



## How to grow your chicks

When you get your chicks they will be 4 days old. They will be red and black sex link chickens as well as leghorns. Your chicken will start laying eggs around 20 weeks old.

Here are some helpful tips to keep your chicks happy and healthy!!

### 4 days to 2 weeks

They will need a “**brooder box**”. This is a smaller, warm pen where they will live for the first few weeks of life. It can be a kiddie pool, large tub, or small pen, box etc.

Wood shavings are best for small chicks. You will want to clean out large soiled spots every few days and a full clean out once a week.

A heat source will be required to keep your chicks warm. Heat lamps work best or you can find a warm spot inside.

You will be supplied with a large zip lock bag full of **medicated chick grower**. They will eat this for 2-3 weeks. Your next bag does not have to be medicated. After this you will buy **layer mash** for them to eat.

Water. They drink lots of water. It is best to change their water once day and make sure they have water at all times.

### 2 weeks and beyond

Your chicks are ready to go outside or inside in a safe location. This will be the place they live for the rest of summer and beyond. Small chicken tractors are a great and affordable place if you don't have a barn or existing coup. A small one can be built out of a pallet and some chicken wire. There are lots of plans for this that will pop up with a quick Google search. This allows them to be eating on the grass while still being protected. They can also sleep in the shelter that is attached.

If you have an existing coup with chickens remember these new chicks can't go with the bigger birds till 12 weeks old for their safety and wellbeing.

You will also want a laying box. For 2-6 chickens you will need one laying box..

Good luck and please ask if you have any questions.

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