



For the Farmer in All of Us!™

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

QUESTION:

ANSWER:

Are your chicks vaccinated?

Yes. Our chicks are vaccinated at hatch for Marek's disease and Coccidia.

What hatchery do the chicks come from?

All chickens come from Hoover's Hatchery. All ducks come from Metzger Farms.

What is the difference between sexed and straight run?

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.

Can I have just 1 chicken?

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.

Which breed lays eggs?

All pullets lay eggs. However, because of selective breeding, some varieties produce much more than others.

What's a bantam?

A small variety of a chicken breed. Many standard breeds have a bantam counterpart Bantams are not sexed.

Which breeds can be mixed together?

All breeds can be raised together.

Which breeds are friendly?

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.

Do I need a rooster to have eggs?

No. Roosters only fertilize eggs; they do not cause production.

What happens if my pullet turns out to be a rooster?

We are unable to accept roosters or return money for them. If needed, we have contact information for people who can take roosters.

When can my chicks go outside?

Chickens need to be grown with feathers. Around 12-14 weeks.

What's the difference between the different colors of eggs?

Nothing. The eggs will taste the same and are nutritiously equal. However, your fresh eggs will be much tastier than store bought eggs!

How old will my chicken be before she lays eggs?

Chickens can start laying eggs around 18 weeks, but it is not uncommon for a hen to take much longer.