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Barred Rock Recognized by the American Standard of Perfection as a distinct pure chicken breed in 1874 and known as "the kind of chickens that "Grandma used to raise." This is one of the color varieties of the Plymouth Rock chicken family and an **excellent winter/summer brown egg layer**. The Barred Standard Plymouth Rock Chicken is a great backyard poultry for production and very kid friendly chicken.

Sku 450001 \$3.75 each



Cinnamon Queen is one of two modern day production brown egg laying strains from hybrid breeding from Cackle Hatchery® that produce fast body development, fast egg production and rich brown egg shell color. **These strains will start to lay eggs at a younger age than most standard heritage breeds and produce large/extra large brown eggs.**

Sku 450001 \$3.75 each



The Rhode Island Red is a popular breed for brown egg laying production. They are a **popular chicken choice for backyard chicken flocks because of their egg laying abilities and hardiness**. Rhode Island Red chicks are a good choice for raising baby chickens naturally and raising baby chickens for eggs.

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The Brown Leghorn heritage breed of chicken is very athletic, matures early, are hardy, non-sitters and lay very nice large/X large white eggs. Leghorns are **good layers of white eggs**, laying an average of 280 per year. This chicken breed is great for free range chicken farming or organic free range chicken eggs. Leghorns are active and efficient foragers and are one of the best for free range chickens that can avoid predators.

Sku 450001 \$3.75 each



Buff Orpington chickens originated in England, and were recognized by the APA as a pure chicken breed in 1902. These "Golden Chicken Beauties" are a **large, stately chicken with a quiet disposition**. Buff Orpington chickens are one of the best chickens for eggs and for meat. They are white skinned, plump, and juicy for a great dressed out chicken. Many will put their 2 year old chickens in the stew pot and retain the 1 year old hens for laying eggs.

Sku 450001 \$3.75 each



Cuckoo Marans is a dual purpose bird and is known for its deep **chocolate brown eggs though some eggs may have some speckled dark pigments in the egg shell**. The brown egg color can vary in darkness as the hens go through their laying cycles. Vitamin K and calcium can have some limited help with keeping the dark brown egg shell color. **They are a fast growing bird and a very rare breed here in the United States**. The Cuckoo Marans have a black and white feather color pattern similar to the Barred Plymouth Rock.

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Easter Egger chickens offer a wide variety of feather colors, patterns and feather combinations of colors with a full beard under the beak and high egg production of colorful egg shells. The color of their **egg shells vary from pale blue chicken eggs to dark blue to various shades of green and a few light brownish/pink eggs.**

Sku 450003 \$4.00 each



Light Brahma chickens are exceptionally quiet, gentle, and easy to handle. Their small pea comb, great size, and heavy plumage make them almost immune to cold weather. They have feathered legs, **good layers of brown eggs and excellent brood mothers, and very children friendly for pets.** The Light Brahma chickens have mostly white coloring but have black tail feathers and neck feathers with some black in them. The Brahmas stand out in a flock due to their large size.

Sku 450003 \$4.00 each



Black Jersey Giant is a good heavy breed but slower to grow than some breeds before surpassing them in weight and size. They are slow to mature. It is **the largest of the dual purpose chickens and eventually excels as a meat chicken and a fairly good laying hen.** When grown the black feathers take on a green sheen within the black color.

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Buck Eye is a dual purpose chicken that lays brown eggs. They are unique in that they are the only breed of chickens created entirely by a woman, Nettie Metcalf of Warren Ohio. Buckeye's body shape is unique: slanted, short but broad back, very meaty thighs, powerful wings and breast. **They are a very active and noted for their vigilant pursuit of mice, some compare them to cats due to this ability.** They have little fear of humans and are super friendly.

Sku 450100 \$4.50 each



The Black Silkie Bantam, one of several varieties of the miniature Silkie breed. **You can expect these chickens to be very broody, and they make excellent pets due to their tame nature.** If you have another breed that is not broody, a Silkie Bantam hen can raise other chicks. They are small birds with a fluffy appearance and plenty of feathers on their bodies, legs and feet.

Sku 450010 \$4.50 each



The Black-Tailed Buff Japanese Bantam has several distinct features. From the arched tail feathers to the short legs, this unique bird is **visually stunning and generally well behaved.** A popular choice for a pet or show chicken.

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Pre Order Ducks – Form Due March 27th

Estimated Arrival - Week of April 24th



Rouen Ducks are the basic coloration of the Mallards only larger and do not fly more than 100 feet. They are a French breed that is used both for eggs and meat. A great water fowl for the ranch pond, **they make good backyard ducks and are good for insect control. The Rouen duck is calm, sociable and very entertaining as a pet.** They also make good show ducks.

Sku 450013 \$6.00 each



The White Pekin Duck has a fast growth rate making it an **excellent choice for meat. They are entertaining and very active with a good hatching ability.** White Pekin baby ducklings are one of the cutest and most popular ducks for pets.

Sku 450013 \$6.00 each



The Indian Runner Duck is a favorite breed of many people. It is a lightweight duck which matures at about 4 -4 1/2 lbs for the drake and 3 1/2 - 4 lbs for the hen duck. The noted feature is a long and sleek body with an upright carriage. They are **a very good egg laying variety** with the Fawn and White Runner being the most popular color of duck. They are native to Malaysia and this duck does not waddle, they run. **They have a strong flock instinct and startle easily.**

Sku 450021 \$6.00 each

See Blue Swedish Duck on next page

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The Blue Swedish Duck is among the oldest domesticated ducks and is still a favorite today. With a large size (up to eight pounds), hardiness **adapted to cold climates** and an interesting blueish-gray appearance, the Blue Swedish Duck is easy to raise, care for and keep. It's unique plumage allows it to blend in and makes it difficult for predators to target. **This breed is also good-natured and calm, making them great family** pets and especially popular among young children.

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Pre Order Turkeys – Form Due April 18th

Estimated arrival dates week of May 11th and June 8th



The White Broad Breasted Turkey is the most common of commercial broad breasted strains of eating Turkeys on the market today. The White Broad Breasted Turkey is also one of the largest of the breeds and generally are not able to reproduce very well. They have a shorter lifespan than the heritage breeds as they are primarily bred for meat production. **They have an excellent feed to meat conversion ratio.**

Sku 450007 \$6.85 each



The Broad Breasted Bronze turkey is considered by some to be the largest and heaviest of the turkey variety. The Bronze Broad Breasted turkey is an **excellent turkey to raise for family meat production and has an excellent feed to meat conversion rate.** However, generally the Broad Breasted Bronze turkey does not reproduce very well because of their large size. The Broad Breasted Bronze turkey will have a shorter natural life span than a heritage turkey because of their large size.

Sku 450011 \$8.45 each

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Meat Birds Pre Order Deadline March 21, 2020

Estimated Arrival Weeks of April 13th, April 20th and April 27th



Freedom Rangers are perfect for free range environments and are a great alternative to fast-growing Cornish chicks. They grow at a moderate rate reaching 5-6 lbs in 9-12 weeks. This makes for a great broiler without some of the health issues that the fast growing chicks might encounter. They are active, robust birds, suitable for free range, foraging and pasture environments. They thrive if allowed to free range, scratch and dust bathe in sunlight.

Sku 450002 \$3.25 each



The Cornish Rock is a cross between the Commercial Cornish chicken and a White Rock chicken. They were developed for the commercial meat chicken market and have been dominating it for the past fifty years. Cornish game hens can reach 4 1/2 lbs by 6 weeks of age and cockerels 6 lbs by 6 weeks of age. They grow so fast that their legs may give out from their weight and it is not recommended that they be kept for breeding.

Sku 450005 \$2.75 each