

Ordering & Raising Chicks 101 - Hanson Grain & Devine Feed

-Minimum purchase of 4 chicks PER delivery date -

This is a MA state LAW because they are flock animals and need friends!

- We recommend pairs or singles- this avoids one chick being picked on - chickens are just like mean high school girls and will bully the odd balls (ex: 3 RI reds, 1 Buff - the Buff will be picked on)

-First timer?? We recommend getting a few different breeds! they all have different personalities and qualities AND it's easier to tell them apart

-Kids? Easter Eggers, Brahmas & Buff Orpingtons are our favorites for families with kids!

-Chicks grow super quick so if you get chicks on different ship dates you will have to keep them separated or the older chicks will beat up the younger chicks.

-There is no specific date to have orders "in by" - We have ALREADY pre-ordered chicks for each date so we are selling off those numbers. Chicks are sold on a first ordered - first served basis.

-When you place your order we will get payment in full at that time.

-The arrival date on the form is just an estimate - can be a day or so before or after. Once the chicks are fed, watered and warmed up **WE WILL CALL OR TEXT YOU** to let you know they can be picked up!



FAQ's *They are 1-2 days old when they arrive- they HAVE TO BE kept under a heat light for weeks.

chicks need to be at 90-95 degrees for the first week, and then drop own 5 degrees every week until feathered at about 8 weeks

*You change the temp in brooder by simply raising or lowering the light,

*brooder container should be big enough so chicks can move away from the light. for the first few weeks a rabbit cage or rubbermaid type tote with high enough sides will work.

*At 2 weeks they will start practicing flying a bit so usually need to covert top of box w screen. They grow QUICKLY so be prepared to have a large enough cage to keep them in

*Age ready to go without light in the coop is temperature dependent- refer to the temperature chart OR once they are fully feathered at 7-8wk.

* Adding new chicks to existing flock? Wait until chicks are roughly same size as the adults which is at about 14wks- if not the older gals will beat up/kill the babies

Things we recommend to start your chicks off RIGHT!

-Wood pellets- not shavings- easier to walk in, better for indoor odor control and harder for chicks to consume- NEVER use newspaper, too slippery and it messes up their legs!

- Start n Grow MEDICATED- "amprolium" is B-vitamin blocker (not actually an antibiotic) which prevents coccidiosis in young chicks-Coccidiosis is most common killer of young livestock We recommend up to 4 months of Medicated chick feed- if you prefer to skip it, we have organic chick starter or Non-medicated Start n Grow.

- Our brooder lamps - they have a porcelain insulator - drop lamps or reptile lamps are NOT the same and will melt/catch on fire


- Red heat bulb 250watt - these throw off a ton of heat - they MUST be used in one of our Brooder Lamps Or you risk the chance of melting/fire in an inappropriate fixture - keep the light 12" away from meltable Surfaces.

- Chick size small feeder & waterer to start - then size up as the chicks grow (both are given free choice)

Listen to the Chicks

Too Hot  Little noise
Panting
Wings extended

Just Right!  Even distribution

Too Cold  Crowding under heat source
Distress calling

Draft  Uneven temperature distribution
Check surrounding area