

Raising domestic chickens

Optimizing your birds' performance and well-being is simpler than you think. It starts with proper management of their environment and feed.

Make sure you're ready for your chickens!

Starter (1 to 10 days)

1 Deep clean and disinfect the breeding pen, walls, ceilings, and equipment in your enclosure.

2 Air it out and make sure it dries completely.

3 Spread 5 cm to 10 cm (2 in. to 4 in.) of clean, dry bedding on the ground.

4 Check that all feeding, watering, lighting, ventilation and heating equipment is working properly.

5 Turn on the heat at least 24 to 48 hours before bringing in chicks.

6 Install cardboard walls around the heat lamps. The walls should be 30 cm (12 in.) high. Remove the cardboard when the chicks are 7 to 10 days old.

Temperature

You will need one 250-watt heat lamp for every 75 chicks. On day 1, the temperature under the heat lamp should be 35 °C (95 °F). Reduce the temperature by 2 °C to 3 °C (5 °F) each week by adjusting the lamp's height. The temperature should be 20 °C (68 °F) at about week 6.

Water

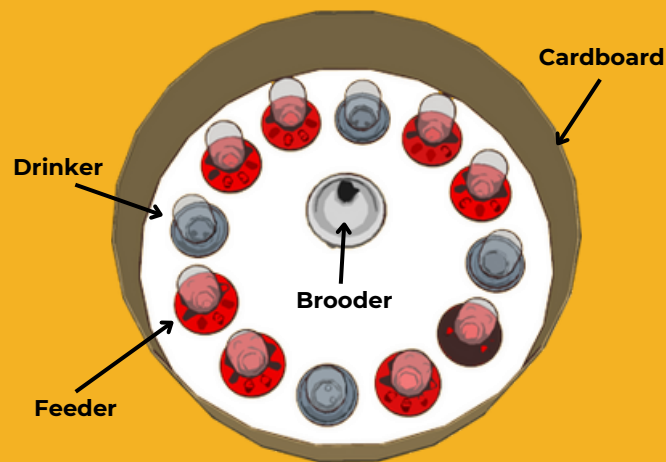
Your chicks' drinking water should always be clean, fresh and room temperature. One bowl can be shared by about 50 chicks. You can also opt for livestock drinking troughs.

Light

On day 1, we recommend constant lighting (24 hours). After that, chicks need 16 to 20 hours of light and at least 4 hours of darkness a day.

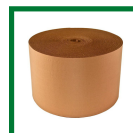
Feeding

Provide chicks with feed as soon as they arrive. Regularly add more to the feeders in small quantities. **Tip:** Lay down a thick sheet of paper on top of the bedding. You can put some feed on that to encourage the chicks to eat during their first few days. This also prevents them from eating the bedding!



Must-have products

For carbon fiber bulbs



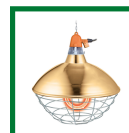
054-3903
12 in. x 250 ft.



001-5980
1 intensity
11 3/4 in.



001-5981
1 intensity
15 3/4 in.



001-5982
2 intensities
15 3/4 in.

Carbon fiber bulb

001-5983 600 W
001-5984 900 W
001-5985 1200 W
001-5986 1500 W

For infrared bulbs



039-8385
Wood shavings



001-3024
Paper shavings



061-5167
1 intensity



061-7855
2 intensities

Infrared bulb

PAR38 175 W
061-8623 Pkg of 2
BR40 250 W
065-0902 Pkg of 2



079-8266
Solu-Mix



001-3761
Starter Grower



001-3762
Grower Finisher



001-5958
Poule-Vite

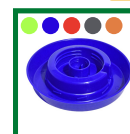


063-5781
Odour control

Several colours available



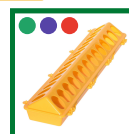
001-6411
Jar



001-6449x
Drinker base
1 L



001-6416x
Feeder base
1 kg



001-6520x
Feeder
20 in.