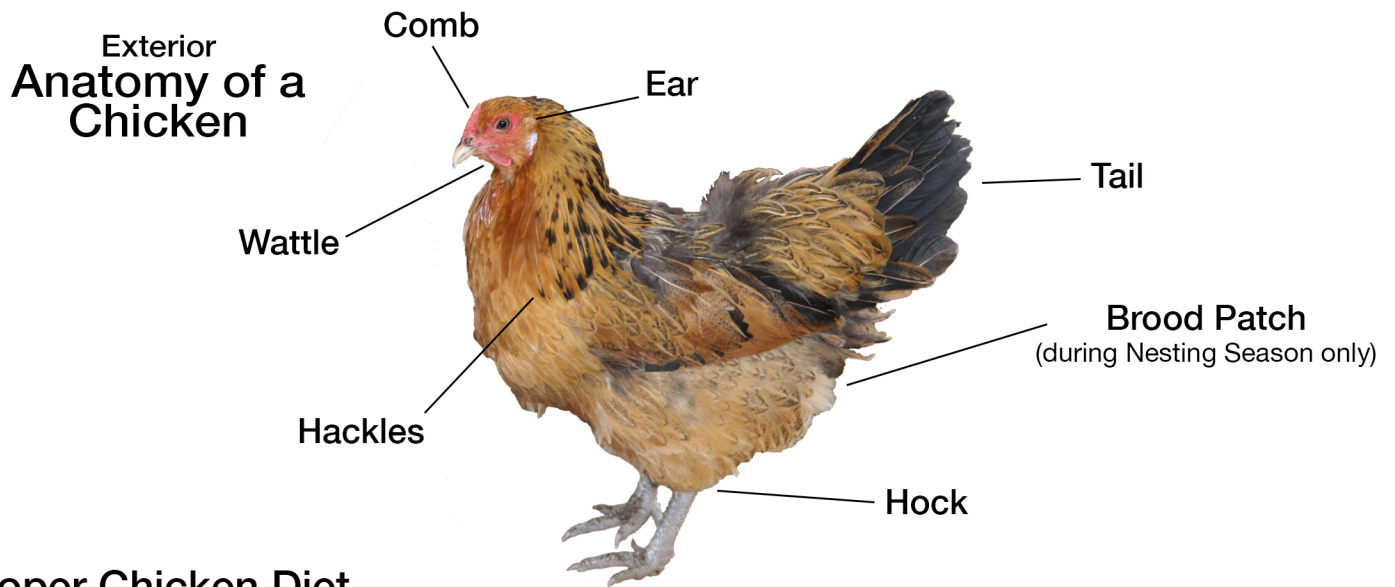


Chickens

History

- The modern chicken was domesticated from the Red Junglefowl, a wild bird native to asia
- The Red Jungle fowl is a prolific reproducer when exposed to large amounts of food, it is this characteristic that made the chicken such a good domestication decision



Proper Chicken Diet

- Cleanliness is essential
- Containers on the ground should be cleaned once or twice a day
- Hanging feeders and water canisters help prevent debris from collecting in the containers

Dietary Supplements

- Of course, insects are a welcome treat
- Bird grit is a good additive for digestion as needed
- Yogurt and Apple Cider Vinegar are a great natural probiotic that can be used as needed
- Oyster shell is a great natural calcium boost
- Food Grade Diatomaceous Earth or (DE) can be used as needed



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Coups Design

- Aim for 8 to 10 sq ft per chicken
- 1/2 inch aviary wire is recommended to keep all small birds out, and will also allow airflow
- Be sure your coop has shade, either from an existing tree or structure, or make some with a roof
- If you are using a smaller coop for only laying and night, be sure to give them their space to run
- Put their fence a foot into the ground and/or use pavers as lining around



Common Chicken Ailments

- Impacted Crop
- Egg Bound
- Respiratory Infections
- Sour Crop
- Bumble Foot
- Impacted Cloaca
- Fowl Pox



Significant Laying Varieties

Variety	Egg	Color
• Ancona	• Upto 5 eggs/week	• Cream to White
• Australorp	• Upto 5 eggs/week	• Brown
• Favaucana	• Upto 5 eggs/week	• Green
• Sussex	• Upto 4 eggs/week	• Light Brown
• Wyandotte	• Upto 4 eggs/week	• Brown

Small Bodied

- Handle heat better and are often among the best layers
- These birds tend to be harder to handle and are much flightier

Large Bodied

- With proper Coups set up, they can handle heat as well as a small bodied bird
- Easier to handle and are less flighty
- Typically dual purpose, meaning they can be used for eggs or meat

Tips on keeping your chickens cool

- Provide more shade if needed
- A container like a kiddie pool filled with water allows the chickens to take a dip, this needs to be emptied daily to be kept clean
- Frozen bottles work surprisingly well
- Multiple spray downs with a garden hose
- Provide more shade if needed



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