

Natural Egg Production Checklist

A simple reference for supporting healthy, happy laying hens

Use this checklist to review the everyday basics that help your hens reach their natural laying potential. Egg production will still vary with breed, age, season, molting, broodiness, genetics and overall health.

Nutrition

- Feed an appropriate, complete poultry ration.
- Keep treats and kitchen scraps in moderation.
- Provide supplemental calcium, such as oyster shell, for laying hens.
- Provide appropriate poultry grit when needed.

Water & Environment

- Provide constant access to clean, fresh water.
- Keep the coop clean, dry and well ventilated.
- Provide comfortable, clean nesting boxes.
- Give the flock adequate coop and run space.
- Protect chickens from predators and unnecessary stress.

Seasonal Care

- Provide shade, airflow and plenty of water during hot weather.
- Keep drinking water from freezing during winter.
- Expect natural changes in laying as daylight decreases.
- Allow hens to molt naturally and support them with good nutrition.

Health & Flock Management

- Observe your flock every day for changes in appetite, behaviour or appearance.
- Check regularly for signs of mites, lice or other parasites.
- Investigate sudden or unexplained drops in egg production.
- Keep realistic expectations based on each hen's breed and age.

Remember: Healthy chickens come before more eggs. There is no food, herb or supplement that can override a hen's natural reproductive cycle. Focus on excellent everyday care—the eggs are the bonus.