



Chick Chain 2026

How many different Breeds of Chickens?

- More than 1600 different chicken breeds are recognized worldwide. They are the result of centuries of natural selection, cross-breeding and breeding within flocks.
- For simplicity, you can place them into three general categories: Laying, meat-producing and dual-purpose breeds.
- With a population of over 33 billion, domestic chickens are the most populous birds in the world.Jan 10, 2023
- The American Poultry Association recognizes 53 large chicken breeds, plus additional bantam chicken breeds — some of which have large counterparts, while others do not. The American Bantam Association maintains a separate list of recognized bantam breeds which differs slightly from the APA's list.Mar 22, 2019

Which Breeds are part of your Chick Chain Program??



Rhode Island Red

- breed developed there in the late 1800s
- Egg Layer Production: 265 Large Brown Eggs/Year
- Temperament: Curious, Friendly
- Mature Weight: 6-7 lbs.
- Hardiness: Cold and Heat Hardy
- Broodiness: Occasionally



Barred Rock

- New England in the middle of the 19th century and was first exhibited as a breed in 1869 yielding abundant eggs and tasty meat.
- they do not let winter blizzards interrupt laying.
- Purpose: Dual-Purpose
- Production: 250 Large Brown Eggs/Year
- Temperament: Calm, Docile, Easy to Care For
- Mature Weight: 5-6 lbs.
- Hardiness: Cold and Heat Hardy
- Broodiness: Rarely



Buff Orpington

- originates from Great Britain in the late 1800's
- One of the best breeds for newcomers
- fluffy feathers that keep them warm during frigid weather.
- Buff is the most common color of Orpingtons
- Purpose: Dual-Purpose
- Production: 220 Medium Brown Eggs/Year
- Temperament: Docile, Calm, Gentle, Friendly
- Mature Weight: 6-7 lbs.
- Hardiness: Cold and Heat Hardy
- Broodiness: Often



Are you Ready

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- What do I need?
- How soon do I need to have my brooder ready?
- How am I going to water?
- What am I going to feed?
- What type of feeder am I going to use?
- How do I keep the birds warm?
- Do I need bedding?



Brooder

What is a **Brooder**? An enclosure or other structure, usually heated, used for raising young chickens or other fowl.



Check List of Supplies

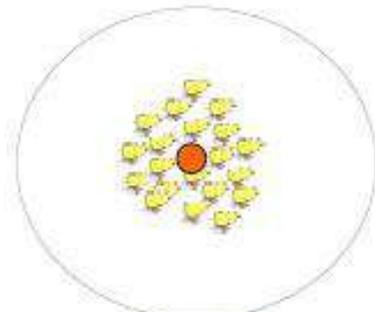
- Brooder (can be a tub, water trough, or box)
- Heat Lamp & Bulb (White or Red)
- Bedding (Pine Shavings or Newspaper) **DO NOT USE CEDAR SHAVINGS**
- Chick Water (Warm Water)
- Chick Feeder
- Feed



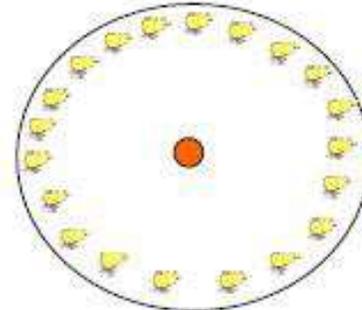
Preparing Brooder

- Prepare your brooder at least 24 hours before your new chicks arrive
- This allows you to monitor the temperature and make sure you do not have a breeze
- Remember chills will harm your chickens faster than anything
- You can put your feeders in your brooder with feed
- However, do not put your waterers in your brooder until your chicks are home. **You do not want to give them cold water**
- **Remember your chicks have had to travel a bit so having their house ready is an excellent start**

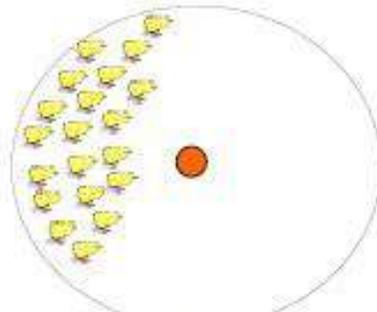
Warm Chicks or Cold Chicks



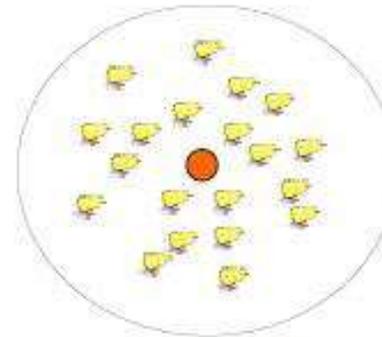
Too Cold



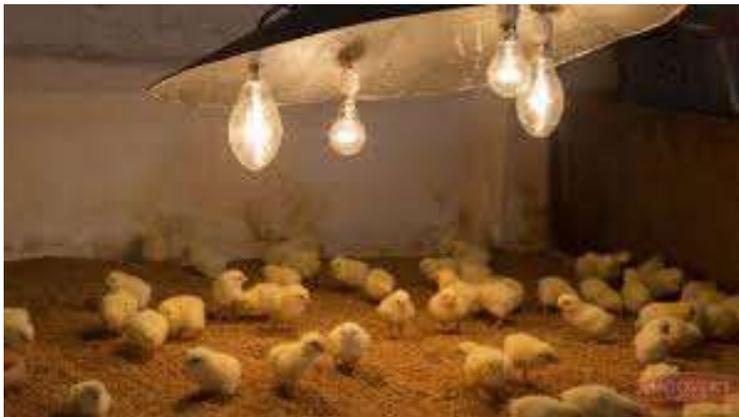
Too Hot



Drafty



Just Right



Feed – Medicated or Non Medicated?

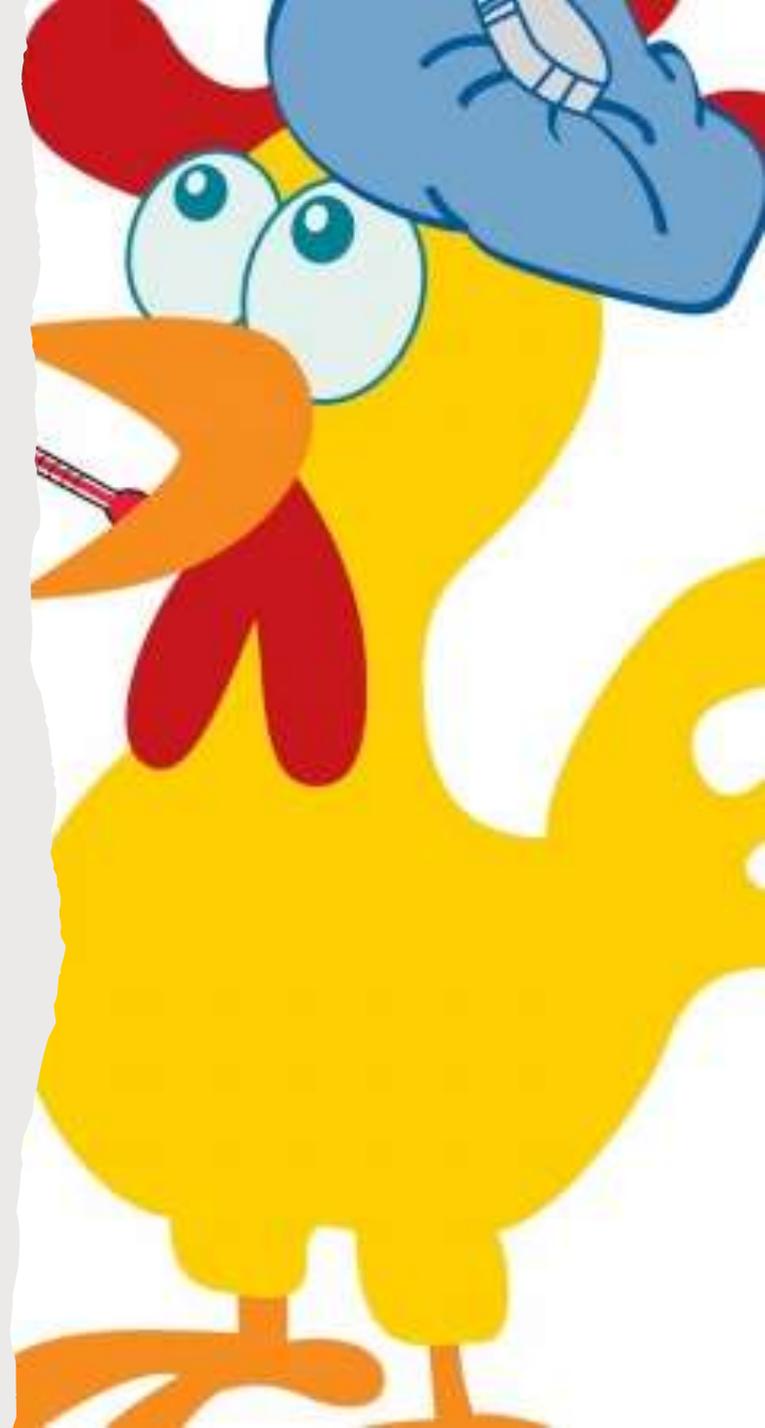
- Why should you use medicated or non-medicated feed?
- Is one better than the other?
- What is the medication for?

- The medication is Amprolium. Which is a preventative for Coccidiosis
- You would want medication to help prevent the coccidiosis and to keep your chickens healthy.
- You would not want the medication if they were meat chickens close to process.



What is Coccidiosis?

- Coccidiosis is a gastrointestinal illness caused by a protozoan.
- Coccidiosis causes lesions on the small intestines
- Signs of coccidiosis include but are not limited to diarrhea, vomiting, weight loss and lethargy.
- You can help prevent coccidiosis by feeding a medicated feed or vaccinations and also keeping a nice, clean coop will help.
- If not cured or prevented, Coccidiosis could also result in death of the chicken.
- Merck medical - [Coccidiosis in Poultry - Poultry - Merck Veterinary Manual \(merckvetmanual.com\)](https://www.merckvetmanual.com/poultry/coccidiosis-in-poultry)



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