmings can be given at any time. Check the niacin levels of your feed, and be sure to supplement if needed.
- 2. WATER:** Ducklings and goslings should have access to clean drinking water at all times, but should not be given enough for them to walk or swim in yet. Since they have been hatched in an incubator, they do not have their mother's protective oil on their down, and therefore they can be easily chilled if allowed to be in water. Access to swimming water can be given when fully feathered at approximately two months of age.
- 3. HEAT:** During the first week, they will need access to areas heated to 90°. This can be reduced 5° per week. For small numbers, a heat lamp suspended 18" above the bedding is fine. A Brinsea EcoGlow heat plate can also be used. Heating may take daily adjustments. If they are huddled or climbing on one another, increase the temperature. If they move away from their heat source, reduce the temperature. Take care to protect them from all drafts.
- 4. HEALTH:** Keep the bedding as dry as possible. Wood shavings are the best option. Do not use cedar chips, sawdust, or treated wood chips for bedding. Once your ducklings or goslings are one month old, allow them room to exercise and play outdoors during the day if possible, being careful to protect your birds from predators. You should have few health problems if you follow all the above instructions. If you do have any issues, try adding Terramycin to their diet.



Photos courtesy of Amy Warrell, Pine & Poppy

**IMPORTANT:** Leg bands and tape must be removed when your birds arrive.

### HAVE QUESTIONS OR ISSUES WITH YOUR BABY CHICKS OR OTHER POULTRY?

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## Protect Your Chicks with Vaccinations

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Protect your new flock with these important vaccinations. We recommend vaccinating chicks against Coccidiosis and Marek's disease. As you place your order, during checkout click YES on the box asking if you would like your chicks vaccinated.

### COCCIDIOSIS VACCINATION

Coccidia are common protozoan parasites present in almost all chicken yards. They can lay dormant for years until chickens are introduced. Heavy infections of coccidia can cause serious disease, sometimes resulting in death. Chickens of all ages can come down with coccidiosis, but 4-16 week-old chickens are most commonly affected. Wet litter, poor nutrition, and concurrent diseases are the most common triggers of this ailment. Vaccinations are best when given to chicks at 1-3 days of age. **IMPORTANT: To reduce the threat of coccidiosis, you should either: 1) Have us vaccinate your birds and use medicated feed OR 2) Use a medicated feed containing a coccidiostat.** ORGANIC GROWERS: Vaccinations are in compliance with the NOP/USDA organic standards. However, you should still verify with your certifying agency before having us vaccinate your chicks.

COVC - \$0.20

### MAREK'S VACCINATION

Marek's is a highly contagious and widespread viral disease affecting domestic chickens in all sections of the world. It is characterized by paralysis and lesions affecting the nervous system, organs, and other tissues. Young chickens under 16 weeks of age are most susceptible. There is no treatment for Marek's once the birds are infected. Chicks must be vaccinated as close to the time of hatch as possible for the vaccine to be effective. We vaccinate all of our own breeding stock and highly recommend our customers do the same. Vaccinating for Marek's is another critical step in responsible poultry management.

VACC - \$0.20



Since the beginning, McMurray Hatchery has supported 4-H and FFA members and clubs, as well as a host of other agricultural organizations across the U.S.A. From shows highlighting rare breeds to broiler projects, automatic feeder inventions, and even livestock trailers, we love to see our poultry community in action. In fact, we wouldn't be here today without our local county and state fair poultry contests. The thrill of raising your own birds, showing them at the local fair, and winning that coveted ribbon is how our story began so many years ago.

"[In 1917,] I made my first exhibit at the Iowa State Fair and entered a pen of Black Minorcas. I went down to the poultry show and rushed to my entries. I found a blue ribbon on the coop of my prized cockerel. ... Since then I have won hundreds of prizes at poultry shows, but none of them have brought the thrill that the first one did." — Murray McMurray



Today — 107 years later — we remain true to our roots by supporting young poultry keepers and their clubs nationwide. Each year, we receive letters and photos from kiddos across the country sharing news of their winnings and experiences.

Pictured here are just a few of this year's champions showing McMurray Hatchery birds. Congratulations to these and all the youth who have shown winning poultry across the country this past season!



**TOP ROW:** ARTHUR BRADMON (MI) Armada Co. Fair Best of Show Duck and Overall Poultry for Showmanship; OLIVIA SALLE (CA) 2023 Yuba-Sutter Fair Supreme Champion Poultry Meat Pen, 4-H Champion Poultry Meat Pen, 4-H Senior Champion Poultry Showman, Champion Small Breed Hen, and First Place Small Breeding Hen; AUBREY OTTO (IA) 2023 Iowa State Fair Grand Champion 4-H Market Broilers and 2023 Iowa Sale of Champions Record Sale. **MIDDLE ROW:** CARTER SISTERS (MN) Champion Junior Showmanship Poultry, Reserve Champion Market Pen, and Champion Market Pen; Klanderud Brothers (MN) Champion Brown Egg Production Pen, Champion White Egg Production Pen, and Champion Overall Egg Production Pen. **BOTTOM ROW:** LACY RETH (IA) Delaware Co. Fair Grand Champion Poultry, Champion Exhibition Standard, Champion Senior Showman and Iowa State Fair FFA Poultry Show Champion American Cock, Champion American Pullet, Champion American Breed, Reserve Champion American Breed, Champion AOSB Pullet, and Reserve Champion AOSB; TRACY RETH (IA) Delaware Co. Fair Champion Laying Flock Pullets, Reserve Champion Exhibition Standard and Iowa State Fair FFA Poultry Show Reserve Champion American Pullet, Champion AOSB Hen, and Champion AOSB; NEWTON SISTERS (IA) 2023 Winebago County Fair Grand Champion Egg Pen, Grand Champion Market Pen, and Grand Champion Fancy Breeding.

# The McMurray Difference

## QUALITY AND SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

The backbone of our business is based on customer satisfaction and high quality birds. Without both, our company would have been gone years ago. We are the oldest hatchery in the United States, and we offer the widest variety of rare and Heritage breeds. Since 1917, we have been supplying top quality poultry and related products nationwide. Your complete satisfaction with our company and products is our number one concern.

### NPIP CERTIFIED

We participate in the USDA National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), and we operate under the inspection and control of the Iowa Department of Agriculture. This ensures we follow the highest standards in our breeding stock, hatchery operation, and disease control. See the next page for the NPIP shields we carry.

### HAND-PACKED WITH CARE

We know you take great care in selecting the breeds for your flock when placing your order with us. We do everything possible to ensure you receive the highest quality poultry. Each box of chicks ordered from us is hand-packed by a team member and shipped to you with care, and our patented, custom-made, reinforced boxes are specially designed to protect them on their journey. *Next time you receive an order, check the label to see who packed your order!*

### LOW MINIMUM ORDERS

Whether you are just starting a backyard flock or are adding to an existing one, our low minimums are designed to fit your needs and ensure safe shipping. Over a century of experience in shipping baby poultry goes into our guidelines regarding minimum orders. Baby chicks and other poultry cushion one another and provide warmth during their journey. During colder months (Jan.-Mar.), our minimum is 25 baby chicks to ensure safe delivery. In warmer months, our minimum for standard-sized breeds is 6 baby chicks (*Bantam breeds not included*). A small order fee will apply on orders of 6-14 chicks. See below for order minimums per type of poultry:

Chickens .....	25, 6* After 4/1	Guineas.....	30	Peafowl .....	8
Ducks .....	2*	Partridge.....	35	Turkeys .....	10 or 15**
Geese .....	2*	Pheasants.....	30	Quail .....	100**

\* A small order fee may apply. See pg. 2 or call (800) 456-3280 for more information.  
 \*\*Turkey and quail minimums vary by breed.

### CHOOSE JUST ONE OF EACH BREED/SEX

Many of our customers want to raise just a few chicks of several varieties. For over 100 years, we have remained true to our roots, serving the needs of small backyard flock owners and poultry enthusiasts with no per-breed-per-sex minimums when ordering day-old baby chicks. Select as few as one of any individual breed and sex as long as the total meets the overall minimum required for that order. We do recommend ordering a few of each breed, however, to ensure you get a good sample of a variety.

### CHOOSE FEMALES, MALES, OR STRAIGHT RUN

No other hatchery allows you to choose as many different varieties of chickens by sex as McMurray Hatchery. A vast majority of our breeds are offered as sexed females (pullets) and males (cockerels), and all can be purchased as straight run (unsexed/as hatched). We have professional sexers on staff, and we guarantee 90% accuracy on their work. Please visit our website for information on how each breed is sold, sexed, and priced. Please note that we cannot guarantee an equal number of males and females in a straight run order.

### OUR GUARANTEES

#### POULTRY 48-HOUR LIVE ARRIVAL AND LIVABILITY

We guarantee our birds to be healthy and true to variety. Please visit our website or contact our Customer Service department for clear and reliable information regarding the proper care of baby poultry. We offer a *48-Hour Live Arrival and Livability Guarantee* and will either refund your money, replace your birds, or credit your account for the loss of any properly cared for bird(s) within 48 hours of arrival. Contact our Customer Service department at 800.456.3280 within 48 hours of arrival to report any losses. Reports must be made by phone. Replacement orders must meet the minimum number of birds required for safe shipping.

#### 90% SEXING ACCURACY GUARANTEE

We guarantee *90% accuracy* on all sexed poultry. If your order contains more birds that are incorrectly sexed (over 10% inaccurate), we will either refund you, credit your account, or replace any incorrectly sexed birds. Replacement orders must meet the minimum number of birds required for safe shipping. Contact our Customer Service department at 800.456.3280. Our representatives will provide you with information on how to send in photos so that they may verify the error.

#### MERCHANDISE

Purchases that do not meet your satisfaction may be returned for a full refund or credit to your account. Prior approval is required by contacting our Customer Service department at 800.456.3280 before merchandise may be returned. Returned merchandise must be unused and in resalable condition and must be in the original packaging with all appropriate literature intact. Vaccines, some health care items, and some processing equipment cannot be returned. All returns may be subject to a restocking and/or handling fee. Merchandise that is drop-shipped from the factory may be subject to additional or separate terms set by the manufacturer. At no time will our guarantee exceed the original purchase price.

### PACKING FOR THE ELEMENTS

To ensure that your birds arrive happy, healthy, and safe, we use a specially designed chick shipping box, adjust ventilation holes, and coordinate directly with USPS and the airlines regarding timing and weather. During the colder months, we offer the option of adding extra male chicks for warmth — free of charge. If you do, or do not, want us to add extra male chicks, we recommend contacting Customer Service by calling 800.456.3280 when ordering.

### SUBSTITUTIONS

Occasionally, we will have breeds that do not hatch as well as expected. When this happens, we will ask to substitute extra chicks of equal or greater value and similarity to what you had ordered. Look for the question regarding substitutions during the checkout process on our website. If you indicate no substitutions on your order, we may need to delay your order or ship it minus the birds that did not hatch and issue a refund to your account. If you have questions, please contact us at 800.456.3280.

# Biosecurity

At McMurray Hatchery, our mission is to provide our customers with healthy chicks. We participate in the USDA National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP). Our flocks are certified Pullorum-Typhoid Clean, AI Clean, and Salmonella Monitored. As a participant in this program, we follow a very strict vaccination, biosecurity, and testing protocols. All our flocks are tested monthly for AI and Salmonella. We encourage you to follow the biosecurity recommendations below to help keep your flock healthy.



### TIPS TO PREVENT POULTRY DISEASE

**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.** Restrict access to your property and your birds. Consider fencing off the area surrounding your birds to form a protective barrier. The immediate area surrounding your birds is your “clean” area, and all other areas — even the buffer area immediately surrounding your coop and run — are considered “dirty” and are a risk for spreading disease and bacteria.

Only allow people who take care of your birds to come into contact with them. Your caretakers should not attend bird shows or other events where birds are present. Require all visitors to your property who want to see your birds to wash and clean their shoes, or keep clean boots for them to wear. If your visitors have birds of their own, ask that they only see your birds from a distance and do not let them near your birds.

Game birds and migratory waterfowl should not have contact with your flock because they can carry germs and diseases. If your birds are outdoors, try to keep them in a screened area. All wild birds must be considered to be a risk to your flock, even if the birds appear healthy and disease-free.

**KEEP IT CLEAN.** Be cautious about tracking dirt and disease into your coop and run where it could infect your flock. Germs can be picked up on shoes and clothing, and easily move from one area to another. To keep your birds germ-free, keep a pair of shoes and a set of clothes to wear only around your birds. Many keep these clean items in a container at the entrance to their coop or run.

Always wear clean clothes and disinfect your shoes before coming in contact with your birds. To disinfect your shoes, use a scrub brush and disinfectant to remove droppings, mud, or debris. Clothes should be clean, and should not have been previously worn in areas where other poultry owners have gathered. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before entering your bird area.

Keep cages, food, and water clean on a daily basis. Clean and disinfect equipment that comes in contact with your birds or their droppings, including tools, feed scoops, shovels, rakes, and brooms. All manure must be removed by cleaning surfaces with soap and water, then disinfect the area. Properly dispose of dead birds by burial or incineration, or take them to a landfill. Check your local ordinances for acceptable disposal methods.

### IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT AVIAN INFLUENZA

Avian Influenza (also known as “bird flu”) is an ongoing concern. We share the following information as a public service announcement to keep our customers better informed with suggestions on ways to help protect your own flocks.

#### PROTECTING YOUR FLOCK

The best way to protect your flock is to follow strict biosecurity procedures:

- Do your best to prevent your flock from coming into contact with wild birds. A major vector for the introduction of Avian Influenza is migratory birds.
- Use foot-baths with disinfectants to clean footwear when moving from an area where wild birds might be present to the areas where your flocks are housed.
- For a complete list read “Tips to Prevent Poultry Disease” online at <https://l.mcmh.biz/USDA-Avian-Flu-Brochure>

**DON'T HAUL DISEASE HOME.** Car and truck tires, poultry cages, and equipment can all harbor germs. When traveling to a location where other birds are present, including the feed store, be sure to clean and disinfect these items before return to your property.

Taking some of your birds to a fair or exhibition? Keep show birds separate from the rest of your flock for a minimum of two weeks after the event to ensure that they aren't bringing any diseases or illnesses back to your flock.

When bringing in new birds, ensure that they are from a reputable NPIP provider. New birds should be kept separate from your flock for at least 30 days before integrating them with the rest of your birds. To prevent disease, it is best not to mix birds from different species or different sources.

**DON'T BORROW DISEASE FROM YOUR NEIGHBOR.** Do not share birds, lawn and garden equipment, tools, or poultry supplies with neighbors or other bird owners. Thoroughly clean and disinfect all equipment before bringing it onto your property. Remember to clean and disinfect borrowed items before returning them. Never share items such as wooden pallets or cardboard egg cartons, as they are porous and cannot be adequately cleaned and disinfected.

**KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS OF INFECTIOUS BIRD DISEASES.** Many bird diseases can be difficult to diagnose. The list below includes general symptoms to look for that signal something might be wrong with your birds. Early detection of signs and symptoms is a an important part in preventing the spread of disease among poultry and other fowl.

- Sudden death
- Diarrhea
- Sneezing, gasping for air, nasal discharge, coughing
- Lack of energy and appetite
- Swelling of tissues around eyes and in neck
- Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs, and legs
- Depression, muscular tremors, drooping wings, twisting of head and neck, lack of coordination, or complete paralysis

If your birds present signs of illness, separate any sick birds from the rest of your flock and contact a local veterinarian or your Extension Office.

#### AVIAN INFLUENZA FACTS

- USA-reported cases of Avian Influenza have only affected birds.
- The USDA has not approved a vaccine for use in the USA.
- You cannot get Avian Influenza from properly handled cooked food. Microorganisms of all kinds are destroyed when internal cooked temperatures reach 160°F.
- For more current information, please visit the USDA Avian Health website at <https://l.mcmh.biz/usda-avian-health>
- For more information on Avian Influenza in your area, contact your local veterinarian or Extension Office.



CLICK TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BIOSECURITY FROM THE USDA

# 2024 Hatching Season

## SHIPPING BABY POULTRY

Within hours after hatching, our team carefully and quickly packs your order for shipment. Each order of baby poultry is hand-packed by one of our team members, placed in one of our custom shipping boxes, and vaccinated as ordered. Each box contains bedding, Gro-Gel, and heat packs as needed. Once completed, packed orders are loaded onto our truck and taken to the airport for immediate shipping. All orders are shipped Priority Mail through the U.S. Post Office – most travel by air. Your order should reach your post office within 48-72 hours. Prior to hatching, chicks draw in the yolk sac, which provides them with all of the nutrition and hydration they need for several days. That window of time allows us to ship them to you safely. Once your order has shipped, you will receive tracking information via email. When your order arrives at your local Post Office, they will contact you for pick up. Your baby birds will be less than 72 hours old when they arrive. See pg. 124, or visit our website at McMurrayHatchery.com, for more information on caring for your birds. When placing your order, you will be asked to provide the email address where we will send shipping alerts and tracking information, as well as your phone number so the Post Office can contact you. If you prefer delivery to an alternate location, please call our Customer Service department. If you have questions or issues with your order, please contact our Customer Service department at 800.456.3280.

## MERCHANDISE (NON-LIVE PRODUCTS)

**ORDER DELIVERY TIME** We attempt to process all orders the day after payment is received. All orders ship the fastest way possible, but please allow up to 2-3 weeks for delivery.

**DROP-SHIPPED ITEMS** Some of the products we sell are shipped directly from the manufacturer. Please allow additional delivery time for these items. Returns on drop-shipped items may be subject to a restocking fee.

**BACKORDER POLICY** While we strive to keep our shelves stocked and bring you the fastest service we can provide, manufacturing delays can occasionally cause us to backorder merchandise. Our team will notify you regarding any backordered merchandise when your order is placed, and we will notify you again within 45 days if the item is still on backorder.

**CATALOG PRICING** While we take every precaution to ensure accurate prices, we cannot guarantee the catalog to be free of pricing and description errors. Prices are subject to change without notice. **Pricing on our website supercedes all other pricing, including catalogs.**

**MERCHANDISE RETURNS** **Prior approval is required before merchandise can be returned.** Call 800.456.3280 for approval. Merchandise returned for refund or exchange **must** be unused and in resalable condition, in its original packaging, and include all the appropriate literature. All returns are subject to a handling and restocking fee of 10% of the original cost of the item. Drop-shipped merchandise may be subject to additional terms set by the manufacturer. Refunds will not be issued until the returned item has arrived at the Hatchery.

## CANADIAN CUSTOMERS

To receive day-old baby chicks from McMurray Hatchery, please follow these instructions:

1. When you place your order, please provide your regular Canadian mailing address.
2. **We cannot ship live poultry directly into Canada. We will ship your order to the post office in the U.S. city where you plan to pick up your order.** You will need to provide the address and zip code of that location. The shipping label for your order will show your name and the address of the post office in the U.S. city you have chosen. You will be notified of the day you can expect to receive your chicks.

3. Contact the Post Office where you plan to pick up your order to ensure they will accept your shipment of live birds. You may be required to purchase a P.O. Box.
4. **Poultry Health Papers are required** at Canada Border Crossing Inspection Stations for ALL live poultry transported into Canada. Once your order is placed, we will apply to the State of Iowa to obtain health papers for you. A \$75 non-refundable fee will be charged for the paperwork. Orders must be placed a **minimum of two weeks prior to the desired ship date** to allow time for paperwork. Any date changes will require new paperwork, with an additional \$75 charge. Multiple types of poultry

## 2024 HATCHING SEASON

*Chickens* ..... February – October  
*Chukars* ..... April – July  
*Ducks* ..... February – November  
*Geese* ..... March – June  
*Guineas* ..... May – September  
*Peafowl* ..... June – August  
*Pheasants* ..... April – July  
*Quail* ..... April – September  
*Turkeys* ..... April – August

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Large or heavy items may require additional shipping charges. Please call 800.456.3280 for a shipping quote.
- Orders placed after 11:00 AM (Central) will ship the following business day.
- Alaska, Hawaii, US Territories and Canada: Please allow 3-4 additional business days for delivery.
- Business days do not include weekends or holidays.
- We reserve the right to add a fuel surcharge to the shipping and handling charges.
- Website orders must be paid via credit card or PayPal.

(i.e. chickens or waterfowl) ship **separately**, and each require **separate** health papers and a \$75 fee.

5. Please check in advance with your Canada Border Crossing Inspection Station to see if they are prepared to inspect and admit poultry.

We are unable to ship certain types of fowl and products into Canada, including but not limited to: Proso, grit, quail, turkeys, pheasants, juvenile birds, adult birds, hatching eggs, and vaccines.

All sales are in U.S. Dollars. All orders must be prepaid in U.S. funds. No C.O.D. Master Card, Visa, American Express, and Discover are accepted. All phone orders must be paid by credit card.



P.O. Box 458, Webster City, IA 50595

## HOURS OF OPERATION

PHONE HOURS	MONDAY - FRIDAY
JANUARY - JUNE	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
JULY - DECEMBER	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Our office is closed for the following holidays: New Year's, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Orders may be placed on our website during these times, but we will not be filling orders or shipping.

## HOW TO ORDER

Orders can be placed online, or by phone, mail, or fax. Please note that we do not have a store location for purchases. No C.O.D., all orders must be paid in full prior to shipping.

**MasterCard, VISA, Discover, American Express, PayPal (online only), cash, check, and money orders are accepted.** We reserve the right to cancel your order if payment is declined.

**FOREIGN CUSTOMERS:** We only ship poultry to U.S. Post Office locations within the 50 states (*some restrictions apply*).

## ORDER ONLINE 24 HOURS A DAY

### McMurrayHatchery.com

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## ORDER BY PHONE TOLL-FREE

### 800.456.3280

If you need assistance placing your order, or if you have questions about an order, contact Customer Service during business hours. All phone orders **must** be paid by credit card. We accept MasterCard, VISA, Discover, and American Express. We reserve the right to cancel your order if payment is declined.

## ORDER BY MAIL OR FAX

To order by mail or fax, please complete the order form. For security purposes, only send checks or money orders by mail. To pay by credit card, please pay online, or contact us to pay by phone. Checks must clear your bank prior to the shipment of your order. Allow three weeks for checks to clear. A \$30 fee will be applied for any check returned due to insufficient funds. We do not accept post-dated checks. Send completed order forms to: **McMurray Hatchery, P.O. Box 458 Webster City, IA 50595.** Fax orders to **515.832.2213.**

## ORDER FORM

Fax or Mail to: McMurray Hatchery, P.O. Box 458, Webster City, IA 50595

**Order online at McMurrayHatchery.com**

## CONTACT / SHIPPING INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## ORDER INFORMATION

Will you accept a bird substitution of a similar breed?  Yes  No  
 Please CIRCLE your preferred arrival week below.

Select an Arrival Week From This List											
January	29					June	3	10	17	24	
February	5	12	19	26		July	1	8	15	22	29
March	4	11	18	25		August	5	12	19	26	
April	1	8	15	22	29	September	2	9	16	23	30
May	6	13	20	27		October	7	14	21	28	

Item #	Unit/Sex	Description	Quantity	x	Price	=	Total	
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		Small Order Handling Fee (\$35 on 6-14 chicks, \$45 on 2-9 ducklings/goslings)		x		=		
VACC	Each	Vaccinate Birds for Marek's Disease		x	\$0.20	=		
COVC	Each	Vaccinate Birds for Coccidiosis		x	\$0.20	=		
QCC	4 oz.	Quik Chik (Shipped with Birds)		x	\$3.95	=		
BBC	4 oz.	Broiler Booster (Shipped with Birds)		x	\$7.95	=		
GEL	Each	Gro-Gel (Shipped with Birds)		x	\$3.90	=		
SUBTOTAL								
Tax — Calculate sales tax for your state. (IOWA RESIDENTS add 7%. No Tax on Birds, Feed & Med.)			Subtotal	x		=		
Shipping & Handling — Call 800.456.3280 For Shipping Quote			Subtotal	+		=		
							TOTAL	=

## PAYMENT METHOD

- Check (enclosed)
- Money Order (enclosed)
- Credit Card — For security purposes, do not send credit card information through the mail or fax. Please call our offices at 800.456.3280 to process your payment over the phone.



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 PO BOX 458, WEBSTER CITY, IA 50595-0458



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