

## Poultry Breed Descriptions

### Laying Chickens:

**Rhode Island Reds:** Dark red plumage, gentle and productive chicken lays 265 large brown eggs / year.

**Barred "Plymouth Rock"** : Black and white "barred" feather pattern on this winter hardy, docile chicken; lays about 250 large brown eggs per year.

**Buff Orpington:** The "golden retriever of chicken breeds"; large, gentle, golden chicken laying around 220 medium brown eggs per year.

**Americanas:** Sometimes called "Easter eggers" - a cross of Araucana x Ameraucana; plumage color varies and egg color ranges from turquoise to olive to light brown. These docile birds lay around 240 medium sized eggs per year.

**Assorted White Egg Layers:** you will get one of the following breeds-

\***White Leg Horn:** Highly productive slim white-feathered chicken laying 325 large white eggs / year. More nervous temperament, may fly over low fences but are also alert to predators.

\***Brown Leghorn:** Similar personality to white leghorns with slightly larger bodies and colorful plumage. They lay around 300 large white eggs / year.

\***California White:** White feathered bird that looks a lot like a white leghorn although they are slightly larger and may have some black spots. They lay 300 white eggs / year.

**Assorted Colored Egg Layers:** you will get one of the following breeds-

\***Americana:** see above for description

\***Olive Egger:** Most females will be black but a few will be "blue" (which actually appears grey); Eggs are usually olive colored and speckled but 5% of the birds will lay brown eggs. Birds lay 260 large eggs/ year.

\***Prairie Bluebell Egger:** Active bird that is good at foraging; plumage color varies considerably, eggs are strikingly blue although a small percentage of birds will lay white eggs. Birds lay 240 medium sized eggs / year.

\***Sapphire Olive Egger:** The "blue" variation of olive egger listed above.

\***Starlight Green Egger:** Similar to Prairie bluebell-lightweight active breed. Plumage is variable and lays 280 medium sized green eggs /year although 5 % of birds will lay brown eggs.

\***Midnight Majesty Maran:** Black iridescent bird of medium size and docile temperament laying 250 large dark brown eggs/ year.

\***French Black Copper Maran:** Similar personality to midnight majesty maran, black / golden feathers, lays 225 medium dark brown eggs/ year.

\***Cuckoo Maran:** Plumage that is "barred" black and white like the Barred Rock, docile bird that lays 200 medium dark brown eggs / year.

### Turkeys:

**Orlopp Bronze:** Excellent conformation, high meat quality, natural fat layering, beautiful Bronze feathering. Females finish out at 23 # in 18 weeks, males finish at 40# in 20 weeks.

### Heavy Broilers:

**Cornish Cross:** Highly efficient growth rate- will weigh 6# by 6 weeks of age.