

Note: Shipments are received approximately 1 (one) or 2 (two) days after hatch date!

Note: Pullets- Pre sexed chicks at the Ideal Hatchery

St Runs- Not pre sexed at the Ideal hatchery

Note: Hatch date represent the day chicks are hatching; allow 1-2 days for shipment to arrive

White egg layers:

Ideal 236

The Ideal 236 is a breed cross layer developed by Ideal Poultry in the 1960's and is the most productive, efficient layer sold by Ideal. This breed cross has excellent highbred vigor, which takes advantage of the specific combinability involving a combination of 3 strains of White Leghorns and a white egg barred breed cross. The specific combination of strains/breeds has produced a bird with excellent livability and the ability to lay for a long period of time without moulting.

The mature weight of Ideal 236 hens is 4.5 lbs. which is heavier than most commercial layers.



Buff Orpington

Buff Orpington Bantams originated in England and Germany and are relatively common in the United States. All of the plumage is an even shade of intense, golden buff, free from shaftiness, mealiness, cloudiness or mottled appearance. The female's head, neck, hackle, back, saddle, sickle and wing bow plumage is richly glossed. They have a tendency to go broody, and therefore make excellent setters. Standard weights at maturity are male-36 oz, and hen-34 oz.



Crested Special

Crested Special, which is sometimes called "Top Hat Special," is the hatchery's choice of standard breeds that have crests including Crevecoeurs, Mottled Houdans, Sultans and Black Crested White, Buff Laced, Golden Laced, Silver Laced, White Crested Blue Polish and White Crested Black Polish, which have not been sold as specific crested breeds and varieties. Most of these breeds lay medium to small white eggs. Every effort will be made to include a nice variety, but Ideal does not make this guarantee.

Crested Special will be available February thru October.

Standard weights at maturity are males-5 lbs. and hens-4 lbs.



Bantam Special

Bantam Special is the hatchery's choice of Pure Bred Bantams, which have not been sold as specific breed bantams and have not been used in other assortments. A nice variety of bantams will be included in this special. Ideal has more varieties of bantams than any other hatchery.



Assorted Guinea

Assorted Guineas are the hatchery's choice of all the varieties that Ideal hatches which have not been sold as specific guinea varieties. Guineas, which are known as keets, are very active and easy to raise. After about 4 weeks of age, they require very little attention and will take care of themselves by hustling for their food. When available, as many varieties of keets as practical will be included in the assortment. Ideal does not guarantee which varieties will be included in the shipment. Some of the benefits of having a farm flock of guineas are as follows: very fine "watch dogs", keep snakes away from the farm and consume grasshoppers, ticks (including those which carry Lyme Disease) and other insects. Keets are available only as Straight Runs from June through August.



Brown egg layers:

Black Sex Link

Black Sex Links are a breed cross using Rhode Island Red males and Barred Plymouth Rock females. The male chicks have a white spot on the top of their heads and can be separated from the solid black female chicks when they hatch. This cross, which is used in commercial layer operations, is an efficient producer of large brown eggs. They have excellent livability, and hens from this cross weigh about 5 1/2 lbs. and can be salvaged for fowl meat when their use for laying is over.



Golden Sex Link

Gold Sex Links are a breed cross using Rhode Island Red males and Rhode Island White females. The female chicks are streaked with red or gold and can be separated from the solid white male chicks at one day old. This cross, which is one of the most popular used in commercial layer operations, is an efficient producer of large brown eggs. This outstanding cross has excellent livability, and mature hens, which weigh 5 1/2 lbs. can be salvaged for fowl meat when their use for laying is over.



Red Sex Link

Red Sex Links are a breed cross using Rhode Island Red males and Delaware females. The females are primarily red while the males are primarily white; therefore, the sexes can be separated immediately following hatching. This layer is used in many commercial layer operations. They have excellent livability, and are very efficient producers of large brown eggs. Mature hens will weigh about 5 1/2 lbs. and can be salvaged for fowl meat when their use for laying is over.



Production Red

Production Reds are a brown egg layer that was developed for efficient production of large brown eggs. Crosses utilizing Rhode Island Reds and New Hampshire Reds were used in the development of this breed, which is Ideal's most efficient producer of large brown eggs. Since they have brittle feathers and because their body size is relatively small for the size eggs that they produce, they are more susceptible to cannibalism and are not recommended for high-density wire laying facilities.



New Hampshire Red

New Hampshire Reds were developed in the state of New Hampshire through a gradual process of selection, which began around 1915 with Rhode Island Reds as the foundation stock. At one time this breed was the leading breed used for the production of brown eggs and broiler meat. They are one of the fastest growing dual-purpose breeds and they feather very rapidly. Of the dual-purpose breeds, New Hampshires are one of the preferred breeds for the production of meat. Standard weights at maturity are males-8 lbs. and hens-6 1/2 lbs.



Barred Rock

Barred Plymouth Rocks are one of America's oldest and most popular breeds. All of their plumage is black and white barred which is the result of the barred (B) gene. Because males are the homozygous sex, they have two barred alleles (BB) and are therefore lighter in color than the females, which are the heterogametic sex and have only one barred allele(B₁). They are an excellent dual purpose breed, known for their efficient production of large brown eggs. Standard weights at maturity are males-9 1/2 lbs. and hens-6 lbs



Black Australorp

Black Australorps are one of the most popular producers of large brown eggs and they are known for persistency of lay even in hot weather. The green sheen of this solid black plumage bird presents a truly beautiful sight, particularly when the sun is reflecting off the plumage. Standard weights at maturity are males-8 1/2 lbs. and hens-5 1/2 lbs.



Rhode Island Red

Rhode Island Reds are an old time, well-known American breed, which was developed in the state of Rhode Island. A distinct characteristic of this breed is their horizontal, oblong body, which is deep, broad and long, sometimes described as "brick shaped". They are an excellent dual-purpose bird that efficiently produces large brown eggs. From the time they are chicks until maturity they may have white on the wing tips, but when they are fully matured they should not have any white feathers. Standard weights at maturity are males-8 1/2 lbs. and hens-6 1/2 lbs.



Silver Wyandotte

Silver Laced Wyandottes, which are the most popular Wyandotte variety, are the original variety of the Wyandotte breed.

The general appearance of Wyandottes is a short, deep, wide-bodied bird. Their close fitting, rose comb is an advantage in cold climates where single combs sometimes freeze. The unusual, striking color pattern and docile nature are characteristics that make them a popular variety. They are a very good layer of brown eggs. Standard weights at maturity are males-8 1/2 lbs. and hens-6 1/2 lbs.



Multicolor eggs:

Ameraucana

Easter Eggers (Ameraucana) Bantams are clean leg, multicolored producers of multicolored eggs, primarily shades of blue and green.

Easter Eggers are many times called Ameraucanas or Araucanas.

Easter Eggers have muffs, beards and tail heads. Both of these characteristics present complicated breeding problems.

Standard weights at maturity are male-36 oz, and hen-34 oz.



Game Bird:

Hatchery Choice Ducks

Hatchery Choice Ducks is an assortment of all breeds of ducks that Ideal hatches, including crested ducks, which have not been sold as specific breeds of ducks. Sexed ducks are available as specific breeds, but Hatchery Choice Ducks are sold as Straight Runs (as hatched with males and females mixed). Of all types of poultry, ducks are the easiest to raise. They are efficient producers of meat, excellent foragers and resistant to cold or wet weather. Ducks are useful in controlling unwanted plants in ponds and serve as insect, snail and slug exterminators. Together with having many practical attributes, ducks are beautiful, fun to watch and make excellent pets. A small flock of ducks can transform just another pond into a center of attraction and provide hours of entertainment.



Hatchery Choice Goose

Hatchery Choice Geese is an assortment of all breeds of geese that Ideal hatches which have not been sold as specific breeds of geese. Sexed geese are available as specific breeds, but Hatchery Choice Geese are sold only as Straight Runs (as hatched with males and females mixed). Geese are hardy, easy to raise and seem to be resistant of all poultry diseases, parasites and cold or wet weather. They are excellent foragers, weeders and lawn mowers and can live on grass, water and grit; although, for top growth and egg production, commercial, high protein feed should be provided. Geese are useful in controlling the growth of grass on banks of ponds and streams and various underwater plants. They are extremely alert and honk loudly at the appearance of strangers. When geese are present on the farm, they are a deterrent to snakes. Geese are available from February through June.

