



Turkey Brooding Basics

Success of a flock is dependent on a great start for the poults. These basics below will help to focus on starting your flock out on the right foot so your flock can perform and achieve their full potential. Regardless of the breed, always make sure your pens are clean and dry! When your hatchlings arrive, they will need water first and foremost. Dip their beaks in clean, room temperature water to get them acclimated and hydrated before giving them food.



Temperature Guidelines

- Pre-heat brooder 24-48 hours prior to arrival
- Brooder Temperature 102-105 decreasing by 5 per week



Clean Water Access

- Available 24 hours
- Refresh daily or sooner as needed



Feeding

- Allow 1 linear inch per bird (add feeders as poults grow)
- Up to 6 weeks use 27-30% Game Bird Starter
- 6-12 weeks use 21% Grower
- 12-Mature use 18% Finisher for Processed birds
- 12-Mature use Breeder Pellets for Exhibition, Breeding or Pets
- Provide chick grit



Lighting

- 250 W Red Bulb approximately 12" off the floor
- Day 1: Provide 24 hours of light
- Day 2-7: Decrease 1 hour of light per day until daily light exposure equals 18 hours



Recommended Space Requirements

- Up to 8 weeks: 2-2.5 square feet/bird
- 8-16 weeks: 3-4 square feet/bird (with free range space)
- 16-20 weeks: 5-8 square feet/bird (with free range space)
- 20+ weeks: 6-10 square feet/bird (with free range space)

