



# FREQUENTLY Asked Questions

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
<b>Are your chicks vaccinated?</b>	<b>Yes.</b> Our chicks are vaccinated at hatch for Marek's disease.
<b>What hatchery do the chicks come from?</b>	All chickens come from Privett Hatchery. All ducks come from Metzger Farms.
<b>What is the difference between sexed and straight run?</b>	Sexed birds (all of our standard breeds) are sexed to be females; there is only a 10% chance of getting a rooster. Straight run birds (all of our bantams and meat birds) have a 50/50 chance of being female/male.
<b>Can I have just 1 chicken?</b>	No. Because chickens are flock animals, we recommend at least 2. Three is often best, just in case 1 gets sick...or is a rooster.
<b>Which breed lays eggs?</b>	All pullets lay eggs. However, because of selective breeding, some varieties produce much more than others.
<b>What's a bantam?</b>	A small variety of a chicken breed. Many standard breeds have a bantam counterpart Bantams are not sexed.
<b>Which breeds can be mixed together?</b>	All breeds can be raised together.
<b>Which breeds are friendly?</b>	While certain breeds have a reputation as being "friendly" one breed is not really better than another. Human interaction makes chicks friendly. Handling your chicks, a lot will make them docile.
<b>Do I need a rooster to have eggs?</b>	No. Roosters only fertilize eggs; they do not cause production.
<b>What happens if my pullet turns out to be a rooster?</b>	We are unable to accept roosters or return money for them. If needed, we have contact information for people who can take roosters.
<b>When can my chicks go outside?</b>	Chickens need to be grown with feathers. Around 12-14 weeks.
<b>What's the difference between the different colors of eggs?</b>	Nothing. The eggs will taste the same and are nutritiously equal. However, your fresh eggs will be much tastier than store bought eggs!
<b>How old will my chicken be before she lays eggs?</b>	Chickens can start laying eggs around 18 weeks, but it is not uncommon for a hen to take much longer.