



An Introduction to your Chicken

Congratulations! You are now the proud owner of a chicken. To help you keep your chicken happy and healthy we have produced this fact sheet. If you should have any further questions, do not hesitate to give us a call at the farm.



Accommodation

Your chicken should have overnight access to a large waterproof house containing a nest box to lay eggs and a perch to roost on at night. The house should be secure to deter predators. The house should have a layer of shavings or straw at the bottom be regularly cleaned and disinfected. Your chicken will also need an area to roam free - this could be a purpose built pen or if it is suitable, you may want to allow access to your garden.

Feeding

Feed your chicken on mixed corn and layers pellets available at any good feed store. Mixed grit should be available, which will thicken the shells of any eggs laid. If your chicken does not have access to fresh grass, this must be provided along with small quantities of fruit and vegetables. Fresh, clean drinking water should always be readily available both outdoors and in the overnight accommodation.



General Care

Chickens naturally live in large groups, so the more chickens you are able to have the better. Chickens start laying eggs when they are about five months old and will lay approximately 6 eggs per week. Eggs should be collected from the nest box on a daily basis. Chickens can live up to 10 years, they are full of character and will give years of fun and pleasure and tasty eggs!