

IDEAL POUlTRY BREEDING FARMS, INC.

CARE OF BABY CHICKS



SPACE REQUIREMENTS:

Hatchlings to 10 Weeks-1/2 —1 Square Foot/Bird
10 Weeks or More —3 to 4 Square Foot/Bird

BEDDING:

Medium to large wood shavings are Best. If using a wire brooding system, use wire no larger than 1/2 Inch, cover the wire with a non slick material such as burlap, cheesecloth or paper towel for the first two days. Using newspaper or other paper products may cause Sprattle-Leg.

HEAT:

Pre-Heat the brooder or brooding area 24 Hours prior to your chicks arrival. Proper brooding temperature is 98°F for the first week, decreasing 5°F each week. Red 250 watt heat lamps are preferred to help reduce pecking. Have a draft shield in place approximately 12-18 inches high to reduce draft over the chicks. If your chicks are crowding or completely away from your heat lamp the temperature is too hot or cold.

FEEDING:

Start chicks using feeder with sides no higher than one inch in height so they can reach the feed. Commercial Chick Starter containing 20% protein is recommended for layer type chicks. Meat birds should be started on a high protein/high energy ration to produce rapid growth. Provide Grit in the chicks feed to help line the gizzard

WATER:

Provide clean water to your chicks, refreshing the water 2–3 times per day. Keep water available 24 hours a day.

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