

2025 Family Farm & Home Core Breed Guide

Type	Breed	FFH Breed Classification	Temperament	Approx. eggs/yr.	Egg Size	Egg Color	Winter Hardy?
Chickens							
Chicken	Diamond Duchess	FFH Exclusive Breed	Docile, calm, easy to care for	Over 250	Medium	Varies	Yes
Chicken	Amberlink	Old Faithful	Docile, mellow, good foragers	300	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Barred Rock	Old Faithful	Docile, calm, easy to care for	250	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Black Australorp	Old Faithful	Docile, energetic	250	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Black Sex Link	Old Faithful	Gentle, active	250	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Buff Orpington	Old Faithful	Docile, calm, gentle, good with children	220	Medium	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Isa Brown	Old Faithful	Docile, easy to care for	320	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Rhode Island Red	Old Faithful	Exuberant, curious, friendly, roosters can be aggressive	265	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	White Leghorn	Old Faithful	Active, alert, athletic, nervous	325	Large	White	Yes
Chicken	Americana	Tried & True	Docile, friendly	240	Medium	Varies	Yes
Chicken	Black Jersey Giant	Tried & True	Docile, easy going	240	Extra Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Gold Laced Wyandotte	Tried & True	Docile, calm, easy going	245	Medium	Cream	Yes
Chicken	Light Brahma	Tried & True	Calm, friendly, good with children	200	Medium	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Olive Egger	Tried & True	Docile, friendly, mellow, active	260	Large	Varies	Yes
Chicken	Pearl Star Leghorn / Smokey Pearl	Tried & True	Docile, friendly, calm	280	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Plymouth Blue Rock / Blue Plymouth	Tried & True	Docile, easy to care for	270	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Silver Laced Wyandotte	Tried & True	Docile, calm, easy going	245	Medium	Cream	Yes
Chicken	Barnevelder	Fancy & Fun	Docile, curious, active, gentle	160	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Blue Jersey Giant	Fancy & Fun	Docile, easy going	240	Extra Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Blue Laced Gold Wyandotte	Fancy & Fun	Docile, friendly	200	Medium	Cream	Yes
Chicken	Chocolate Orpington	Fancy & Fun	Docile, friendly, calm, gentle	200	Medium	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Cucko Marans / Cuckoo Maran	Fancy & Fun	Docile, friendly, easy to handle	200	Medium	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Mystic Marans / Midnight Majesty Maran	Fancy & Fun	Calm, friendly	250	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Sapphire Sky / Sapphire Splash	Fancy & Fun	Docile, easy to care for	290	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Speckled Sussex	Fancy & Fun	Docile, friendly, gentle	240	Medium	Cream	Yes
Chicken	Welsummer	Fancy & Fun	Docile, active, friendly	250	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Cornish Rock Cross Broiler	Meat Bird	Docile, sedentary	-	-	-	-
Chicken	Red Rangers/Rudd Ranger	Meat Bird	Docile, active	-	-	-	-
Chicken	Bielefelder	Rare Breeds	Calm, curious, active, friendly	230	Extra Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Blue Laced Red Wyandotte	Rare Breeds	Docile, friendly	200	Medium	Cream	Yes
Chicken	Cream Legbar	Rare Breeds	Friendly, calm, and human-friendly birds	Less than 250	Medium	Varies	Yes
Chicken	French Black Copper Marans	Rare Breeds	Docile, friendly, easy to handle	225	Medium	Brown	Yes
Chicken	French Blue Copper Marans	Rare Breeds	Calm and docile	Over 250	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	French Cuckoo Marans	Rare Breeds	Docile, friendly, easy to handle	225	Medium	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Lavender Orpington	Rare Breeds	Docile, calm, gentle, good with children	220	Medium	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Welbars	Rare Breeds	Docile	Less than 250	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	American Breese	Elite Breeds	Great temperament, easy to care for	Over 250	Large	White	Yes
Chicken	Blue Astralorps	Elite Breeds	Friendly, calm, good with children, active	Over 250	Large	Light Brown	Yes
Chicken	Blue Cucko Maran	Elite Breeds	Docile, active, athletic, good for foraging	Over 250	Medium	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Blue English Orpington	Elite Breeds	Calm, quiet, affectionate	Less than 250	Medium	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Blue Olive Egger	Elite Breeds	Charming, hardy	Less than 250	Medium	Varies	Yes
Chicken	Golden Cucko Marans	Elite Breeds	Occasionally broody	Over 250	Medium	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Golden Phoenix	Elite Breeds	Docile	Less than 250	Small	Varies	Yes
Chicken	Indian Red Junglefowl	Elite Breeds	Alert, athletic, excellent foragers	Over 250	Small	White	Yes
Chicken	Isabars	Elite Breeds	Docile, good foragers	Less than 250	Medium	Varies	Yes
Chicken	Jubilee English Orpington	Elite Breeds	Calm, friendly, docile	Less than 250	Medium	Light Brown	Yes
Chicken	Lavender Maran	Elite Breeds	Docile, friendly	Less than 250	Medium	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Lavender Olive Eggers	Elite Breeds	Docile, sweet, hardy	Less than 250	Large	Varies	Yes
Chicken	Lavender Wyandotte	Elite Breeds	Docile, gentle, sociable	Over 250	Large	Light Brown	Yes
Chicken	Mosaic	Elite Breeds	Friendly, docile, curious, social	Less than 250	Medium	Light Brown	Yes

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Chicken	Mottled English Orpington	Elite Breeds	Docile, gentle		Less than 250	Medium	Light Brown	Yes
Chicken	Red Orpington	Elite Breeds	Broody, good mothers		Over 250	Large	Light Brown	Yes
Chicken	Red Shoulder Yokahama	Elite Breeds	Gentle, quiet		Less than 250	Small	White	Yes
Chicken	Russian Orloff	Elite Breeds	Calm		Over 250	Small	Light Brown	Yes
Chicken	Sicilian Buttercup	Elite Breeds	Active		Less than 250	Medium	White	Yes
Chicken	Silver English Orpington	Elite Breeds	Docile, gentle, good with children		Less than 250	Medium	Light Brown	Yes
Chicken	Silver Phoenix	Elite Breeds	Good temperament		Less than 250	Small	White	Yes
Chicken	Silver Sussex	Elite Breeds	Calm, docile, friendly		Over 250	Medium	Light Brown	Yes
Chicken	Speckledy	Elite Breeds	Docile, easy to handle		Over 250	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Splash Jersey Giants	Elite Breeds	Docile, good with children		Over 250	Large	Brown	Yes
Chicken	Splash Laced Red Wyandotte	Elite Breeds	Docile, occasionally broody		Over 250	Medium	Brown	Yes
Chicken	White Faced Black Spanish	Elite Breeds	Active, noisy, curious		Less than 250	Medium	White	Yes
Chicken	White Sports Legbar	Elite Breeds	Active, friendly, docile		Over 250	Medium	Varies	Yes
Chicken	Zombies	Elite Breeds	Docile to extreme flightness		Over 250	Medium	White	Yes
Chicken	Assorted Bantams	Straight Run Bantams	-		-	-	-	-
Chicken	Golden Sebright Bantams	Straight Run Bantams	Docile, friendly, easily tamed		100	Small	Cream	Yes
Chicken	Mille Fleur D'Uccle Bantams	Straight Run Bantams	Docile, friendly, easily tamed		100	Small	Cream	No
Chicken	Porcelain D'Uccle Bantams	Straight Run Bantams	Good temperament, friendly		100	Small	Cream	No
Chicken	Silver Duckwing Old English Bantams (Grey Old English)	Straight Run Bantams	Active, broody		110	Small	Cream	No
Chicken	Silver Sebright Bantams	Straight Run Bantams	Docile, flighty		100	Small	Cream	No
Chicken	White Silkie Bantams	Straight Run Bantams	Docile, sweet		120	Small	Cream	Yes
Ducks								
Duck	Black Swedish	Straight Run Ducks	Calm, active		180	Large	White	Yes
Duck	Blue Swedish	Straight Run Ducks	Docile, active		180	Large	White/Blue/Green	Yes
Duck	Cayuga	Straight Run Ducks	Docile, calm		180	Large	Black/Gray/White	Yes
Duck	Khaki Campbell	Straight Run Ducks	Calm, active		220	Large	White	Yes
Duck	Rouen	Straight Run Ducks	Calm, gentle		180	Extra Large	White	Yes
Duck	White Pekin	Straight Run Ducks	Calm, active		200	Extra Large	White	Yes
Guineas & Turkeys								
Guinea	French Pearl	Guineas	Flighty, active, alert		135	Small	Speckled	Yes
Turkey	Bronze	Straight Run Turkeys	Docile, strong		Limited	Large	Brown	Yes
Turkey	White	Straight Run Turkeys	Docile, strong		Limited	Extra Large	Cream	Yes