

Chick Breed Descriptions for Spring 2026

Amberlinks

A high-performance hybrid (Rhode Island Red x White Leghorn) known for excellent brown egg production (290–300/year). Hen mature weight: ~5 lbs. Feed conversion: ~3.5–4 lbs feed/dozen eggs. Calm and efficient.

Americana/Easter Egger

Lays medium to large blue or green eggs (180–250/year). Hen weight: ~5.5 lbs. Feed conversion: ~4.5 lbs feed/dozen eggs. Hardy, docile, and ideal for colorful eggs.

Barnevelders

Dual-purpose breed laying 150–180 medium brown eggs/year. Hen weight: ~5.5–6 lbs. Moderate growth for meat; feed conversion ~5 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.5–4 lbs feed/lb gain. Attractive feathering.

Barred Rocks

Reliable dual-purpose birds (200–280 brown eggs/year). Hen weight: ~7.5 lbs. Feed conversion: ~4–4.5 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.5 lbs/lb gain. Cold hardy and friendly.

BB Red Old English

True bantam with ornamental value. Mature weight: ~1.5 lbs. Not used for production. Active and showy.

Black Australorps

Top brown egg layer (250–300/year). Hen weight: ~6.5–7 lbs. Feed conversion: ~4 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.5 lbs/lb gain. Hardy and calm; good for dual-purpose use.

Black Copper Marans

Lays 150–200 dark brown eggs/year. Hen weight: ~6.5 lbs. Feed conversion: ~4.5–5 lbs/dozen eggs. Valued for egg color, moderate efficiency.

Black Jersey Giants

Dual-purpose with large frame. Hen weight: ~10 lbs. Egg production: 150–200/year. Feed conversion: ~5 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.8–4 lbs/lb gain. Slow growers.

Black Sexlinks

Hybrid (Rhode Island Red x Barred Rock). Excellent layers (300+/year). Hen weight: ~5.5–6 lbs. Feed conversion: ~3.5 lbs/dozen eggs. Hardy and early maturing.

Blue Australorps

Color variant of Australorp. Hen weight: ~6.5 lbs. Egg production: 200–250/year. Feed conversion: ~4.2 lbs/dozen eggs, dual-purpose build.

Blue Copper Marans

Similar to Black Copper Marans. Hen weight: ~6.5 lbs. Lays 150–200 dark brown eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.5–5 lbs/dozen eggs. Hardy with showy plumage.

Blue Laced Red Wyandottes

Dual-purpose. Hen weight: ~6.5–7 lbs. Egg production: 180–250/year. Feed conversion: ~4.2 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.5 lbs/lb gain. Cold hardy and attractive.

Blue Rocks

Blue variant of Plymouth Rock. Hen weight: ~7.5 lbs. Lays 200–250 brown eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4–4.5 lbs/dozen eggs. Calm and productive.

Blue Stars

Hybrid (Blue Andalusian x Barred Rock/RIW). Egg production: 280–300/year. Hen weight: ~5.5 lbs. Feed conversion: ~3.5 lbs/dozen eggs. Quiet and efficient.

Blue Swedish Ducks

Dual-purpose duck. Female weight: ~6.5–7 lbs. Egg production: 120–180/year. Feed conversion: ~6–7 lbs/dozen eggs. Calm and adaptable.

Broad Breasted Bronze

Commercial meat turkey. Hen weight: ~18–20 lbs. Feed conversion: ~2.5 lbs feed/lb gain. Not for natural mating. Fast growing.

Broilers

Hybrid meat birds (Cornish x White Rock). Process at 6–8 weeks. Weight: ~5–6 lbs live. Feed conversion: ~1.8–2.2 lbs feed/lb gain. High efficiency, short lifespan.

Buff Brahmas

Large, feather-footed dual-purpose breed. Hen weight: ~8 lbs. Lays 150–200 brown eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.5 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.8 lbs/lb gain. Cold hardy and calm.

Buff Orpingtons

Dual-purpose favorite. Hen weight: ~7–8 lbs. Egg production: 180–250/year. Feed conversion: ~4.2 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.7 lbs/lb gain. Broody and friendly.

Cayuga Ducks

Medium duck, black iridescent plumage. Female weight: ~6.5 lbs. Egg production: 100–150/year. Feed conversion: ~6.5–7.5 lbs/dozen eggs. Quiet and ornamental.

Cinnamon Crested Reds

Hybrid similar to Cinnamon Queens (often RI Red x White Rock). Hen weight: ~5.5 lbs. Lays 250+/year. Feed conversion: ~3.5–3.8 lbs/dozen eggs. Calm and productive.

Cinnamon Queens

Hybrid (RI Red x Silver Laced White Rock). Hen weight: ~5.5–6 lbs. Egg production: 250–300/year. Feed conversion: ~3.5–4 lbs/dozen eggs. Early maturing and friendly.

Cochins

Ornamental with feathered legs. Hen weight: ~8.5 lbs. Egg production: 100–150/year. Feed conversion: ~5 lbs/dozen eggs. Broody and cold hardy.

Cochins Assorted

Assorted colors of standard Cochins. Same characteristics as above. Suitable for ornamental flocks and broody hens.

Columbian Rock Cross

Hybrid (White Rock x Columbian Wyandotte). Hen weight: ~6.5 lbs. Lays 250+/year. Feed conversion: ~3.8–4.2 lbs/dozen eggs. Calm and cold hardy.

Cornish Cross

Meat-specific hybrid (Cornish x White Rock). Process by 6–8 weeks. Weight: ~6–8 lbs. Feed conversion: ~1.8–2.2 lbs feed/lb gain. Extremely feed-efficient, not suitable for long-term rearing.

Cream Legbars

Autosexing breed known for blue eggs (180–230/year). Hen weight: ~5.5 lbs. Feed conversion: ~4.2 lbs/dozen eggs. Active forager, not overly docile.

Cuckoo Marans

Lays 150–200 dark brown eggs/year. Hen weight: ~6.5 lbs. Feed conversion: ~4.5–5 lbs/dozen eggs. Hardy, calm, and attractive barred feathering.

Dark Brahmas

Large dual-purpose breed. Hen weight: ~8–9 lbs. Lays 150–200 brown eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.5 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.8 lbs/lb gain. Very cold hardy and gentle.

Delawares

Dual-purpose American breed. Hen weight: ~6.5 lbs. Lays 180–230 brown eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.2 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.5 lbs/lb gain. Fast-growing and good temperament.

Dominiques

Old American dual-purpose breed. Hen weight: ~5.5–6 lbs. Lays 200–250 brown eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.2 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.5 lbs/lb gain. Calm, hardy, and good foragers.

Ducks

Assorted breeds. Feed conversion and production vary by breed. Generally 120–200 eggs/year, feed conversion ~6–7.5 lbs/dozen eggs. Weight ~4–7 lbs depending on breed.

Exceptional Rare Breeds (Assorted)

Includes less common pure breeds. Production, size, and feed efficiency vary. Primarily ornamental or for breed conservation.

Extremely Rare Breeds (Assorted)

Uncommon and heritage types, often low-production but valuable genetically. Consult for specific traits by breed.

Fawn & White Runner Ducks

Prolific egg-laying duck (200–275/year). Weight: ~4–4.5 lbs. Feed conversion: ~5.5–6 lbs/dozen eggs. Upright stance, active and good foragers.

Frizzles

Feather mutation in various breeds. Hen weight: varies (~5.5–6.5 lbs). Egg production depends on base breed (100–200/year). Primarily ornamental.

Geese (Assorted)

Includes various medium to heavy-weight goose breeds. Feed conversion: ~3.5–4 lbs feed/lb gain. Seasonal egg layers, used for meat or weed control.

Golden Comets

Hybrid (typically Rhode Island Red x White Leghorn). Top-tier layer: 280–320 brown eggs/year. Hen weight: ~5.5–6 lbs. Feed conversion: ~3.3–3.7 lbs/dozen eggs. Calm and efficient.

Golden Laced Polish

Ornamental breed. Hen weight: ~4.5–5 lbs. Lays ~120–180 white eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.8 lbs/dozen eggs. Attractive crest; better for dry climates.

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ISA Browns

Commercial hybrid (Rhode Island Red x White Leghorn base). Outstanding layers: 300–330 brown eggs/year. Hen weight: ~5.5 lbs. Feed conversion: ~3.3–3.6 lbs/dozen eggs. Very docile and productive.

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Magpie Ducks

Medium-weight ducks with distinct black and white markings. Weight: ~5–6 lbs. Egg production: 220–290 white eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~5.8–6.2 lbs/dozen eggs. Calm and active foragers.

Mallard Ducks

Lightweight, ornamental breed. Female weight: ~2.5–3 lbs. Egg production: ~60–120/year.

Feed conversion: ~6.5–7.5 lbs/dozen eggs. Flighty; often kept for ornamental or release purposes.

Mille Fleurs

A color variety of Belgian Bearded d'Uccle. Bantam size: ~1.5–2 lbs. Egg production: ~100 small cream eggs/year. Ornamental and broody; not suited for production.

Naked Necks/Turkens

Dual-purpose breed with featherless neck. Hen weight: ~6.5–7.5 lbs. Egg production: 200–250 brown eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.2 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.5–3.8 lbs/lb gain. Hardy and heat-tolerant.

Noir Marans

Similar in build to Black Copper Marans but with solid black feathers. Hen weight: ~6.5 lbs. Lays 150–200 dark brown eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.5–5 lbs/dozen eggs. Attractive and rare.

Olive Eggers

Hybrid layer producing green to olive-colored eggs (180–250/year). Hen weight: ~5.5–6 lbs. Feed conversion: ~4–4.5 lbs/dozen eggs. Cross of dark-egg Marans and blue-egg breeds.

Pekin Ducks

Top commercial meat duck. Female weight: ~7–8 lbs. Egg production: 150–200/year. Feed conversion: ~2.8–3.2 lbs/lb gain. Calm and fast growing.

****Polish Assorted SR***

Ornamental breed with large crest. Hen weight: ~4.5–5 lbs. Egg production: 120–180 white eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.8–5.2 lbs/dozen eggs. Friendly, prefers dry housing.

Rare Breeds (Assorted)

Selection of less common heritage or exhibition breeds. Traits vary. Typically moderate layers with unique appearances or historical value.

Rhode Island Blues

Hybrid (Rhode Island Red x Andalusian/Barred Rock). Hen weight: ~6 lbs. Egg production: 250–280 brown eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~3.7–4.1 lbs/dozen eggs. Calm and adaptable.

Rhode Island Reds

Classic American dual-purpose. Hen weight: ~6.5–7 lbs. Lays 250–300 brown eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.5 lbs/lb gain. Hardy and dependable.

Rhode Island Whites

Rare dual-purpose breed. Hen weight: ~6.5–7 lbs. Lays 220–260 brown eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.1–4.5 lbs/dozen eggs. Calm and cold hardy.

Rustic Rangers

Hybrid broiler-type bird for slower-growing meat production. Hen weight: ~5–6 lbs (10–12 weeks). Feed conversion: ~2.8–3.2 lbs/lb gain. Active foragers; suitable for pasture.

Salmon Faverolles

Dual-purpose, bearded breed. Hen weight: ~6.5–7 lbs. Egg production: 180–220 light brown eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.3 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.6 lbs/lb gain. Gentle and ornamental.

Sebrights

True bantam breed. Hen weight: ~1.5–2 lbs. Egg production: ~100 tiny white eggs/year. Ornamental; not used for production. Striking laced feather pattern.

Silkies

Unique ornamental bantams with fluffy plumage and black skin. Weight: ~2 lbs. Egg production: ~100 small cream eggs/year. Prone to broodiness. Not suited for wet climates.

Silver Laced Polish

Ornamental breed with white-laced black feathers. Hen weight: ~4.5–5 lbs. Lays ~120–180 white eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.8–5.2 lbs/dozen eggs. Friendly and curious.

Silver Laced Wyandottes

Dual-purpose. Hen weight: ~6.5–7 lbs. Egg production: 180–250 brown eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.2 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.5 lbs/lb gain. Cold hardy and well-rounded.

Speckled Sussex

Dual-purpose with distinctive plumage. Hen weight: ~6.5–7 lbs. Lays 200–250 light brown eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.1 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.5 lbs/lb gain. Gentle and adaptable.

Splash Jersey Giants

Color variant of Jersey Giant. Hen weight: ~10 lbs. Lays 150–200 brown eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~5 lbs/dozen eggs, ~3.8–4 lbs/lb gain. Slow-growing, docile.

Welsummers

Dual-purpose breed. Hen weight: ~6.5–7 lbs. Lays 180–250 dark speckled eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.2–4.5 lbs/dozen eggs. Attractive, alert, and cold hardy.

White Crested Black Polish

Striking ornamental breed. Hen weight: ~4.5–5 lbs. Lays ~120–180 white eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.8 lbs/dozen eggs. Friendly; crest may impair vision.

White Crested Blue Polish

Variant of Polish with white crest and slate-blue body. Hen weight: ~4.5–5 lbs. Lays ~120–180 white eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~4.8 lbs/dozen eggs. Ornamental and gentle.

White Leghorns

Top white egg layer. Hen weight: ~4.5–5 lbs. Lays 280–320 large white eggs/year. Feed conversion: ~3.3–3.6 lbs/dozen eggs. Active, heat tolerant, and efficient.