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Breed Guide

Whiting Farms Hatchery



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About Whiting Farms Hatchery

Located in Delta, Colorado, Whiting Farms Hatchery has been a trusted name in poultry breeding for decades. We are a regional supplier specializing in producing healthy, high-quality chicks and adult birds that meet the needs of farmers, backyard enthusiasts, and specialty producers alike. From exceptional egg layers to flavorful meat birds, our commitment to breed diversity and bird vitality sets us apart.

Regional Sales Policy

Whiting Farms Hatchery has always been committed to providing a local alternative to shipped chicks by serving the Colorado and Utah regions. Due to increased demand, biosecurity concerns related to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), and our commitment to chick welfare, we will only be selling and coordinating transports within Colorado and Utah at this time. This policy helps us prioritize disease prevention, humane transport, and our mission to support local poultry keepers. We appreciate your support and look forward to another great season serving poultry keepers in our region.

Find the Perfect Birds for Your Flock

At Whiting Farms Hatchery, we understand what it takes to run a successful operation, whether you're managing a thriving farm, keeping a backyard flock, or raising birds for specialty meat production.

Farmers and egg producers supplying fresh eggs to markets and CSA members rely on our high-performance layers that excel in egg production and vitality. Breeds such as Whiting True Blue and Ginger Brown offer beautiful egg colors alongside consistent production that keeps customers coming back.

Backyard chicken keepers will find a diverse selection of breeds that bring personality and vibrant egg colors to the coop. Whether you're looking for blue or green eggs, or a breed known for gentle temperament, we offer birds to suit every backyard flock.

Specialty meat producers benefit from our robust, flavorful alternatives to Cornish Cross. Our carefully bred birds grow efficiently while delivering the quality expected from specialty poultry production.

BROWN EGG LAYERS

Barred Rock

Barred Plymouth Rocks are a dependable, no-drama flock staple - hardy, steady, and especially strong through winter. Their classic black-and-white barring and balanced build are as practical as they are iconic. They're a go-to backyard breed for good reason.

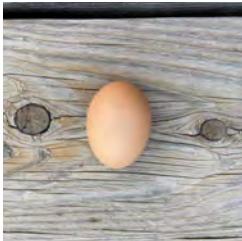
Egg Color: Light brown

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 200-250 eggs/year

Temperament: Docile, curious

Broodiness: Frequent



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BROWN EGG LAYERS

Buff Orpington

Buff Orpingtons are the "everybody's favorite" kind of chicken - gentle, calm, and easy to live with. They're hardy birds that do well in colder weather and provide steady production of large, light-brown eggs. A great choice for family flocks and anyone who wants a friendly bird that also does a job.

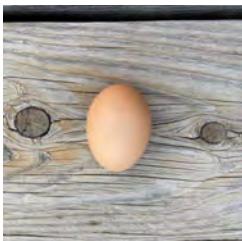
Egg Color: Light brown

Egg Size: Medium - Large

Egg Production: 200-250 eggs/year

Temperament: Docile, friendly

Broodiness: Unlikely



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BROWN EGG LAYERS

Ginger Brown

Ginger Browns are a high-output brown egg layer, built for consistency and strong winter performance with good management. They're efficient, steady, and tend to keep laying when many breeds take a break. Their temperament is a major bonus: calm, personable birds that are easy to handle and fit well into mixed flocks.

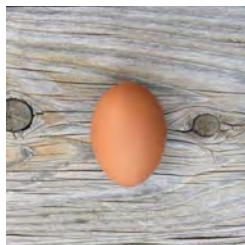
Egg Color: Brown

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 280-320 eggs/year

Temperament: Docile, friendly

Broodiness: Unlikely



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BROWN EGG LAYERS

Light Brahma

Light Brahmans are big, gentle birds built for cold weather, with feathered feet and a calm, steady presence. They're slower to mature than lighter breeds, but they are rewarding to raise and make excellent "pet" chickens. This line is especially large. Expect moderate production and a flock member that's more teddy bear than track star.

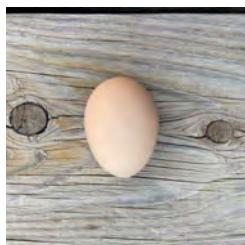
Egg Color: Light brown

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 150-180 eggs/year

Temperament: Docile, friendly

Broodiness: Unlikely



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BROWN EGG LAYERS

Marans

Our Marans are selected for improved laying consistency while keeping the darker brown egg color. All Marans come as an assortment that may include black, cuckoo, red, or the rare lavender. They're generally calm, easy birds that fit well in mixed flocks and bring extra depth to the egg basket.

Egg Color: Dark brown

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 220-280 eggs/year

Temperament: Calm, curious

Broodiness: Unlikely



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BROWN EGG LAYERS

Rhode Island Red

Rhode Island Reds are a classic American utility breed, and this line has been selected for high production comparable to our Ginger Browns. They are reliable, adaptable, and steady brown egg layers with a sturdy build and a confident presence in the flock. A strong choice for backyard keepers who want a traditional, hard-working bird that performs at a high level while holding its own in mixed groups.

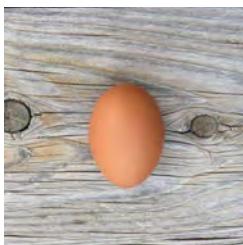
Egg Color: Brown

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 280 - 320 eggs/year

Temperament: Docile, friendly

Broodiness: Unlikely



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BROWN EGG LAYERS

Silver Columbian Rock

Silver Columbian Rocks are efficient, high-performing brown egg layers with a smaller, well-balanced frame. They are active, alert birds that forage enthusiastically and do well in pasture or free-range systems. They have a striking silver-and-black Columbian pattern. They are a smart choice for keepers who want strong output without a heavy-bodied bird.

Egg Color: Dark brown

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 250 - 320 eggs/year

Temperament: Docile, friendly

Broodiness: Occasional



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BROWN EGG LAYERS

Welsummer

Welsummers are known for richly colored brown eggs - often with beautiful speckling - paired with hardy, adaptable birds. Chicks have the classic chipmunk look, and adults mature into striking, patterned hens. They do well across climates, forage enthusiastically, and bring an alert, engaging personality to the yard.

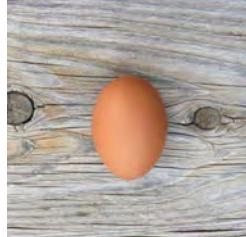
Egg Color: Brown

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 220 - 280 eggs/year

Temperament: Active, friendly

Broodiness: Occasional



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BROWN EGG LAYERS

Wyandotte

Wyandottes are round-bodied, beautiful birds with a calm, friendly temperament and beautiful feathering. They are prone to broodiness and are generally good mothers. Our Wyandottes come in assortments that may include blue laced red, golden laced, black, white, blue, or splash.

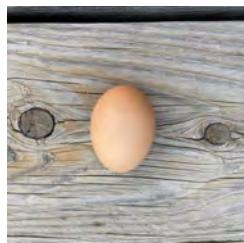
Egg Color: Light Brown

Egg Size: Medium - Large

Egg Production: 150 - 200 eggs/year

Temperament: Docile, friendly

Broodiness: Frequent



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BROWN EGG LAYERS

Hatchery Choice

Hatchery Choice Browns are an assorted selection of our brown-egg breeds, offered when specific breeds are limited or you're flexible on variety. It's a practical way to fill out an order while still getting quality birds from our program. Egg size, temperament, and production will vary depending on the mix available at hatch.

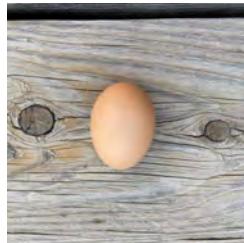
Egg Color: Brown

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: Varies by availability

Temperament: Varies by breed

Broodiness: Varies



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BLUE EGG LAYERS

Butter Blue

Butter Blues are a single-combed blue egg layer with a bright, distinctive look and plenty of personality. Their eggs run a bit smaller than some of our highest-production blue lines, but they deliver consistent color and a steady laying rate. Socialize them early for the friendliest birds; they tend to be lively, talkative, and can hold their own in the flock.

Egg Color: Blue

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 250-280 eggs/year

Temperament: Active, flighty

Broodiness: Unlikely



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BLUE EGG LAYERS

Cream Legbar

Cream Legbars are crested blue-egg layers known for a sweet temperament and an engaging, active presence. Our line has been selected for improved type and consistency, producing medium blue-to-teal eggs. Chicks can be sexed by color at hatch, making them a practical choice for breeders and a fun addition to family flocks.

Egg Color: Blue to green (varies)

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 230-250 eggs/year

Temperament: Friendly, calm

Broodiness: Unlikely



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BLUE EGG LAYERS

Creole Blue

Creole Blues are a Whiting-developed project line designed to boost hardiness and production in a crested, pea-combed bird. Egg color can range from light blue to teal green, depending on genetics. They are robust, personable birds and tend to be a little hardier and more fertile than Cream Legbars. They are color sexable at hatch.

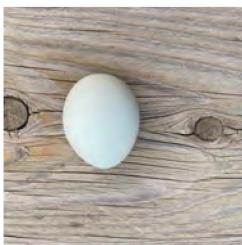
Egg Color: Blue-teal

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 200-225 eggs/year

Temperament: Friendly, calm

Broodiness: Unlikely



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BLUE EGG LAYERS

Mesa Blue

Mesa Blues are a proprietary Whiting Farms breed developed for high production of blue eggs. They breed true, carry a single comb, and reliably lay clear, pale blue eggs. Available in four distinct color varieties, they combine strong laying performance with a practical, well-balanced build—an excellent choice for keepers who want dependable output and a standout egg basket.

Egg Color: Blue

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 230-260 eggs/year

Temperament: Active, flighty

Broodiness: Unlikely



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BLUE EGG LAYERS

Moon Dust Blues

Moon Dust Blues are a Whiting Farms project line known for their distinctive "Moon Dust" coloration, caused by a single, unique mutation that first appeared in one Whiting hen. The trait is sex-linked recessive, making it a particularly interesting line for anyone who enjoys the genetics side of breeding. These birds are typically pea-combed and may also show muffs/beards, and they lay blue eggs with a steady, practical laying rate.

Egg Color: Blue

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 225-250 eggs/year

Temperament: Friendly, calm

Broodiness: Unlikely



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BLUE EGG LAYERS

Whiting True Blue

Whiting True Blues are our top-performing blue egg layers, selected for consistency and efficient production. They come in multiple colors and leg types and typically carry a pea comb. With regular handling they settle in well, and they're usually friendly with other birds. If you want a steady stream of large blue eggs, this is the go-to choice.

Egg Color: Blue

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 280-300 eggs/year

Temperament: Friendly to flighty

Broodiness: Unlikely



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BLUE EGG LAYERS

Hatchery Choice

Hatchery Choice Blues are an assorted selection of our blue-egg breeds, offered when you're flexible on variety or when specific breeds are limited. It's an efficient way to round out an order while still getting quality birds from our blue-egg program. Egg size, temperament, and production will vary depending on the mix available at hatch.

Egg Color: Blue (varies by mix)

Egg Size: Varies

Egg Production: Varies by selection

Temperament: Varies by breed

Broodiness: Varies



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GREEN EGG LAYERS

Olive Egger

Olive Eggers are created by combining blue-egg genetics with darker brown-egg lines to produce olive-toned eggs. Because they are not a single standardized breed, egg shade can vary from bird to bird. Our Olive Eggers are bred to be great producers, and are a great choice for a more colorful egg basket.

Egg Color: Olive (darker green)

Egg Size: Varies (typically mediumâ€“large)

Egg Production: 230 - 250 eggs/year

Temperament: Friendly to flighty

Broodiness: Unlikely

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GREEN EGG LAYERS

Whiting Green

Whiting Greens are selected for strong production and efficient feed-to-egg performance, with hens that typically avoid broodiness. They lay large green eggs and do well as active foragers. With regular handling they can be quite friendly, though they may stay flighty if raised hands-off. As a cross, a small number may lay brown eggs instead of green.

Egg Color: Green

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 280 - 310 eggs/year

Temperament: Friendly to flighty

Broodiness: Unlikely



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GREEN EGG LAYERS

Hatchery Choice

Hatchery Choice Blue & Green is an assorted selection from our blue- and green-egg programs, offered when you're flexible on exact breeds or when specific lines are limited. Egg color, size, temperament, and production will vary depending on the mix available at hatch.

Egg Color: Blue and green (varies by mix)

Egg Size: Varies

Egg Production: Varies by selection

Temperament: Friendly to flighty

Broodiness: Varies



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WHITE EGG LAYERS

Ancona

Anconas are striking, active birds known for their distinctive mottled plumage, which provides natural camouflage in free-range settings. They are alert, fast, and agile, with a strong instinct for foraging -especially adept at hunting insects. Their body type and efficiency, and they are excellent layers of large eggs. As chicks they're especially distinctive, often compared to tiny penguins.

Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Medium - Large

Egg Production: 250 - 280 eggs/year

Temperament: Active, flighty

Broodiness: Unlikely



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WHITE EGG LAYERS

Andalusian

Andalusians are elegant Mediterranean birds known for their doe-eyed expression and tight plumage. This year we are offering all blue birds. They are active, agile, and excellent foragers, with a light frame that supports efficient production of large white eggs. Rarely broody, they favor consistent laying. Early socialization produces the calmest, most people-friendly birds.

Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Medium

Egg Production: 250 - 280 eggs/year

Temperament: Active, flighty

Broodiness: Unlikely



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WHITE EGG LAYERS

Buff Minorca

Buff Minorcas are a classic Mediterranean-type bird with big presence and plenty of personality. They lay large white eggs and do best in systems that let them move and forage. Like many Mediterranean breeds, they can be more flighty without handling, but they become comfortable and quite vocal once settled. A great choice if you want an active, expressive layer with a distinctive look.

Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 220 - 250 eggs/year

Temperament: Active, flighty

Broodiness: Occasional



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WHITE EGG LAYERS

Combless Leghorn

Combless Leghorns are remarkably efficient birds, producing large white eggs despite their small, lightweight frame. This line offers strong production without the oversized comb typical of Leghorns. They come in a wide range of colors—including white, speckled, blue, and splash—and are quick and active by nature. With early handling, many become surprisingly calm and personable for such an athletic bird.

Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Medium-Large

Egg Production: 250 - 300 eggs/year

Temperament: Active

Broodiness: Unlikely



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WHITE EGG LAYERS

High Production White Leghorn

High Production White Leghorns are the gold standard for efficient white-egg production. Light-bodied with excellent feed-to-egg conversion, they can lay at an outstanding rate when given proper nutrition and management. They're typically more flighty than heavier breeds, but many keepers find that regular handling makes them manageable. If maximum output is the goal, this is the workhorse.

Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 280 - 320 eggs/year

Temperament: Active, flighty

Broodiness: Unlikely



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WHITE EGG LAYERS

Lakenvelder

Lakenvelders are small, fast, alert birds with the classic black head-and-tail pattern on a white body. They're energetic foragers and fun to watch, laying a steady supply of small-to-large white eggs. If you like active birds with a distinctive look, Lakenvelders deliver in a compact package.

Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Medium - Large

Egg Production: 250 - 280 eggs/year

Temperament: Active, flighty

Broodiness: Unlikely



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WHITE EGG LAYERS

Lavender Leghorn

Lavender Leghorns are a striking chicken, offering solid production in a smaller, refined package. They lay large white eggs and do best with regular interaction if you want calmer birds. Fast, active, and beautiful, they're a great option for keepers who want Leghorn efficiency with a rare color twist.

Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Medium - Large

Egg Production: 180 - 200 eggs/year

Temperament: Active, flighty

Broodiness: Occasional



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WHITE EGG LAYERS

Mediterranean Mix

Mediterranean Mix is an assorted selection of our Mediterranean-type white egg layers, such as Andalusians, Minorcas, and Anconas. It's a practical way to get active, efficient birds and a steady white-egg basket when you're flexible on exact breeds. Expect alert foragers with lively personalities; egg size, production, and temperament will vary depending on the mix available at hatch.

Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 220 - 280 eggs/year

Temperament: Active; varies

Broodiness: Unlikely



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WHITE EGG LAYERS

Show Leghorn

Show Leghorns are selected for exhibition traits - clean type, strong presence, and attractive plumage - while still maintaining solid laying ability. Expect a lively, active bird that produces large white eggs, though typically at a lower rate than our highest-production Leghorn line. They make excellent 4-H and display birds and are a great fit if you want Leghorn efficiency with extra visual polish.

Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 250 - 280 eggs/year

Temperament: Active

Broodiness: Unlikely



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WHITE EGG LAYERS

Hatchery Choice

Hatchery Choice Whites are an assorted selection of our white-egg breeds, offered when you're flexible on exact varieties or when specific lines are limited. It's an efficient way to round out an order while still getting quality birds from our program. Egg size, temperament, and production will vary depending on the mix available at hatch.

Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Varies

Egg Production: Varies by selection

Temperament: Varies by breed

Broodiness: Varies



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BANTAMS

Lavender Old English

Lavender Old English bantams are petite, athletic birds with a bold voice and a lot of attitude in a small package. They lay tiny white eggs and commonly go broody, but they're best known for their lively, animated presence in the yard. Hand-raised birds can be quite friendly, and their clean lavender coloring makes them especially eye-catching.

Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Extra small

Egg Production: 125-150 eggs/year

Temperament: Active, curious

Broodiness: Unlikely



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BANTAMS

Mille Fleur

Mille Fleur d'Uccles are small, feather-legged bantams with big charm and a loyal following. They lay tiny white eggs at a respectable rate for a bantam and are often eager to go broody. With frequent handling they're exceptionally friendly. This is a show quality line, great for 4H projects.

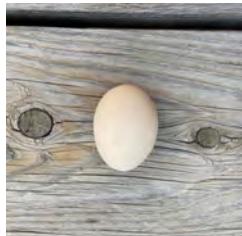
Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Extra small

Egg Production: 140-180 eggs/year

Temperament: Friendly, bold

Broodiness: Occasional



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BANTAMS

Porcelain d'Uccle

Porcelain d'Uccles bring the same feathered feet and compact bantam build, with soft lavender-blue tones and light mottling that make them look almost painted. They aren't quite as prolific as Mille Fleurs, but they lay reliably for their size and commonly go broody. Socialized early, they're gentle, personable birds that fit well in family flocks.

Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Extra small

Egg Production: 120-150 eggs/year

Temperament: Friendly, calm

Broodiness: Occasional



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BANTAMS

Self Blue d'Uccle

Self Blue d'Uccles are a standout bantam with feathered feet, compact size, and a clean, solid blue color. They lay tiny white eggs and frequently show strong broody instincts, which can be a plus if you want a small natural mother. With regular handling they're affectionate and easy to manage - flashy little birds with genuinely pleasant personalities.

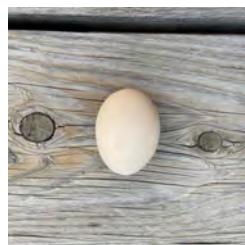
Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Extra small

Egg Production: 130-160 eggs/year

Temperament: Friendly, calm

Broodiness: Occasional



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BANTAMS

White Faced Black Spanish

White Faced Black Spanish bantams are sleek, glossy birds with a striking white face and deep black sheen that flashes green in the sun. They lay medium white eggs at a solid rate. They're lively and talkative, and with handling they become quite personable - an unusual bantam that always draws attention. This is a show quality line, great for 4H projects.

Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Medium

Egg Production: 150-200 eggs/year

Temperament: Active, curious

Broodiness: Occasional



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BANTAMS

Hatchery Choice

Hatchery Choice Bantams are an assorted selection of our bantam breeds, offered when you're flexible on exact varieties or when specific lines are limited. It's a practical way to add small birds with big personality to a flock. Egg color, broodiness, temperament, and laying rate will vary depending on the mix available at hatch.

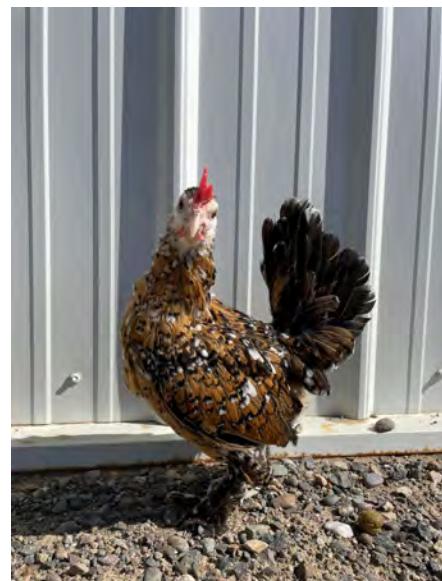
Egg Color: Varies

Egg Size: Extra small

Egg Production: Varies by selection

Temperament: Varies by breed

Broodiness: Varies



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SPECIAL RARE BREEDS

Bielefelder

Bielefelders are a standout rare breed for people who want a larger, docile bird. They're large-framed, cold-hardy birds that lay extra-large brown eggs and have a notably gentle temperament. Purebred hatchlings can be color-sexed at hatch, which adds practical value for home breeding. Expect a longer grow-out than lighter breeds, but excellent payoff in utility and personality.

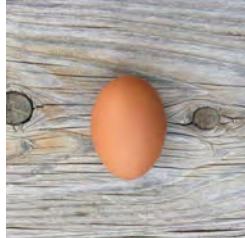
Egg Color: Brown

Egg Size: Extra large

Egg Production: 230 - 250 eggs/year

Temperament: Docile, friendly

Broodiness: Occasional



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SPECIAL RARE BREEDS

Crele Penedesenca

Crele Penedesencas are a rare, eye-catching breed known for richly colored dark brown eggs with a warmer, reddish tone. They bring a distinctive look to the yard, and they tend to be friendly and easy to keep. If you want darker eggs and a color sexable breed at hatch, these are a great addition.

Egg Color: Dark matte brown

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 180 - 200 eggs/year

Temperament: Docile, friendly

Broodiness: Frequent



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SPECIAL RARE BREEDS

Jersey Giant

Jersey Giants are big, calm birds that bring serious presence to a flock without the attitude. They are steady, moderate layers of large light-brown eggs and are especially popular with keepers who want a gentle, dual-purpose breed. They mature more slowly than lighter birds, but their size and temperament make them a rewarding long-term addition - great for families, 4-H, and mixed flocks.

Egg Color: Light brown

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 150 - 200 eggs/year

Temperament: Docile, friendly

Broodiness: Occasional



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SPECIAL RARE BREEDS

Moon Dust

Moon Dust (prev. Pewter) is a Whiting Farms breed built around a truly one-of-a-kind feather color pattern caused by a single, unique mutation that first appeared in one Whiting hen. The trait is sex-linked recessive. Egg color varies by the specific line and can range from white to tinted to brown, adding variety in both looks and basket.

Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Medium - Large

Egg Production: 150 - 200 eggs/year

Temperament: Active, assertive

Broodiness: Unlikely



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SPECIAL RARE BREEDS

Polish

Polish are a classic crested breed with high visual impact. They lay a steady supply of medium-to-large white eggs and do best with regular handling. Because the crest can limit vision, they may be more vulnerable to aerial predators when freeranging. We offer assorted colors as available.

Egg Color: White to tinted to brown (varies)

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 180 - 220 eggs/year

Temperament: Active

Broodiness: Unlikely



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SPECIAL RARE BREEDS

Russian Orloff

Russian Orloffs are cold-hardy, substantial birds with a rugged look and a calm, friendly temperament. They are not prolific layers, but they produce large light-brown eggs and do well in tougher weather. Their heavier build makes them a solid dual-purpose option, and they are often surprisingly gentle for such an imposing bird - great for keepers prioritizing hardiness and personality over maximum output.

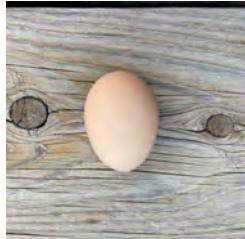
Egg Color: Light brown

Egg Size: Large

Egg Production: 100 - 150 eggs/year

Temperament: Standoffish, calm

Broodiness: Unlikely



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SPECIAL RARE BREEDS

Salmon Faverolle

Salmon Faverolles are a large, fluffy, bird with a calm temperament and a unique, bearded look. They are moderate layers, but good mothers. Slow-growing and cold-hardy, they're great for keepers who want a personable, distinctive breed that is as enjoyable to watch as it is to raise. They are also color sexable at hatch.

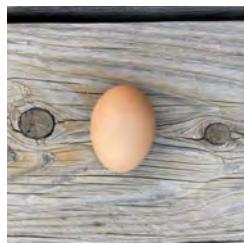
Egg Color: Light brown

Egg Size: Medium - Large

Egg Production: 150 - 200 eggs/year

Temperament: Docile, friendly

Broodiness: Occasional



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SPECIAL RARE BREEDS

Silver Spangled Hamburg

Silver Spangled Hamburgs are flashy, energetic birds with crisp black-and-white spangling that turns heads. They lay a steady stream of medium white eggs and are typically not broody. As a flockmate, they tend to be quite submissive and do best with gentle breeds. Chicks can be delicate early on and may need extra care, but adults are hardy and excellent foragers.

Egg Color: White

Egg Size: Small - Medium

Egg Production: 150 - 200 eggs/year

Temperament: Active, flighty

Broodiness: Unlikely



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SPECIAL RARE BREEDS

Hatchery Choice

Hatchery Choice Special Rare is an assorted selection of our specialty and rarer breeds, offered when you're flexible on exact varieties or when specific lines are limited. It's a practical way to add something unusual to a flock without chasing a single breed. Egg color, size, temperament, broodiness, and laying rate will vary depending on the mix available at hatch.

Egg Color: Varies

Egg Size: Varies

Egg Production: Varies by selection

Temperament: Varies by breed

Broodiness: Varies



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MEAT BIRDS

Colorado Gold

Colorado Golds are our best-selling meat bird, bred for strong growth at elevation without the common heart issues seen in fast-growing white broilers. Roosters typically reach 5-6 lb average in about 10-12 weeks, while hens will be 4-5 lbs. They can get much larger if you grow past this age. They should be fed free choice for best growth.

Egg Color: Light Brown

Egg Size: Medium - Large

Egg Production: 220-250 eggs/year

Temperament: Docile, friendly

Broodiness: Unlikely



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MEAT BIRDS

Delaware

Delawares are a slower-growing, substantial bird that works well for people who want a true dual-purpose option or a more traditional meat grow-out. Expect a longer timeline - often 15 - 20 weeks - to reach a large finished size, but the payoff is a big carcass with excellent breast and leg development. They're notably friendly and curious, making them easy to raise.

Egg Color: Light Brown

Egg Size: Brown

Egg Production: 180 - 200 eggs/year

Temperament: Calm

Broodiness: Unlikely



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MEAT BIRDS

Jumbo Naked Neck

Jumbo Naked Necks are a unique, hardy meat bird with reduced feathering, which can mean less plucking and a bit easier processing. They grow more slowly than industrial broilers, often finishing around 11-14 weeks at a solid size. They do well as active birds with good vigor and are a great choice if you want a meat line with more traditional growth and toughness.

Egg Color: Light Brown

Egg Size: Brown

Egg Production: 180 - 200 eggs/year

Temperament: Docile, friendly

Broodiness: Unlikely



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MEAT BIRDS

Orloff Gold Fryers

Orloff Gold Fryers are stocky, cold-hardy meat birds with a taller build and excellent vigor. They typically finish in about 12-14 weeks and do well in outdoor systems. They have excellent flavor, but slightly less breast meat than the Colorado Golds, making them ideal for fryers.

Egg Color: Light Brown

Egg Size: Brown

Egg Production: 180 - 200 eggs/year

Temperament: Standoffish, calm

Broodiness: Unlikely



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MEAT BIRDS

Hatchery Choice

Hatchery Choice Meats are an assorted selection of our meat bird offerings, available when you're flexible on exact lines or when specific breeds are limited. It's a practical way to fill a grow-out plan while still getting quality birds from our program. Growth rate, final size, and temperament will vary depending on the mix available at hatch.

Egg Color: Varies

Egg Size: Medium - Large

Egg Production: Varies by selection

Temperament: Varies by breed

Broodiness: Unlikely



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HATCHERY CHOICE ALL

Hatchery Choice ANY chick except meat/bantams

Hatchery Choice All is our most flexible option: an assorted selection of any available chicks from our laying and specialty lines (excluding meat birds and bantams). It's ideal if you want quality birds but aren't attached to specific breeds, or if you're trying to fill out an order when certain lines are limited. Egg color, egg size, temperament, broodiness, and production will vary based on what's available at hatch.

Egg Color: Varies

Egg Size: Varies

Egg Production: Varies by selection

Temperament: Varies by breed

Broodiness: Varies

