Poultry Project Help Sheet



About how many eggs a chicken lay a day?

At most, a hen (female chicken) can lay **one egg a day** – but a hen will not always lay an egg every day. It takes 24 to 26 hours for a hen to produce an egg.

Which of the following are parasites chickens can receive?

Mites, Lice, Worms are all parasites to watch for in chickens.

Lice and mites are common poultry pests. They feed on the blood, feathers, skin, or scales of the bird. Heavy infestations can result in poor poultry health, reduced growth and egg production, and even the death of birds.

Fenbendazole is the only product that is currently approved for treatment and control of roundworms and cecal worms in chickens and turkeys in the United States.

What is the proper way to carry a chicken?

Still holding the bird as described above, and shown to the right, place the bird's head into the crook of your arm or with the head under your arm. You may place your hand on the back of the bird to control it, as required.

When should birds be washed for show?

Birds should be bathed at least five days before a show. This allows the bird time to dry completely, oil to be restored to the feathers, and for them to groom their own feathers. Before you begin, gather the necessary items needed to bathe your bird.

How much feed should a laying hen consume daily?

A laying hen will consume between 100 and 150 grams of feed per day or roughly 0.25 pounds. Therefore, 10 laying hens $(10 \times 0.25 = 2.5 \text{ pounds per day})$ will consume a 50-pound bag of feed in approximately 20 days.

How much water does a hen drink per day?

A full-grown hen drinks approximately **1 pint** of water each day, but can vary depending on their size, environment, and season. For warmer months, chickens may need up to 2 pints of water per day.

What is a pullet?

Pullet- Young female less than 1 year old

Hen– Female chicken over one year of age

Cockerel- Male chicken under one year of age

Cock or Rooster– Male chicken over one year of age

What is the difference between a bantam and large fowl?

Size-Bantams are a small chicken

Large fowl is larger

If a hen has red earlobes, what color eggs is she most likely to lay?

You can tell the shell color by the hen's earlobe. Hens with white earlobes typically lay white or lightly tinted eggs. Hens with red earlobes most commonly lay brown eggs, but there are always exceptions to those rules. Different shades of chicken egg colors can come from the same bird on different days.

Which of the following are correct of where chickens should be housed?

Chickens need **a** warm, dry and well-ventilated chicken house. This should have: A big enough entrance - this should allow your chickens to pass through easily without having to crouch. More than one entrance helps avoid bullying and encourages them to use the outdoor area.