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!
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