

# IDEAL POULTRY BREEDING FARMS, INC.

## CARE OF DUCKLINGS



### UPON ARRIVAL:

Initially you must limit the duckling's access to water to prevent water log-ging (drowning themselves). Give them water for about 15 minutes, take away 15 minutes, repeat this for about 3 hours and the ducklings will adjust to proper water consumption. It is important to not let them run out of water after this because they will dehydrate and you will need to repeat this process.

### BEDDING:

Keep bedding as dry as possible, limiting the depth of their water will help with this. Wood shavings are best or use something that provides good footing such as burlap or paper towels. Do not use cedar chips, sawdust or treated wood chips.

### HEAT:

For the first 2 weeks ducks need access to areas heated to 90 degrees F. Reduce heat by 5 degrees each week until you reach 70 degrees F. If your ducks are huddled or climbing on top of each other you will need to increase the temperature. If they are moving away from the heat source you need to reduce the temperature.

### WATER:

Ducklings should always have access to water but not enough for them to walk or swim in. Ducklings that have been hatched in an incubator do not have their mother's protective oil on their down, therefore they can be easily chilled if allowed in water. Access to swimming water may be given at full feathering (approximately two months of age)

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