

Ameraucana (Easter Egg)

Lays beautiful different colored eggs including blue. Has a tail and sports muffs and beard in the facial area.

Egg Color- Multiple colors Blue, Pink, White, and Brown. Purpose- Dual Weight: Female 5.5-6 lbs.

Red Sex-link

This is one of our most popular breeds because of their <u>prolific laying</u> ability and feed efficiency. The Red Sex-link certainly impresses with her large brown eggs and her hardiness in all weather environments. If you need eggs in quantity, this is certainly the hybrid breed to consider.

Egg color - An excellent producer of large brown eggs, egg production approximately 250+ per year Purpose - Layer Weight: Female 4-5 lbs.

Rhode Island Red

The Dark Rhode Island Red is a single comb, clean legged variety. Cold hardy, but comb is subject to frostbite. <u>Exceptional Layers</u>.

Egg color - Good producer of large brown eggs Purpose - Dual Weight: Female- 6.5 lbs.

Barred Rock Bantam

The Barred Rock is a single comb, clean legged variety that originated in the U.S. <u>Friendly docile disposition</u>& cold hardy.

Egg color- Brownish Pink Purpose- Dual Weight: Female- 5-6 lbs.

* Other varieties of chicks can be special ordered. Order in multiples of 5 per variety and allow two weeks











How To Care For A Chick - First 60 Days:

- You'll need a chick brooder (box or Rubbermaid) with a heat lamp.
- Flooring Pine shavings are best. Stay clear of newspaper since it doesn't absorb well and is slippery underfoot.
- Temperature 90 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit for the first week, decrease 5 deg. per week. Be VERY careful of fire hazards!
- Food & water a feeder with chick starter & a chick waterer.
- Play time Play with your chicks when young to get them use to being around people.

Chicken Care After First 60 Days, General Chicken Care:

- Chicken Coops Once feathered out you'll want to move your chickens into a chicken coop! Rule of thumb is about 3-4 square feet per chicken inside the henhouse and 10 sq. ft. per chicken in an outside run. Keep local chicken predators in mind and make a safe home for your flock (chicken wire)!
- Flooring Pine shavings work best.
- Food & Water Most people go with formulated chicken layer feed / pellets.
- Treats Vegetables, bread, bugs, chicken scratch (cracked corn, milo, wheat)

What's next?

Now that you've skimmed the basics you might be ready to do a deeper dive into learning more about raising backyard chickens. We suggest the following:

• Visit <u>www.backyardchickens.com</u> fortons of articles and information about raising your backyard chickens.

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