



# Feeding Poultry



*Management and Nutrition for  
Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks, Geese and Gamebirds*

**HOUSING for your new chicks should be dry, draft-free, mold-free, and safe from predators.**

- Separate new chicks from your current flock to prevent spreading disease.
- Provide 1 square foot of floor space for each chick.
- Clean and disinfect the brooder facility and feeders a week before the chicks arrive.
- Cover the floor with clean bedding and allow it to become heated before introducing the chicks to the area.
- Wood shavings that are not too fine work well for bedding.



**Clean fresh WATER should be provided to chicks at all times.**

- Provide two, one-gallon automatic watering jugs for every 100 chicks.
- Check watering devices frequently to ensure clean water is always available.
- Clean, disinfect, and re-fill watering jugs before water is entirely depleted.
- Placing marbles or pennies in the waterer will help teach turkeys how to drink from the container!
- Medication can be added to the water to help reduce the incidence of Chronic Respiratory Disease (CRD) in young birds. The following can be added for the first 7-14 days of life:
  - Add 400 mg (approximately a pinch) of \*Duramycin-10 per 1 gallon for 7-14 days.
  - Add 2 g (approximately 0.5 teaspoons) of electrolytes per 1 gallon.
  - Add 2 tablespoons of sugar per 1 gallon to provide additional energy.

*\*Duramycin-10 is an antibiotic from Duravet that supplies tetracycline hydrochloride and is not a product of Ranch-Way Feeds. Please follow Duravet's label instructions before use.*

**TEMPERATURE is very important to keep your chicks healthy and happy.**

- For the first week of life the floor temperature should be kept at 90°F.
- A heat lamp should be placed 18" above the floor.  
Place a thermometer 2" above the floor to test the temperature.
- Reduce heat by 5°F each week for the next 5 weeks.  
After week 6 (and development of hard feathers) the chicks should be able to survive without heat lamps.
- If chicks are crowding the heat source or peeping loudly, they are cold and need more heat!  
If chicks crowd outside the heated area, it is too hot!



**Important:** Red bulbs should be used to reduce pecking and to help control feed consumption during night-time hours.

**You are the best protection your birds have!**

**Here are some safe handling instructions to keep you and your birds healthy!**

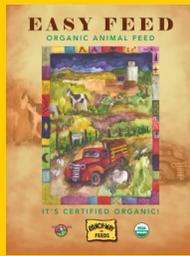
- Keep It Clean! Clean cages and change food and water daily.
- Carefully and thoroughly wash hands with soap and warm water after handling anything in the chick's environment.
- Children under 5 years of age and people with weakened immune systems should not handle poultry.
- Keep your distance! Do NOT nuzzle or kiss your chicks.
- Know the warning signs of infections and bird diseases!

# A Feed for Every Need...



## POULTRY FEEDS

	Chicks						Game Birds, Turkeys, Hobby and Specialty Fowl			Maintenance Birds		
	Broiler Chicks (for meat production)			Pullet Chicks (females intended for laying)			Layer Diets (including ducks and geese)		Turkeys and Gamebirds			Turkeys, Ducks & Geese
	Chick Starter	Chick Grower	Broiler-Finisher	20% Pullet Start-N-Grow	16% or 20% Layer	Hen Scratch	Turkey & Gamebird Starter	Turkey & Gamebird Grower	Turkey Finisher			All-Grain All-Poultry Maintenance
<b>Available Sizes</b>	3.5 lb pouch 8 lb bucket	50 lb bag	50 lb bag	40 lb bag	50 lb bag	50 lb bag	50 lb bag	50 lb bag	50 lb bag	50 lb bag	25 lb block	
<b>Feed Form</b>	Granules	Granules	Granules	Granules	Granules or Pellets	Grains	Granules	Granules	Granules	Grain Blend	Molasses Block	
<b>How to Feed</b>	Feed for the first 3 weeks	Feed from 3 to 7 weeks of age	Feed from 7 weeks of age to finish	Feed from hatch to 18-20 weeks of age	Feed once pullets start laying eggs and to mature laying hens.	Can be added to 20% Layer to boost calories	Feed for the first 6 weeks Do not feed to ducks or geese. Feed Turkey Grower	For Turkeys feed from 6 to 12 weeks of age For Gamebirds feed from 10 weeks of age to finish Feed ducks and geese from hatch to 12 weeks	Feed turkeys from 12 weeks of age to finish Feed from 12 weeks to harvest for terminal ducks and geese	Feed as sole ration to non-laying adult game birds, roosters, hobby and specialty fowl (such as pheasants, ducks, geese and peafowl) or to layers out of laying season (i.e. during molting when they are shedding their feathers).	Offer only as a treat to mature poultry.	
<b>Supplement</b>	Grit	Grit	Grit	Grit	Grit + Oyster Shell	Grit + Oyster Shell	Grit	Grit	Grit	Grit	n/a	



**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EASY FEED**  
Ranch-Way Feeds manufactures a Certified Organic line of feeds called "Easy Feed"! These poultry products are available:

	Chicks			Layer Diets				Game Birds, Turkeys, Hobby & Specialty Fowl
	Pullets		Broilers	Organic 16% or 20% Layer	Organic Layer 16% NO Soy	Organic Layer 15% NO Soy NO Corn	Organic Hen Scratch	
	Organic Chick Starter	Organic Chick Grower	Organic Broiler-Finisher					
<b>Available Sizes</b>	3.5 lb pouch 10 lb and 40 lb bags	40 lb bag	40 lb bag	40 lb bag	40 lb bag	40 lb bag	40 lb bag	40 lb bag
<b>Feed Form</b>	Meal	Meal	Meal	Meal	Meal	Meal	Grains	Meal
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