

**Feb. 12** Barred Rock  
Speckled Sussex  
Buff Orpington

**March 5** Delaware  
Easter Egger  
Barred Rock

**April 2** Black Australorp  
Easter Egger  
Buff Orpington

**April 30** Golden Buff  
Light Brahma  
Rhode Island Red

**May 28** Barred Rock  
New Hampshire Red  
Easter Egger

**June 25** Black Australorp  
Buff Orpington  
Welsummer

**July 14** Barred Rock  
Golden Buff  
Easter Egger

**Aug. 30** Black Australorp  
Buff Orpington  
Rhode Island Red



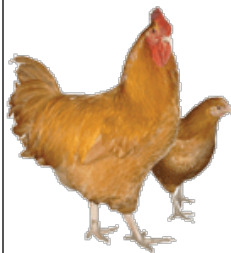
### Black Australorp

Hardy, persistent layers. Docile & quiet. Good with children  
Disposition: Docile & Quiet  
Eggs: Large Brown; Excellent



### Barred Rock

Old time favorite. High egg production with a docile personality.  
Disposition: Docile  
Eggs: Large Brown; Very Good



### Buff Orpington

Friendly & Affectionate. Make excellent mothers. A popular choice.  
Disposition: Docile, quiet & affectionate  
Eggs: Large Brown; Good



### Delaware

Beautiful birds are mostly white with striped black tails.  
Disposition: Docile  
Eggs: Large Brown; Very Good



### Easter Egger

Our most popular bird. Blue-green eggs. Suited for cold weather.  
Disposition: Active & Friendly  
Eggs: Medium Green-Blue; Good



### Golden Buff

Also known as Golden Sex-Link. Excellent layer.  
Disposition: Calm, quiet  
Eggs: Large Brown; Excellent



### Light Brahma

Stately breed with feathered feet. Mellow and make good pets.  
Disposition: Gentle  
Eggs: Medium Brown; Good



### New Hampshire Red

Early maturing and very cold hardy  
Disposition: Usually Calm  
Eggs: Large Brown; Very Good



### Rhode Island Red

Familiar stand-by in any flock. Calm bird and an excellent layer  
Disposition: Docile  
Eggs: Large Brown; Excellent



### Speckled Sussex

White spangles on mahogany feathers. Quite calm and curious.  
Disposition: Gentle  
Eggs: Large Brown; Very Good



### Welsummer

Rare birds of Dutch origin. Adapts well to any environment.  
Disposition: Docile, Friendly  
Eggs: Large Brown Speckled

## Chicken Hatches 2015

# GardenSphere

## Chick Basics



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- Chicks arrive at GardenSphere as day old chicks. They are sexed and vaccinated with the Marek's vaccine at the hatchery and shipped to us. All the chicks we carry are guaranteed to be hens. If your hen turns out to be a rooster bring it back and we will take care of him for you.
- Chicks need to be kept under a heat lamp for the first 8-9 weeks of their life. Without the heat lamp they could develop hypothermia and die.
- Brooder temperature should be consistent at around 90-100 degrees and reduce the temperature by about 5 degrees each week until the birds are fully feathered. At that time birds may be moved into their permanent outdoor coop.
- We suggest purchasing multiple chicks at a time. Chickens are social animals and need a friend to thrive. Introducing a solitary bird into a flock can also be tricky. Larger birds will often peck at a new bird to teach it the "pecking order."
- Chicks will be fed a starter feed for 8-19 weeks. At 8-9 weeks (pullet stage) you may switch them to a grower feed or keep them on starter feed until they lay their first egg.
- Chick issues may include pasty butt, an accumulation and hardening of feces on the backside of the bird. This can be fatal if not caught. Using tepid water massage the feces until it comes free. You may also use a scissors to cut the blockage free. Put the bird back under the heat lamp to prevent hypothermia.
- The first day home we suggest you refrain from handling your chicks too much. They've been through a lot already in their short lives. However, the more you handle them the better socialized they will become.
- Change the bedding in the brooder regularly. It is best to keep the birds on newspaper (no ad slicks) the first week and then switch to pine shavings. **Never use cedar bedding** with your birds. Cedar emits a volatile oil that causes damage and eventually death in poultry.
- Have fun with your baby chicks and should you have any questions don't hesitate to call us. We are there to help!

- Chicks are available on a first come, first served basis. We will be unable to "reserve" chicks for customers. Chicks arrive on Wednesday, but will not be made available for sale until Thursday. This allows them to recover from their travels.
- We guarantee all of our birds to be hens. If you end up with a rooster bring him back to us and we will take care of him for you.



### Upcoming Chickens 101 Classes:

February 28, 2015; 1:30 p.m. EnviroHouse  
March 21, 2015; 1:30 p.m. - Enviro House

\*Classes are free. EnviroHouse classes require registration due to limited parking. Register for EnviroHouse classes at: [www.cityoftacoma.org/envirohouse](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/envirohouse) We ask that you please register for classes at the library by calling each library directly.