



BABY CHICK

Care Guide

RAISE. LEARN. GROW.



Congratulations on your new baby chicks! At Hobe Sound Farms, our chicks are hatched and handled with care every day. This guide will help you give your chicks the best start while teaching your family about responsible animal care.

BEFORE YOU BRING THEM HOME

Have your brooder completely set up BEFORE your chicks arrive.

- ✓ Brooder Box
- ✓ Pine Shavings
- ✓ Heat Source
- ✓ Baby Chick Starter Feed
- ✓ Chick Feeder
- ✓ Chick Waterer
- ✓ Electrolyte Packet



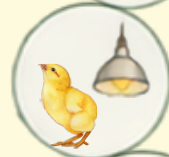
TEMPERATURE GUIDE

Baby chicks cannot regulate their body temperature. For the first week keep the brooder at 95°F. **Reduce the temperature by 5°F each week.**

AGE	TEMPERATURE
WEEK 1	95° F
WEEK 2	90° F
WEEK 3	85° F
WEEK 4	80° F
WEEK 5	75° F
WEEK 6+	Room Temperature



Huddled Together?
They are cold.



Staying Far Away from the heater?
They are too warm.



Running around, eating & sleeping comfortably?
Perfect!



FEEDING YOUR CHICKS

Provide Chick Starter Feed. Offer free-choice, meaning your chicks should always have access to food. Young chicks eat small amounts many times throughout the day.



WATER

Fresh water should always be available. During the first few days, add the provided electrolyte packet & mix it according to the package directions. Replace water daily.



BEDDING

Use only **PINE SHAVINGS**.
Do Not Use:

- Cedar shavings
- Newspaper
- Slick plastic

Keep bedding clean and dry. Replace wet bedding immediately.



HANDLING YOUR CHICKS

Our chicks are handled daily. Continue handling them gently every day. Always wash your hands before and after handling. Children should always be supervised. Gentle handling helps your chicks become friendly adult chickens.



SIGNS OF A HEALTHY CHICK

- Bright-eyed
- Active
- Curious
- Eating and drinking
- Chirping softly

DAILY CARE CHECKLIST

- ✓ Check water
- ✓ Fill feed
- ✓ Remove wet bedding
- ✓ Observe each chick
- ✓ Make sure heat source is working
- ✓ Enjoy spending time with your chicks!

WHEN SOMETHING IS WRONG

Contact a veterinarian experienced with poultry if you notice:

- Constant loud distress chirping
- Difficult breathing
- Not eating
- Not drinking
- Weakness
- Bloody droppings
- Severe diarrhea

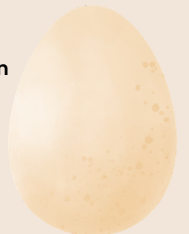
Early treatment is important.



GROWING UP

Around 6 weeks your chicks will be growing their feathers. They will require

- More space
- A larger feeder
- A larger waterer
- Outdoor Access when fully feathered and weather permits



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