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**Selecting a Breed**

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 for the meaning of each icon.

1. **New you can shop by EGG COLOR and complete your rainbow basket! Look for this icon meant to showcase to see what color eggs eggs will lay.
2. **Interesting to raising your own poultry to feed your family? This icon is outstanding for MEAT PRODUCTION.
3. **Lives in a warmer climate? Look for the sun icon to find HEAT TOLERANT BREEDS that will thrive in higher temperatures.
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5. **Want to raise backyard chickens in a more urban setting? This icon has a key, plant temperate and are good for FAMILIES.
6. **These breeds are recognized in the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection and are considered to be a HERITAGE BREED.
7. **Breeds with a diamond icon are RARE or EXTINCT. Many are listed by the Livestock Conservancy as Critical or Threatened.
8. **Interesting to what other customers are buying? The star icon indicates our BEST-SELLING BREEDS.
9. **Our family and staff have been raising chickens, ducks, and other poultry for years. Look for this icon to see OUR FAVORITE BREEDS.

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**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: 4 to 19 chicks will apply on orders of 4-19 chicks. A fee of $4 will apply on orders of 20-99 by breed size when you order baby chicks, ducklings, or geese.
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 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.
AMERAUCA
(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 well 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.

BLUE AMERAUCA
(SHIPS FEBRUARY – FIRST WEEK IN JULY)
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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, swallows, 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 Brittney Knight.

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 feathers 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.

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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.
BIELEFELDER

(Ships February – October)

The Bielefelder has skyrocketed in popularity since arriving in the United States in 1929. With one of the best attributes of any breed we carry, they are easy to raise and have a quiet, friendly temperament. Bielefelders are a hit with homesteaders and urban farmers 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 chipmark-pattern and a distinct black mark across their eyes.

Photos courtesy of Lindsey McBride, Shae West, Cassey Meiling, Cassidy Cerme, Cassandra Vianker, and Kathy Warren of The Chicken Chick.

Class All Other Standard

TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed

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Class: English

Mature Weight (LB): Male 12 / Female 9

Egg Production: Best

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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 of this is the super-handy, 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 hatching 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 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 then there’s a Heritage breed for everyone, no matter your style, purpose, or experience as a chicken keeper! Beyond that, we love 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 kids, too!

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The Brahma is 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. Brahmans 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 demeanors, they are certainly worth the wait!

BUFF BRAHMA

The Buff Brahma was developed much 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 Brahmas. 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 hue with black hackle feathers edged in buff, a black tail, and feathered legs and feet. Compared to the other varieties, Buff Brahma hens are the lightest of all three varieties. Buff Brahma males are about the heaviest of all three varieties.

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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 America rather than India. 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!

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

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 Brahmas 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 comb make them ideal for colder climates. Of the three varieties, Light Brahma hens are the best layers, averaging 220 eggs per year.

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Braha Basics

- Heavily feathered from tip to toe with a tight pea comb
- Ideal for cold climates
- Not as far-wandering, but like for foraging
- Bear confinement well

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BROWNS EGG LAYERS

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.

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FEATHER-FOOTED FANCIES

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TOP HAT SPECIAL

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.

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RARE BREED SPECIAL

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.

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BARGAIN CHICK ASSORTMENTS

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COLLECTION COCKERELS

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FLY TYER’S SPECIAL

Bring home this ALL MALE assortment and make your own unique Grizzlies, Duns, Badgers, and more. These breeds will give you the hockle, saddle, and tall feathering you’re looking for as you explore the art of fly tying.

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MURRAY’S SPECIAL ASSORTED BARGAIN

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.

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MURRAY’S CHOICE LAYERS

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.

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ORNAMENTAL LAYERS

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.

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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 90 chicks, or at least five in more breeds in quantities of 5-100 chicks.

MURRAY’S SPECIAL CHICK ASSORTMENTS

BEST-SELLING ASSORTMENTS

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Crevecoeur, Houdan, Polish, and Sultan breeds.

On anyone’s face! This fun assortment includes our choice of varieties from our Cochins, Faverolles, and Langshans.

This STRAIGHT RUN (SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY) 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

COLLECTION COCKERELS

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TOP HAT SPECIAL

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REAR BREED SPECIAL

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SUPER DUPER

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.
Buttercup

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 brown eyes, and yellow-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.

Golden Campine

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 hosted Belgium.

Interestingly, the Campine was admitted into the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection not just once, but twice. In the late 1990s, the breed was imported into North America, but was dropped from the Standard in 1996. Eventually, both the Golden and Silver varieties of Campine chickens were recognized by the APA and were admitted back into the Standard in 1994. 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.

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McMurray Hatchery Rare Heritage Breeds on the Conservation Priority List

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 rare breed chickens 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.

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 Rock, 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.

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### Chickens

- **Ancona**
  - Watch
- **Andalusian**
  - Watch
- **Australorp**
  - Graduated
- **Brahma**
  - Graduated
- **Buttercup**
  - Threatened
- **Campine**
  - Threatened
- **Cochin**
  - Recovering
- **Cornish**
  - Watch
- **Croucener**
  - Watch
- **Delaware**
  - Recovering
- **Dominique**
  - Watch
- **Dorking**
  - Threatened
- **Faverolles**
  - Watch
- **Hamburg**
  - Threatened
- **Houdan**
  - Threatened
- **Jersey Giant**
  - Recovering
- **Lakenvelder**
  - Threatened

### Turkeys

- **Langshan**
  - Threatened
- **Leghorn**
  - Recovering
- **Minxica**
  - Watch
- **Modern Game**
  - Threatened
- **New Hampshire**
  - Threatened
- **Old English Game**
  - Watch
- **Phoenix**
  - Watch
- **Plymouth Rock**
  - Graduated
- **Polish**
  - Recovering
- **Rumpot**
  - Critical
- **Sebright**
  - Watch
- **Sultan**
  - Threatened
- **Sumatra**
  - Recovering
- **Sussex**
  - Recovering
- **White Faced**
  - Black Spanish
- **Yukonama**
  - Critical

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McMurray Hatchery Rare Heritage Waterfowl & Turkey Breed Status

- **Buff Duck**
  - Watch
- **Campbell Duck**
  - Watch
- **Caucasian Duck**
  - Watch
- **Runner Duck**
  - Recovering
- **Savory Duck**
  - Threatened
- **Silver Appleyard Duck**
  - Watch
- **Swedish Duck**
  - Watch
- **Welsh Harlequin Duck**
  - Watch
- **Black Turkey**
  - Watch
- **Bourbon Red Turkey**
  - Watch
- **Chocorua Turkey**
  - Watch
- **Midget White Turkey**
  - Watch
- **Nagarossotti Turkey**
  - Watch
- **Royal Palm Turkey**
  - Watch
- **Silver Turkey**
  - Watch
- **Standard Bronze Turkey**
  - Watch
- **White Holland Turkey**
  - Threatened

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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

The standard-sized Cochins are one of our family favorites—especially the Buff Cochins. 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.

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 Cochins varieties, these quiet and gentle birds are perfect for first-time chicken owners and families.

SILVER LACED COCHIN

Silver Laced Cochins are a more rare variety of Cochins. 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.

PARTRIDGE COCHIN

The Partridge Cochins are 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 Cochins varieties, Partridge Cochins are large, beautiful, easy-to-raise birds with a calm and docile temperament.

WHITE COCHIN

The White Cochins are large, beautiful, easy-to-raise birds with a calm and docile temperament.

Like Feather-Laced Breeds? See our Brahmas, pg. 10; Favorelles, pg. 22; Langshans, pg. 27; or our feather-laced assortments, pg. 13.

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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.

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.

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 Breastled 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 breeders—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.

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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. 
*Egg Production:* 220-240 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-raised 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. 40.*

**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-sewing chicken breeds in the world, sought after for their beautiful and consistent blue eggs. An auto-sewing 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 layerers. 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 fairly heavy and 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 Tad Yinger, Ashley Davis, and Nancy Stoltz.

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TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed
Comb Type: Single
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow
Mature Weight (LB): Male 8 / Female 6.5
Egg Production: Good

DELaware

(Ships February - October)

The Delawares 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 breeder industry in the state of Delaware during the mid-1800s. 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 lean meat for easy processing. The result was a heavy breed bird with mostly white feathers and slight barring on both the hocks and tail. The Delaware reigned as a popular commercial bird for two decades, until the development of the modern Cornish Cross breeder 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 caring for property. 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.

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TLC Conservation Priority: Recovering
Comb Type: Single
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow
Mature Weight (LB): Male 8 / Female 6.5
Egg Production: Good

CREVECOEUR

(Ships February - October)

The Crevecoeur is one of the oldest French breeds. Its name comes from the village of Crevecoeur 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 15th 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 breed with state colored legs, reddish eyes, and a bright red comb. They are similar in size but larger than the Polish, and are more comparable in size to the Houan. Males average around 8 lbs., while females are slightly smaller. Hens are feather layers of medium size 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.

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Comb Type: V
Feet & Legs: Clean / Black
Mature Weight (LB): Male 7.5 / Female 5.5
Egg Production: Fair

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 Holly Miller, Anne Branches, Chelsea Menassie, Holly Callahan-Kasmala, and Chrisie DiCarlo.

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Class: American
TLC Conservation Priority: Watch
Comb Type: Rose
Feet & Legs: Clean / Yellow
Mature Weight (LB): Male 8 / Female 6.5
Egg Production: Good

The Delaware Heritage breed in the Breed Spotlight series from Holly Callahan-Kasmala and Chrisie DiCarlo is from Coffee from the Chicken Ladies — on the McMurray Hatchery blog. SCAN TO READ THE BLOG >
**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.

**Eggs**: Medium-sized cream-colored eggs, and they have a high tendency towards broodiness. **Males**: Fluffy and bright yellow with a small bit of black on their backs and wings. **Females**: Fluffy and bright yellow. **Overall**: Very rare in the U.S. and relatively hard to find.

**Class**: Continental 
**Comb Type**: Rose 
**Feet & Legs**: Clean/Gray, Blue 
**Colors**: Black, Red, Silver, Spangled 
**Egg Production**: Good 
**Mature Weight (LB)**: Male 5, Female 4 
**TLC Conservation Priority**: Not Listed 

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**SALMON FAVOROLLES** *(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 are 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 cream white and salmon-brown feathering. These are very alert and active birds, and are not yet recognized by the APA or The Livestock Conservancy. Fauluims are marked with silver-white hackles, and are easily identified.

**Eggs**: Medium-sized cream-colored eggs and are raised primarily for exhibition and novelty. **Males**: 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 cold or backyard settings, as they bear confinement well. Their calm, quiet demeanor makes them a good option for families with small children, too.

**Class**: Continental 
**Comb Type**: Single 
**Feet & Legs**: Clean/White 
**Colors**: Black, Red, Silver, Spangled 
**Egg Production**: Good 
**Mature Weight (LB)**: Male 6, Female 5 
**TLC Conservation Priority**: Threatened

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**EGYPTIAN FAOUIMIS** *(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. Fauluims 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.

**Class**: Continental 
**Comb Type**: Rose 
**Feet & Legs**: Clean/Gray, Blue 
**Colors**: Black, Red, Silver, Spangled 
**Egg Production**: Good 
**Mature Weight (LB)**: Male 6, Female 5 
**TLC Conservation Priority**: Threatened

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**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 Layers” Hamburgs are generally heat tolerant and do well in warmer climates.

**Class**: Continental 
**Comb Type**: Single 
**Feet & Legs**: Clean/Gray, Blue 
**Colors**: Black, Red, Silver, Spangled 
**Egg Production**: Good 
**Mature Weight (LB)**: Male 5, Female 4 
**TLC Conservation Priority**: Threatened

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**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.

**Class**: Continental 
**Comb Type**: Rose 
**Feet & Legs**: Clean/Gray, Blue 
**Colors**: Black, Red, Silver, Spangled 
**Egg Production**: Good 
**Mature Weight (LB)**: Male 5, Female 4 
**TLC Conservation Priority**: Not Listed

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**SILVER SPANGLED HAMBURG** *(SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)*
The Silver Spangled Hamburg is the most common of the two varieties we carry. These are very alert and active birds. They are silver white with contrasting black spangled feathering throughout. Hamburgs are small and elegant birds, consistent layers, and have a bright, cheerful attitude when foraging in a free-range setting.

**Class**: Continental 
**Comb Type**: Single 
**Feet & Legs**: Clean/White 
**Colors**: Black, Red, Silver, Spangled 
**Egg Production**: Good 
**Mature Weight (LB)**: Male 5, Female 4 
**TLC Conservation Priority**: Not Listed

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Did you know these are five chicken breeds with five toes? Dorkings (this page). Faverolles (this page). Hamburgs (pg. 20). Salmons (pg. 47), and Silver Spangled Hamburgs (pg. 65).
Heritage breeds are beloved by many chicken keepers across the country, and with good reason! Heritage chickens are able to reproduce naturally, making them 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 Mike Malave, Kenneth Rich, Reba Reynolds, Jordan Lengel, and Daniel Smith.
The Black Giant is the original Jersey Giant, developed by crossing several large, dark Asiatic breeds. The breed is used for both egg and meat production.

**Class: American**

**TLC Conservation Priority: Recovering**

**Comb Type: Single**

**Feet & Legs: Clean / Black**

**Mature Weight (LB):**
- Male 13.0
- Female 10.0

**Egg Production: Good**

The Jersey Giant is an American breed that originated, as the name suggests, in New Jersey in the late 1800s. Aptly named, this immense, heavy dual-purpose chicken thrives in warm climates and has a good disposition. They are very quick and active, and will forage widely if allowed to roam. 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.

**Class: Continental**

**TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened**

**Comb Type: Single**

**Feet & Legs: Feathered / Pinkish White**

**Mature Weight (LB):**
- Male 9.5
- Female 7.5

**Egg Production: Good**

**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 1930. 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.

**Class: Continental**

**TLC Conservation Priority: Recovering**

**Comb Type: Single**

**Feet & Legs: Feathered / Blue, Black**

**Mature Weight (LB):**
- Male 14.5
- Female 11.5

**Egg Production: Good**

**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. 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.

**Class: Continental**

**TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened**

**Comb Type: Single**

**Feet & Legs: Clean / Slate, Blue**

**Mature Weight (LB):**
- Male 5.0
- Female 5.0

**Egg Production: Good**

**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.

**Class: Asianic**

**TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened**

**Comb Type: Single**

**Feet & Legs: Feathered / Blue, Black**

**Mature Weight (LB):**
- Male 5.5
- Female 4.5

**Egg Production: Good**

**WHITE LANGSHAN**

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.

**Class: Continental**

**TLC Conservation Priority: Threatened**

**Comb Type: Single**

**Feet & Legs: Clean / Slate, Blue**

**Mature Weight (LB):**
- Male 6.0
- Female 5.0

**Egg Production: Good**

**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 Dual Langshan, they were imported into the U.S. in the 1930s. These stunning birds are one of our oldest breeds, with records showing their flocks dating back as early as 1893. 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 sweeping tails and a quiet disposition.
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 these high-production Leghorns. This is, by far, our best white egg laying breed. Pearl White Leghorns 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 viability 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.

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

Hens are good layers and are non-setters. 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.

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 it a great option for those interested in exhibition or looking for foundation stock.

Item # Sex 1-5 6-15 16-24 25-50 51-99 100+
SLPF Female $6.58 $5.82 $5.62 $5.34 $5.07 $4.82
SLPC Male $4.45 $4.38 $4.30 $4.14 $4.00 $3.83
SLPS Unsexed $5.38 $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 to the American Standard of Perfection in 1874. Along with the Rose Comb Brown Leghorn (above), this is generally considered to be the most colorful variety within the Heritage Leghorn family. Like all Leghorns, they are active foragers. Heres 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.

Item # Sex 1-5 6-15 16-24 25-50 51-99 100+
SCB Female $6.58 $5.82 $5.62 $5.34 $5.07 $4.82
SCBC Male $4.45 $4.38 $4.30 $4.14 $4.00 $3.83
SCBS Unsexed $5.38 $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 harder 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.

Item # Sex 1-5 6-15 16-24 25-50 51-99 100+
RCP Female $6.58 $5.82 $5.62 $5.34 $5.07 $4.82
RSC Male $4.45 $4.38 $4.30 $4.14 $4.00 $3.83
RCS Unsexed $5.38 $4.77 $4.53 $4.31 $4.09 $3.89
Marans

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, it 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.

FRENCH BLACK COPPER MARANS

When you’re choosing 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 flocks around their head and neck. Roosters are the show-stoppers with blue-black feathers set against bright copper hues. 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.

FRENCH WHITE MARANS

French White Marans are noisy 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.

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FRENCH MARANS

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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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Minorcas

Minorcas (SHIPS FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

Minorcas are the largest, and heaviest, of the Mediterranean breeds. These heat-tolerant birds have long bodies, large comb and wattles, large white earlobes, and compact feathering. Minorcas 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.

**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 1897 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 Mediterranean breed that is heat-tolerant and ideal for warmer climates. These agile birds are always on the move, and they thrive when allowed to free-range foraging and thrives in warmer climates. They 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 Stickel.*

**Item #** | **Sex** | **Price**
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60F | Female | $5.54
60M | Male | $4.49
65 | Unsexed | $5.38

**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 cock 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, Pepper McCarty, and Tessa Stickel.*

**Item #** | **Sex** | **Price**
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60F | Female | $5.54
60M | Male | $4.49
65 | Unsexed | $5.38

**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 Malay and was added to the American Poultry Association's Standard of Perfection in 1867. 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 2023. Modern Games come in many varieties, but our flock is a Black Braided 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 descent 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 WholeFlock Hatchery staff.*

**Unsexed: GAMS $60 ea.**

**Naked Neck** (TURKEN)

This unusual Heritage breed gets its name from the lack of feathers on its neck. Naked Neck — 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.

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

**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** | **Price**
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TURF | Female | $5.71
TURM | Male | $3.78
TURU | Unsexed | $4.54

**WHITE NAKED NECK**

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. Guineas are shelled. See page 37 for more information on our APA Certified flocks.

*Photos courtesy of White Naked Neck Farms, Maria Mullins, and Pepper McCarty.*

**Unsexed: WNNN $104 ea.**
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 Com��on 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 raise a sustainable flock for both meat and egg production.


Did You Know?

- Though they are not recognized by the APA or TLC as Heritage breeds, both the Lemon Cuckoo Niederrheiner and the Beikoheimer are ideal ornamental breeds that may naturally develop into new breeds.
- They are well suited for free-range and can grow successfully on forages such as corn, sunflower, and wheat.

LEMON CUCCKO NIEDERRHEINER

(HIPS 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, the Beikoheimer, making them an ideal option for those who wish to raise a sustainable flock.

The Niederrheiner’s buff color and barring makes this beautiful breed stand out. Its large size is comparable to our other German breed, the Beikoheimer, 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 Julie Vergese.

APLA Certified Breeds for a Quality Foundation

For the second season in a row, McMurray Hatchery is proud to offer chicks from roosters certified by the American Poultry Association (APA) as being bred to Standard. Six of McMurray Hatchery’s breeds have been certified as we head into the 2023 season. The Buff Orpington, 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 showcase 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.

BUFF ORPINGTON (SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)

Buff Orpingtons are a dual-purpose choice for homesteaders and farmers who are interested in raising a sustainable flock for both meat and eggs. These gentle birds have gorgeous plumage and are very heat tolerant. White Orpingtons are especially sweet, are good winter layers, and also make excellent setters and mothers to their baby chicks. White Orpingtons are consistently one of our most popular breeds. This best-selling pet chicken is perfect 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.

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. White Orpingtons are a truly stunning breed and are especially popular for families with small children as well. Photos courtesy of Megan Kyle, Arora Chaffin, Julia Holmen, Linda Lundberg, and Avery Roth.

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 as 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 Ksenia Belanger. See pg. 123 to shop Chicken Tutus.

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.

BUFF ORPINGTON (SHIPS FEBRUARY – OCTOBER)

Buff Orpingtons are consistently one of our most popular breeds. This best-selling Heritage breed is pure gold with gorgeous buff feathering and a wonderfully quiet disposition. Their loral, 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.

WHITE ORPINGTON (SHIPS FEBRUARY – EARLY JULY)

Though this variety is not a recognized Standard of Perfection breed, this breed is quite rare and is listed as ‘Watch’ by the Livestock Conservancy. Small-ornamental breed is generally kept by fanciers for show. Mature males are white with black, iridescent blue, and silver shades with a long, sweeping 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.

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Plymouth Rocks

The Plymouth Rock is an American Heritage breed developed in the 1800s and first accepted into the Standard of Perfection in 1878. 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.

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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.

Buff Laced Polish

As their name indicates, this variety is a rich golden-buff with each feather delicately edged 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, making them an ideal choice for foundation stock. Buff Laced Polish have friendly dispositions and are easy to handle. Hens lay white eggs and are non-setters.

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.

BUFF LACED POLISH

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

White Crested Black Polish photo courtesy of Maria Watkins.

WHITE POLISH

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.

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.

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

White Crested Black Polish photo courtesy of Maria Watkins.

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.

SILVER POLISH

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

White Crested Black Polish photo courtesy of Maria Watkins.

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.

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

For more crested breeds, look for our Crevecoeurs (pg. 20), Houdans (pg. 26), and Sultans (pg. 47).
In addition to being Emdred’s favorite animals at the orchard, the ducks have a crucial role 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 protect or eat 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 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, chittering 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 connected 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.

**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 luscious black tail.

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Class: Production | Mature Weight (LB): Male 6.5 / Female 5.5
TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed | Egg Production: Best
Comb Type: Single | Feet & Leg Color: Light / Yellow

**Growing 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 lifelong 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 breast-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 fencing 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, they are typically anywhere between 35-40 hens foraging throughout the orchard.

“We keep a mix of Americana, Anarcon, Buff Orpingtons, Chiruana Queen (red sex link), 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 direct tour!”

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.

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 @glouchachers.

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

The Amber Star—sometimes called an Amburink—is a sex link chicken whose parent stock is the reverse of our Red Stars. Amber Stars are a great choice if you’re looking for heavy layers. Hens are predominantly 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 hardly yet docile, heavy layers that will even lay in cold weather.

**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.

**SULTAN**

Sultans are one of our rarest and most critically endangered breeds. This old-oriental breed was once favored by the rulers of Turkey. Sultans have a full list of distinguishing characteristics including a crest, muffed beard, vulture hocks, fully feathered shanks and feet, and a white face. They have a dramatic presence with their pure white coloring and contrasting bright red 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.

**SUMATRA**

These rare and beautiful long-tailed chickens are a native to the island of Sumatra in Indonesia. The Sumatra is a luminous 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.

**WHITE FACED BLACK SPANISH**

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.

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**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 larger 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 links will often keep laying right through warm or cold weather.

**Red Star**

The Red Star sex link chicken is one of our favorite heavy layers, ranking it as one of our best sellers. This other breed consistently lays as many large brown eggs as the Red Star. At approximately 22 weeks, these hens start to lay, and will keep on laying eggs right through hot or cold weather.

**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.

**Sultan**

Sultans are one of our rarer and most critically endangered breeds. This old-oriental breed was once favored by the rulers of Turkey. Sultans have a full list of distinguishing characteristics including a crest, muffed beard, vulture hocks, fully feathered shanks and feet, and a white face. They have a dramatic presence with their pure white coloring and contrasting bright red 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.

**Sumatra**

These rare and beautiful long-tailed chickens are a native to the island of Sumatra in Indonesia. The Sumatra is a luminous 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.

**White Faced Black Spanish**

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.

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**Price List**

- **Female**: $5.14
- **Male**: $3.40
- **Unsexed**: $4.08

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**Summary**

- **Class**: All Other Standard
- **Mature Weight (lb)**: Male 8 / Female 6
- **Egg Production**: Good
- **Comb Type**: Single
- **Feet & Leg Color**: Lean / Slate

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**Notes**

- **Comb Type**: Single
- **Feet & Leg Color**: Lean / Slate

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**Price List**

- **Female**: $5.71
- **Male**: $3.78
- **Unsexed**: $4.54

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**Summary**

- **Class**: Mediterranean
- **Mature Weight (lb)**: Male 8 / Female 6
- **Egg Production**: Fair
- **Comb Type**: Single
- **Feet & Leg Color**: Lean / Slate

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**Notes**

- **Comb Type**: Single
- **Feet & Leg Color**: Lean / Slate

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**Price List**

- **Female**: $5.14
- **Male**: $3.40
- **Unsexed**: $4.08

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**Summary**

- **Class**: All Other Production
- **Mature Weight (lb)**: Male 6 / Female 6
- **Egg Production**: Best
- **Comb Type**: Single
- **Feet & Leg Color**: Lean / Yellow

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**Notes**

- **Comb Type**: Single
- **Feet & Leg Color**: Lean / Yellow

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**Price List**

- **Female**: $5.71
- **Male**: $3.78
- **Unsexed**: $4.54

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**Summary**

- **Class**: All Other Standard
- **Mature Weight (lb)**: Male 5 / Female 4
- **Egg Production**: Fair
- **Comb Type**: Poult
- **Feet & Leg Color**: Lean / Black

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**Notes**

- **Comb Type**: Poult
- **Feet & Leg Color**: Lean / Black
### SPECKLED SUSSEX

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 CH Pals, Holly Cathman-Hannah, Christine Dickens, Sara Massad, Marnel Lillie, Lauren Clift, and Angela Represent.

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**Egg Production:** Good

**Feet & Legs Colors:** Clean / White

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### WELSUMMER

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 Welsummer is a single comb, clean legged breed that originated in Holland.

Photos courtesy of Michael School, Caucasian Lohmans, Lowerom Swineyard, and Leann Davis of Birds and Bridge Farm.

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**Egg Production:** Good

**Feet & Legs Colors:** Clean / Mixed

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### BEST-SELLING ASSORTMENT

**Brown Egg Layers**

Let our team make up a unique flock for you, and your egg basket will be filled with beautiful, fresh brown eggs. From heritage all the way to high production breeds, this ALL FEMALE assortment includes our choice of breeds from our best brown egg layers.

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### 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, as 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. Pallets 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.

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**Mature Weight (LB):** Male 6.0 / Female 4.0  
**Egg Production:** Best

**Feet & Legs Colors:** Clean / White

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### WHITING TRUE GREEN

The Whiting True Greens have 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 4.5 lbs, hens have an astounding best-to-egg conversion. Whiting True Greens are friendly, active, and excellent foragers that free-range well.

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**Egg Production:** Best

**Feet & Legs Colors:** Clean / Mixed

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### COMING SOON...!

**Whittings**

6 Chick Minimum Order – See Page 2 for Details
**Wyandottes**

The Wyandotte (first named the American Sibright) 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.

**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.

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More About Lacing in Poultry Feather Patterns

Lacing is a feather pattern found in a few poultry breeds. It is created by the placement of two colors, one band of color nested inside the other. The Silver Laced and the Gold Laced are two of the laced breeds that can be found in Wyandotte varieties. Developed from the Silver Laced Wyandotte, it was admitted into the APA Standard of Perfection in 1988. 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.

**Golden Laced Wyandotte**

(SHIPs FEBRUARY - EARLY JULY)

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

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**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.

**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 1988. 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.
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.

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

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Unsexed BANTAM BREEDS A-Z

**Unsexed**

*QUAIL ANTWERP BELGIAN BEARDED D’UCCLE*

The Quail Antwerp is a variety of the Belgian Bearded D’Uccle Bantam. These small feather-footed birds are gentle, quiet, and docile in nature. The Mille Fleur has a sweet disposition and lays small white eggs.

Unsexed. MFB $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.

Unsexed. BBBS $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 bluish 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.

Unsexed. PBBS $6.95 ea.

**Belgian Bearded D’Uccle**

These beautiful birds come 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 purdy beards, vulture hocks, heavy leg feathering, and wide-set tails, these little birds are a delight to keep.

Unsexed.

CLASS: Feather-Legged Bantam

- Mature Weight: 1.6 lb / Male 1.5 / Female 1.0
- Egg Production: Fair
- TLC Conservation Priority: Not Listed
- Comb Type: Pea
- Feet & Leg Color: 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.

Unsexed. MFBS $6.95 ea.

**Porcelain Belgian Bearded D’Uccle**

Known for their puffy beards, vulture hocks, heavy leg feathering, and wide-set tails, these little birds are a delight to keep.

Unsexed. PBBS $6.95 ea.

**Buff Brahma Bantam**

These petite birds lay small brown eggs.

Unsexed. BBBS $6.95 ea.

**Mile Fleur Belgian Bearded D’Uccle**

These petite birds lay small white eggs and have a very gentle, docile nature.

Unsexed. MFBS $6.95 ea.
**Bantam Cochin**

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

### Feather Legged Bantam

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### Class: Feather-Legged Bantam

**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. $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. $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 comb and wattles.

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

Unsexed. $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. $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 Robert Sanger, Jake Cram, Faye Albright, and HC Leung.*

Unsexed. $6.95 ea.

### Bantam Frizzle Cochin

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

### 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 Fransen.*

Unsexed. $6.95 ea.

### 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. $6.95 ea.

### Golden Laced Cochin Bantam

Golden Laced Cochin Bantams 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. $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 Robert Sanger, Jake Cram, Faye Albright, and HC Leung.*

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**Reproduction Cochin Bantam**

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**Buff Cochin Bantam**

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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.

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Clean-Legged Bantam Assortment

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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.

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Note: There are no pure short-legged Japanese Bantams. Some chicks will have medium-to-long legs.
### 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 Red). Bantam Rhode Island Reds are a deep mahogany color and have the old-fashioned single comb appearance. These double birds lay small brown eggs and are a great alternative to their larger counterparts for backyard settings and urban flocks where space is limited.

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### 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.

Sebrights are well-suited to urban flocks, backyards, and coops with enclosed runs which are a great alternative to their larger counterparts for backyard settings and urban flocks where space is limited.

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### Assorted Bantams

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 by selecting 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.

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**FREE SHIPPING** On Full Orders Of Day-Old Baby Chicks

**NEW OFFER:** Day-Old Baby Chicks in Bantam Assortments. When ordering day-old chicks, we offer FREE SHIPPING on full orders of Day-Old Baby Chicks.

Minimum quantities of 15 chicks apply with any of our assortments. You’re already an experienced Bantam keeper, add variety to your existing flock by selecting any of our assortments. Bantams are sold as STRAIGHT RUN ONLY (unsexed).

### Bargain Chick Assortments

**STRAIGHT RUN ASSORTED PUREBRED BANTAMS**

Includes a 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 Cochins and Frizzle Cochins Bantams. Includes our choice of at least four varieties. — Unsexed, ACR

**FEATHER-FOOTED BANTAMS**

Includes a Straight Run mix of our choice of varieties from any of these Bantam breeds: Cochins, Brahmas, D’Uccels, and Silkies. — Unsexed, APF

**ASSORTED CLEAN-LEGGED BANTAMS**

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

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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+*

- CXHP Female $3.64 $3.46 $3.28 $3.09 $2.91 $2.74
- CXMC Male $4.05 $3.85 $3.65 $3.44 $3.24 $3.06
- CXUS 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.

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- CGHP Female $3.64 $3.46 $3.28 $3.09 $2.91 $2.74

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“...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 tenure allows me more time to focus on other projects around the homestead, too.” — Grow Build Raise on YouTube and Instagram.
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 (née, 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 hearty 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 Manureless Pigman 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.
In recent years, raising poultry for meat has increased in popularity thanks to the rise of the homesteader movement. McMurray Hatchery’s exclusive Delaware Enhanced Heritage Broiler was developed as an answer to that question. The Delaware Broiler is a 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.

**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.

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**FRYING PAN SPECIAL**
These are smaller, white trutheen, 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. 

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**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.

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**MURRAY’S BIG RED BROILER**
(Ships: February - October)
This meat bird is in 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 reaching 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.*

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**MURRAY’S GINGER BROILER**
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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 altitude-related health issues. Developed high in the Rocky Mountains, the Ginger Broiler is altitude-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.*

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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.

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.

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.
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**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, BRDF Male, BRDC Unsexed, BRDS.
- **BLUE RUNNERS** — Females, BDF Male, BDC, Unsexed, BDS.
- **CHOCOLATE RUNNERS** — Females, CDF Male, CDFC, Unsexed, CDFS.
- **FAWN/WHITE RUNNERS** — Females, FWDF Male, FWDC, Unsexed, FWDS.

**SILVER APPLEYARD**

This cream-colored breed was developed in Germany in the 1930s. 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 lbs.

**SAXONY**

This cream colored breed was developed in Germany in the 1900s. Saxseys 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 lbs.

**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 ducks are very handy 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.

**WELSH HARLEQUIN**

The Welsh Harlequin is a fairly rare Heritage breed. Developed in Wales, they were brought to the U.S. in the 1900s 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.

**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 6-225 lbs.

**MINIMUM ORDER:** 2 Ducklings and/or Goslings — *Small Order Fee May Apply*
## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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!

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## 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.

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## 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 three breeds. Sold in lots of 10 goslings.

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## 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 $104.00

**Barnyard Combination #2**
Includes: 9 Ducklings and 6 Turkeys
Our choice of breeds and varieties. Unsexed.
BCCS $104.25

**Barnyard Combination #3**
Includes: 6 Goslings and 6 Ducklings
Our choice of breeds and varieties. Unsexed.
BCDS $126.36

## 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 Roya Pal.

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## 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.

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## HOMESEATER’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).

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## STOCK UP AND SAVE WITH DISCOUNTED CHICK ASSORTMENTS.
Shop layer breed assortments, pg. 13; meat bird assortments, pg. 66.
Chineses are a fun and adventurous addition to any homestead, farm, or large property. These are enormous consumer of crop pests, including companionship, predator prevention, help in the garden, and sustainable meat and eggs.

**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. 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 goose 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.

**CHINESE**

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 goose are a noisy breed. They are very active foragers, mature early, and are good layers with above-average fertility.

**AFGC Male**

Item # Sex 1-4 5-24 25+
AFGP Female $38.34 $37.28 $35.52
AFGC Male $19.48 $18.61 $17.08
AFGS Unsexed $25.24 $23.99 $22.78

**WHITE CHINESE**

White Chinese 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 around 20 lbs, while females are closer to 15 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.

**WEGP Female**

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WEGC Male $18.99 $18.04 $17.14
WEGS Unsexed $23.83 $22.68 $21.78

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**BROWN CHINESE**

This Heritage breed is very rare and is listed as ‘Threatened’ on The Livestock Conservancy Priority List. Buff geese will average 14-16 lbs at maturity and are good layers.

**PIGLRMUS**

Pilgrim Gooese is the only domestic breed wherein makes 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 bill, 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 50% over the season.

**AFGP Female**

Item # Sex 1-5
AFG P Female $8.23
AFGC Male $38.54
AFGS Unsexed $43.29

**WHCGP Female**

Item # Sex 1-4 5-24 25+
WHCGC Male $18.99 $18.04 $17.14
WHCGS Unsexed $23.83 $22.68 $21.78

**WHGS Unsexed**

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

FREE SHIPPING On Full Orders of Day-Old Waterfowl**

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AFEGC Male $19.48 $18.61 $17.08
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**WHITE EMBDEN**

White Embden goose 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 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.

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SEBASTOPOL

Thought to have originated in southeastern Europe, these flightless geese are fair loners 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 goose, 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.

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

LIMIT 6 (3 females) Sebastopol goslings per customer.

Photos courtesy of Melissa Kee and Caroline Scott.

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 McDerment, Michaela Scarsella, and Helga Romoser.

TOULOUSE

Named for the famous city of Toulouse in France, these geese, along with White Embden, are the most popular commercial goose 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 12-15 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.

WEEDER GEESE

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.

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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.

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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.

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

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

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IMPORTANT NOTES when ordering Murray’s Turkeys:

Vaccinations are NOT available on all Murray’s Turkeys orders.

MINIMUM ORDER 10 POULTS on all Murray’s Turkeys orders.

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.

Photos courtesy of George Belka.

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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 20 weeks, while females will weigh 16 lbs. at 16 weeks.

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

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On Full Orders of Day-Old Baby Poultry

On Full Orders of Day-Old Baby Chicks

FREE SHIPPING On Full Orders of Day-Old Baby Poultry
Besides the Chocolate, all of our Heritage turkey varieties are recognized in the APA and are known to have a calm, friendly disposition. 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**BLACK SPANISH**

While rare, their numbers are improving. As with all blue-feathered poultry and fowl, poults will come in blue, black, splash, and white. Please see pg. 6 for more information on the color blue in poultry.

**BLUE SLATE**

As with all blue feathered poultry and fowl, poults will come in blue, black, splash, and white. Their metallic sheen changes from copper to bronze to gold as the light moves across their feathers. Although this is a rare variety, their numbers 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.

**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.

**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.

**BROAD-BREASTED BRONZE**

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

**MIDGET WHITE**

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

**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.
Guineas  

**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 visitors, 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.  

**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-honed 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, Splendid, Cumes, Outeen, 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, 8 Peafowl – $537.12  

**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.  

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

**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.  

**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**  

**JUMBO RINGNECK PHEASANTS**  

**PEAFOWL & GUINEA COMBINATION**  

**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.  

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**PEAFOWL & GUINEA COMBINATION**  

**Chukar Partridge**  (SHIPS APRIL – AUGUST)  

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 back 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.  

*Minimum Orders May Apply. Please See Each Breed Listing for Details.*
Quail

**BOBWHITE**  
(Ships June – September)

Bobwhite Quail are great fliers and a fun addition for any backyard or homestead. Bobwhites are a delicious meat source, and typically ready for processing by 6 weeks, dressing out at 7-8oz. Hens will start laying eggs by 24 weeks and are prolific layers.

*Minimum 100 Bobwhite Quail Chicks*

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**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*

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**TENNESSEE RED**  
(Ships June Only)

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.

*Minimum 100 Tennessee Red Quail Chicks*

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**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.

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**CALIFORNIA VALLEY**  
(Ships June Only)

The official state bird of California, this breed is prized for it’s hardiness and adaptability. Their small plumage bodies sport a downward curving black plume on top of their head. Hens lay a creamy white egg that is thinly spotted with golden brown. Limited supply.

*Minimum 100 California Valley Quail Chicks*

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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.

**McMurray Hatchery**

McMurray Hatchery offers a wide selection of exotic juvenile birds. From the picturesquely 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 birds will excite even the most discerning aficionado.

**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.

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*Prices vary by breed. Prices 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, aviries, zoos, vineyards, and tropical island estates.

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**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 stately birds, taller birds that have a graceful appearance.

**VISIT MCMURRAYHATCHERY.COM TO SHOP MORE EXOTIC JUVENILE BIRDS INCLUDING PEAFOWL, DOVES, QUAIL, PARTRIDGE, AND MORE!**
**CHICKEN EGGS**

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**QUAIL EGGS**

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**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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**Hatching eggs**

perfect for a home incubator — or an unbreakable broody

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**one stop coop shop™**

—a curated collection of tried and true poultry equipment
INCUBATION & BROODER HEAT — POULTRY EQUIPMENT

Incubation

Nothing compares to placing eggs in an incubator and watching them hatch just 21 days later. We’ve been hatching chicks weekly for 97 years and it never gets old. Are you ready to try your hand at hatching your own chicks? Shop our curated collection of incubators and hatchers — and be sure to give us a call if you have questions along the way.

HIGH HATCH INCUBATOR

The High Hatch Incubator is a complete hatcher and incubator all in one. With three turning racks and a hatching tray, you can add eggs each week and see the oldest in the hatching tray. Features include a Digital Command Center thermostat with back-up, turning racks, plastic hatching tray, moisture pan and wick pads, and instructions. 110 Volt AC. 225 Watts. 30.25"x 15.75"x 31.75"H

EGG TRAYS SHOWN IN IMAGE ARE SOLD SEPARATELY ONLINE.

3MBH - $395.00

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"x 15.75"x 31.75"H

3DML - $595.00

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. Tailor design allows for gagos and other large eggs. Sold wth or wthout turner.

UL/CUL Listed. 4 pounds. 25 watts (12V AC). 18"x 18"W x 33.75"H

FULL-VIEW INCUBATOR WITH FAN

With Fan & Chicken Turner

25MB - $286.50

FULL-VIEW INCUBATOR WITH FAN and Goose Turner

25GB - $299.00

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" 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.

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Prima Heat Lamp PHL - $44.50

Infrared Heat Lamp Stand 4-3/4" - $41.00

Infrared Heat Lamp 3FH - $18.85

CAUTION: Use caution when using infrared bulbs. Lamps can get very hot and can be a fire hazard. Please keep securely away from bedding or other flammable items.

FOUR BULB BROODER

This thermastically controlled brooder will supply enough heat for approximately 100 chicks. You can adjust the thermostat to have either two or four lights on to maintain temperature. Bulbs not included. Replacement parts available online.

34BHP - $95.90

Infrared Heat Bulb

4 pack. (250 Watt, 110 Volt)

3MBH - $239.99

Brooder Heat

SINGLE BULB BROODER

This brooder will supply heat for approximately 100 baby chicks. Clamp included. Thermostat and bulb not included.

3MBR - $86.85

Infrared Heat Bulb (250 Watt, 110 Volt)

3MBH - $86.35

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CANOPY GAS BROODER

Hang a LP gas brooder made of rigid steel for durability and strength. The S.I.T. modulating control delivers variable heat. 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

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3GMHB - $289.00

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 (3GBG) - $395.85

Universal Box Brooder Only 3GBH - $389.00

Grow-Off Pen Only 3GHP - $215.00

Expander Unit for added height 3GBG - $83.25

Base Stand Only With Swivel Casters 3GBG - $106.13

Universal Box Brooders and 3-Tier Start and Grow are not intended for use past brooding and initial grow out. Chick capacity will vary based on breed. For use in areas not subject to severe conditions or with limited access.
**Electrolytes for Poultry**

**Quick Chik**
Get your chicks off to a good start with Quick Chik, our own combination of vitamins and electrolytes formulated specifically for baby poultry. Just add it to your flock’s drinking water. Quick 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 250 chicks for about two weeks.

**Thermo Poultry Brooder**
This affordable and efficient brooder uses around 25 watts to warm up to 16 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.

**Broiler Booster**
Comich Cross, other broiler breeds, turkeys, and many heavy breeds of chickens have astounding growth rates. If managed incorrectly, this rapid growth can sometimes exceed the bird’s ability to absorb essential nutrients. Broiler Booster contains vitamins A, D, E, B-12, electrolytes, and biotin, which really works to support strong bone growth. When added to your chicks’ water, it will increase their overall health and strength, and result in more meat on the table.

**THERMO POULTRY BROODER**

- 20” Chick Feeder — Holds 5 lbs. of Feed
- Brooder Lamp and 250-watt Bulb
- Adjustible Lamp Hanger
- Reusable Plastic Brooder Panels
- Brooder Thermometer
- Quick-Chik Electrolytes

**Brooder Guard**
Single-sided corrugated draft shield for use during those important first five weeks. Makes an 8-foot circle when fully extended, 12” high. SHIPS - $43.98

**Quick Chik Electrolytes**
For Poultry

- 1 Gallon Waterer
- 20” Chick Feeder — Holds 5 lbs. of Feed
- Reusable Plastic Brooder Panels
- Brooder Thermometer
- Quick-Chik Electrolytes
- Our Own Combination of Vitamins and Electrolytes

**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!

**Gro-Gel**

- 1 Quart Brooder
- Game Bird Feeder
- Single-Bulb Brooder with Infrared Bulb
- Brooder Thermometer
- Raising Bobwhite Quail Book

**QUAIL STARTER KIT**
Start your quail chicks right with this specialized kit:

- 2 1/2 Qt. Feeders
- Single-Bulb Brooder with Infrared Bulb
- Brooder Thermometer
- Raising Bobwhite Quail Book

**QUAIL STARTER KIT**

- 1 Gallon Waterer
- 20” Chick Feeder — Holds 5 lbs. of Feed
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- Brooder Thermometer
- Quick-Chik Electrolytes
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**BRINSEA ECGLOW 600**

- 6QC4 - $4.39
- SHIPS FREE!

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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 is huge, carefully curated, and each product we offer has been tried and tested by our team at work, and at home in our personal coops!

GALVANIZED HANGING FEEDER
Nothing lasts longer than heavy-duty galvanized poultry equipment. Available in various sizes, these feeders are designed to reduce feed waste.

12-lb. Feeder Capacity: 15-30 chickens, small birds, or chicks. 401G - $16.00
30-lb. Feeder Capacity: 50-75 large chickens or pheasants. 485G - $45.00
45-lb. Feeder Capacity: 75-150 medium chickens, or other mature birds. 444G - $23.00

PROTECTIVE COVERS FOR GALVANIZED FEEDERS
Fits all hanging galvanized feeders.

Plastic Cover 4KFCF - $2.05
Metal Cover 4BGFJ - $4.80

GALVANIZED 75-LB HD FEEDER
MADE IN THE USA This is the ultimate in galvanized feeders. Made of galvanized steel and stainless steel screens, this wall-mount feeder will last forever.

28” x 14.5” W. 4WRF - $199.00

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

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 419HF - $2.95
Quart Jar Feeder Base 419US - $4.00

DURA FEEDER
Prevent feed waste with these durable trough feeders. Available in three sizes to match your flock’s needs.

35” Feeder up to 30 adult birds. 487T - $43.00
50” Feeder up to 20 birds. 487F - $26.75

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-invert 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. 4873 - $75.00

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.

4KRF0 - $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 koozie lid (shown) to remain fresh and dry no matter the weather. Off-ground design keeps your food rodent and pest free.

43HF - $52.00

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 included not attached.

22 lb. For baby chicks. 4KPF1 - $21.15
35 lb. For adult chickens. 4KPF2 - $28.70
50 lb. For turkeys. 4KPF3 - $36.35

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 spillage. Base can be used with our

4” x 4” x 3”. 419RT - $17.00

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 keeps feed dry. Holds 10 pounds of feed.

4KHF - $35.00

60” Feed base

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 34.5” of feed space.

4BFTF - $3.50

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60” Feed base

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.

43FF - $66.00

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 50# size!
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.

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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. 4WK - $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

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

CAGE WATERING KIT
Use this kit to build a watering system for show or breeding cages. Includes: 3 drinkers, 9 clamps, 3 cage brackets, 17 tubing, 3 cup guards, 6 clamps, and 2 holes. 4MCK - $22.40

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. 4MCK - $13.95

HEATED FLAT-BACK BUCKET
4.5 gallon (16 qt.), 50-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 warmer. Easy to fill and carry. Roost and spill-proof. Replacement tank sold separately online. 4HPW - $39.99

HEATED BASE
This heated base is UL listed and safe for use with any poultry waterers. Thermostatically controlled to not heat unless the temp is cold enough. Recommended for use in sheltered areas. 16” diameter. 4MB - $46.95

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. 4WDS - $41.00

THERMO-CUBE ® HEATED PAD
Help your chickens stay warm when frigid winter temperatures arrive. Features an internal thermostat. MET listed and energy efficient. 5HP - $49.95

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. 4PHW - $34.50

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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

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Keep your water flowing with this 2.5 gallon warmer. Easy to fill and carry. Roost and spill-proof. Replacement tank sold separately online. 4HPW - $39.99

HEATED FLAT-BACK BUCKET
4.5 gallon (16 qt.), 50-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

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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. 4WDS - $41.00

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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!

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’’H x 12.5’’W x 27’’L with an 8’’ x 11’’ opening in front. 
SQRN - $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 SQRN2 - $464.00 Rear Roll-Out Nest Box SQRN3 - $494.20

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 up for easy cleaning.

4-Hole Galvanized Nest Box 12’’D x 26’’W x 36’’H SQRN4 - $124.20

8-Hole Galvanized Nest Box (Not pictured) 12’’D x 48’’W x 36’’H SQRN5 - $191.70

10-Hole Galvanized Nest Box SQRN6 - $227.65

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 SBRN4 - $135.00

6-Hole Nest Overall size 33’’H x 11.5’’L x 36’’W SBRN6 - $227.65

BIG BIRD NEST BOXES

These nests are taller (14’’), 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 25’’H x 65’’L x 14.25’’D SBBN5 - $283.20

10-Hole Big Bird Nest Box Overall size 40.75’’H x 60’’L x 14.25’’D SBBN10 - $508.80

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 125’’ - $14.99

5BB10 - $598.80

Overall size 40.75’’H x 60’’L x 14.25’’D

10-Hole Big Bird Nest Box

5BB5 - $267.60

Overall size 26’’H x 60’’L x 14.25’’D

5-Hole Big Bird Nest Box

5BB10R - $477.60

10-Hole Galvanized Roll-Out Nest Box

5BB10N - $283.20

10-Hole Galvanized Nest Box

5BEN6 - $227.65

Overall size 33’’H x 11.5’’L x 36’’W

4-Hole Nest

5BEN2 - $195.60

Overall size 33’’H x 11.5’’L x 24’’W

4-Hole Nest

5FHN - $124.20

Overall size 12’’D x 26’’W x 36’’H

4-Hole Nest

5HNS - $36.50

This nest is 14’’H x 16.25’’W x 17’’H and weights 4 lbs. Smooth surface is easy to clean and includes drain. A mounting strip along the back surface makes it easy to install. SHNS - $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 pecking. 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.

11’’ x 12’’

5BNP - $31.95

Roll-Out Nest Pads

Fits most 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10-hole nests. Plastic roll-out trays available online. 501 - $65.50 Save when you order 6 or more!

SINGLE HOLE NEST BOXES

We have something for everyone!

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CERAMIC & WOODEN NEST EGGS

Enlist 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 5CEC - $17.00
Wooden Eggs 5CCE - $10.00

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**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.

### Nite Guard Solar®
Nite Guard Solar is solar powered, the impression of a threat, which in turn helps to ward off nocturnal predators. Nite Guard Solar mimics the eye of another animal to give universal alarm color for all animals. The red flash of the Nite Guard Solar is a safe, natural way to protect your flock out in the morning and shuts them in at night. This new unit features:

- Automatic open your coop door in the morning
- Battery operated (4-AA) with long battery life — typically one year
- 8 lb. door lifting capacity
- Delayed opening option
- Fully digital menu control and display
- Easy install with just 2 screws

**MBCD - $165.00**
**MBCD12 - $220.00**

Complete kit includes the controller, coop door, and rear door provides a safer, easier release process. Available in four different sizes depending on your needs.

Nite Guard Solar® is solar powered; completely weatherproof, and self-activates at dusk. Works best with four units.

**SN1G - $23.25**

### 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. **MBCD2 - $230.00**

**Murray’s Best Coop Door Controller Only**
**MBCD - $195.00**

### CHICKSAFE ADVANCE COOP DOOR CONTROLLER
Brinsea’s ChickSafe Advance automatic coop door opener lets your flock out in the morning and shuts them in at night. This new unit features:

- 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 (4AA) with long battery life — typically one year
- Battery-level indicator shown on the digital display

**Brinsea ChickSafe Advance Coop Door Controller**
**MBCD - $195.00**

### 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-lb. roll of 48’/PoultryNet electric netting, four 48’/FiberFlock support posts, one SolarTop™ 80 fence energizer, and one Fence & Battery Digital Tester. **SPF4T - $91.80**

**PoultryNet® Fencing with 4 Posts**
(48’/4’6”) Double-staked. Includes four FiberFlock posts, Energizer not included. **SP1 - $223.00**

**Solar Intellithink® 60 Energizer with Digital Tester**
Includes solar energizer, 7’ ground rod, and fence tester. Can power up to three 164’ rolls of fencing. **SPF4 - $285.00**

### 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.

**SHOP THESE ACCESSORIES FOR WIRE PENS**
Woven high and high enough for predators and waterers easily attach to both the mobile coop and wire pen above. Available online at McMurrayHatchery.com

### Poultry Layer Cage
Grow out young birds, prep your best trio for show, break a broody hen, or quarantine sick birds with these stackable poultry layer cages. These 30” x 18” x 30” cages are made of 11” x 14” 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 latches. Stack up to three cages together for more capacity without compromising space. Assembly required.

**SHOW CAGE FOR POULTRY**
Show poultry at the fair, break a broody hen, or keep must pets in this easy-to-assemble cage. Easily knocks down flat for storage, no tools required. Removable tray allows for easy cleaning. Top is 10” x 10” doors (top in front) for easy access. 30” x 18” x 30”.
**SCAG - $95.05**

**COOP EQUIPMENT & FLOCK PROTECTION | POULTRY EQUIPMENT**
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!

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.

**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 poults 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.

**Farmhouse of Blessings Family Farm**

**SENOIA, GEORGIA**

**NPIP CERTIFIED**

Tucked away in the rolling fields outside of Senoia, Georgia, Leonessa 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.
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 is 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**

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**PROCESSING EQUIPMENT**

- **POULTRY TRANSPORT COOPS**
  - Easily transport your birds for processing in these high-density polyethylene coops.
  - **Standard Transport Coop** Holds 10-14 birds. (30" H x 30" L x 23" W) $49.00 - $75.00
  - **Oversized Extra-High Transport Coop** Ideal for turkeys, ducks, and extra-large poultry. (15" H x 23" L x 23" W) $575.00 - $99.99

**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") SBAZ - $80.38
- **Large Turkeys** For birds up to 25 lbs. Package of 50. (30" H x 12" W x 8") SBAZ2 - $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 drooler size only. Some large droilers may be too large to fit in these bags whole.

- **25 Bags** SBSH - $129.99
- **50 Bags** SBSH - $219.99

**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.

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- Bags not included. Vacuum bags available online at McMurrayHatchery.com.
Scalers and Pluckers

Process your poultry efficiently with these best-selling scalders and pickers.

**NEW! PROPAINE SCALDER KIT**
This new scalder 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 105,000 BTU over a 30” square surface for efficient and even heating. Hose assembly connects directly to a standard portable LP (propane) tank.

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**FEATHERMAN SCALDER**
The Featherman Scaler holds a consistent water temperature to give you that perfect scald. Made of #4 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. Top cover sold separately.

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**FEATHERMAN PRO PICKER**
The Featherman PRO is a must-have for anyone wanting to increase processing efficiency. Drop scalded birds into the tub and the plucker does all the work. The model is best for large birds, but can handle turkeys, too. Made from durable, UV-resistant FDA food-grade plastic. Includes spray ring, feather chute, waterproof switch, and 119 fingers. Capacity 3-5 lbs. Made in the U.S.A. Fully assembled.

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**FEATHERMAN RESTRAINING CONES AND STAND**
Process efficiently with this rotating stand and cone unit. The 36” diameter base/hub is made of high-density, UV-resistant, molded plastic and is easy to clean and sanitary. Cones are stainless steel and spot welded for strength and longevity. Made in the U.S.A.

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**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 Scaler, locking into place with no tools required. The dunking arms pivot from left to right for easy loading and unloading. Made in the U.S.A.

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**ELECTRIC SCALDER**
Thorough, accurate scailing 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” x 30” x 20” H with an interior depth of 16” Width 30 lbs. Not recommended for commercial or heavy use.

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**EZ PLUCKER**
This plucker is a game-changer for processing meat birds. Just place dispatched poultry in the tub, and spray water with the unit and spin. 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 Kit 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. Use to high demand, we recommend calling our office for availability. Replacement fingers available on our website.

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Egg Supplies

After months of caring for your flock and patiently waiting, your eggs 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.

**POULTRY EQUIPMENT**

5KES - $34.99
Not for use in weighing eggs for trade.

**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!

| Size (inches) | Description | Price
|---------------|-------------|____
| 6             | Tall Black, 13 in. Basket (9 Doz.) | $21.95
| 8             | Small Black, 8 in. Basket (3 Doz.) | $21.95
| 10            | Tall Green, 10 in. Basket (4 Doz.) | $23.95

**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.

| Size (inches) | Description | Price
|---------------|-------------|____
| 5BAS5        | Med. Black, 13 in. Basket (9 Doz.) | $19.95
| 5BAS3        | Small Black, 8 in. Basket (3 Doz.) | $19.95
| 5BABT        | Tall Green, 10 in. Basket (4 Doz.) | $21.95

**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 each other and hold several rows of eggs. Types of wood and stain may vary slightly. Holds one dozen large eggs. 5EH - $2200

**PRINTED PLASTIC CARTONS**
Full-color pre-printed labels affixed to each carton. Choose from four color choices. **COLOR LABELS AFFIXED**

| Item # | Design | 1-3 | 4+
|--------|--------|-----|-----
| 550    | Gray   | $20.99 | $17.99
| 552    | Pink   | $20.99 | $17.99
| 554    | Egg Shell | $20.99 | $17.99
| 556    | Coop   | $20.99 | $17.99

**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 reused again. Holds medium to large size eggs. Blank printable labels included separately.

25-Pack SCMLP - $20.99
Save when you order 4 or more!

**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. 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 reused again. Holds medium to large size eggs. Blank printable labels included separately.

**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

**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 5EC - $17.90
Save when you order 2 or more!

**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.

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**NEW! 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 1641 - $19.99
Child Apron 1644 - $13.99

**MURRAY’S BEST EGG WASH AND EGG SCRUBBER**
Concentrated egg wash cleans both market and fresh eggs, safely removing unwanted bacteria. 2 lb. jar 5BESC - $10.99
4 lb. jar 5HEC - $20.95

**PLAIN PLASTIC CARTONS**
Bulk Case (375 Count) 5CC300 - $105.99

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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 an 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 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. 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.

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 of preserving eggs. It has been reported that eggs which are preserved using the water glassing technique will keep for up to 11 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 dry 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 lifestyle. Eggs preserved with the use of a freeze dryer maintain 91% 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.

Preserving Eggs for Long-Term Storage

The easiest way to preserve your farm-fresh eggs is to store them in the freezer. Eggs that are frozen will last indefinitely. The downside is that freezing eggs will cause the whites to become moister and the yolks more firm. If you prefer to freeze your eggs, follow these steps:

- Choose a large silicone ice-cube tray and fill it with egg whites and yolks. Avoid filling the tray too full, as the eggs will expand upon freezing.
- Place the tray in the freezer until the eggs are completely frozen.
- Once frozen, transfer the eggs to a freezer-safe container or bag and store them in the freezer.

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- **1 lb. bag 6DLFL - $16.99**

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**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 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, kids 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!

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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. XXL $45.00

Fowl Language T-Shirt
Show off your extraordinary chicken communication skills in our popular Plant-in-Fowl Language t-shirt. Available in adult sizes. Unisex. L $13.00-$14.00

Murray’s Vintage ’77 T-Shirt
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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)

1. **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.

2. **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 rear 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 to extra energy for needed.

3. **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 brooder 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 5 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.

4. **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.

5. **Space**: To create the brooder area, create an area of 0.65 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.

**Other Important Matters**

- **Bedding/Litter**: Wood shavings, rice hulls, or ground cobs make good litter. Do not use cedar chips, sawdust (which is toxic to 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 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 it is 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/mucus 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.

**Quick Reference for Starting Baby Poultry**

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**Getting Started**

**Questions or Issues with Your Baby Chicks or Other Poultry?**

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**STARTING CORNHIS 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 limited 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 limited 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-lb pound per week after 6-7 weeks.
- Birds grown past suggested time frames may experience leg and heart problems.

**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.
- **Waters**: Increase waters to one 5-gallon bucket per 100 birds.
- **Grit**: Make sure grit hoppers is filled with the proper sand grit.
- **Roosts**: Install roosts at the back of the brooder area. Allow 4 inches per bird with roost poles 6 inches apart.
- **Rainwater Fountains**: Place fountains on platforms to prevent water puddles.
- **Get Outside**: Let your birds forage outside in a safe area on warm days.

**Quick Start Checklist**

- **Heat Source**
- **Feeder and Starter Feed**
- **Waterer with Fresh Water**
- **Bedding**

Provide fresh water and electrolytes as needed.

Use a quality starter feed with the proper protein level.

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**CARE 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. Wash 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 rimmed eucalyptus heat plate also can 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.

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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—in the buffer area immediately surrounding your egg yard 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 use 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. Geese 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 items in a container at the entrance to their coop or run.

Always wear clean clothes and disinfect your shoes before coming into contact with your birds. To disinfect your shoes, use a scrub brush and disinfectant to remove droppings, mud, and 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://fnchm.br/bs/Avian-Flu-Brochure

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**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 their 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, please contact us for pickup. Your baby birds will be less than 72 hours old when they arrive. See pg. 34, 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 at 800.456.3280 or visit our website at McMurrayHatchery.com 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 supersedes all other pricing, including catalog.

**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.

**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.

**Merchandise (Non-Live Products)**

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**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 items set by the manufacturer. Refunds will not be issued until the returned item has arrived at the hatchery.

**Additional Information**

- Large or heavy items may require additional shipping charges. Please call 800.456.3280 for a shipping quote.
- Orders placed after 10:00 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.

**How to Order**

Orders can be placed online, by phone, mail, or fax. Please note that we do not have a store location for purchase. No C.O.D., all orders must be paid in full prior to shipping.

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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**

Visit our website for up-to-date availability on all breeds and to place an order. Only credit card and PayPal payments are accepted for online orders.

**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 as to pay by phone. Checks must clear your bank prior to the shipment of your order. Allow three weeks for checks to clear. A $35 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 515.832.2203.

**Payment Method**

Check (preferred) 
Money Order (enclosed) 
Credit Card – For security purposes, we 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.
WATERFOWL make a fun and useful addition to any homestead — raise ducks for rich & delicious eggs, or guard geese to protect your flock.

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