



Got Grain Treat Balls

Being literally cooped up during late fall and winter can turn your docile flock into a bunch of grouchy hen-peckers! While you should let them out to forage when appropriate, some days are just going to be too cold, wet, snowy or icy. During those days, your hens will need something to peck (besides each other), and these treat balls are a fun way to keep the winter doldrums at bay for a few hours at least.

Ingredients

1 cup unshelled, unsalted sunflower seeds

1 cup unsalted squash seeds

1 cup dried veggies (e.g., peas, carrots,peppers and/or celery)

1/2 cup dried fruits

Preparation

In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients.

Cut a line across four holes in a golf-ball-sized Wiffle ball, squeeze to open and push through bowl to fill with mix or wedge a funnel in the opening and pour mixture into ball. Allow to close and roll or hang in coop run.

Seal unused mixture in airtight container. Empty any uneaten snacks from ball, rinse and let dry for the next play date.

Website: <https://www.hobbyfarms.com/5-boredom-busting-super-treats-for-chickens/>