

Facts for Starting Birds

Broilers: Plan on 7 weeks for a 5-6 lb. bird eating 6-8 lbs. of feed such as Homestead[®] FastGrow[®]

Layers: Plan 16 weeks for a 3 lb. bird eating 13-15 lbs. of feed such as Homestead[®] Poultry Developer

Equipment needed to start with 100 baby chicks:

- Feeder – 180 inches
- Waterers – 1 quart water for each 25 chicks
- Two heat lamps – keep birds space around 90° F for first week then decrease
- Litter/shaving (not super fine)
- Sheet of paper
- Brood guard (18-24 in. high cardboard)
- Proper feed (commercial product to start)

Setup brood guard (10 ft circle), place paper over bedding (so chicks don't eat bedding), plug in lights and fill waterers and feeders 3-4 hours before arrival. These parameters must be changed as birds become older. This is a very quick reference.

Go to www.hubbardlife.com > Poultry Tips & Tools for more information.

