

Lifestyle: WHAT'S IN THE FEED BAG?

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The month of April is Chick Days at Marathon Feed.

Here is a "Sun Fresh" check list to help you prepare for your chicks, and to ensure your chicks have a great start!

Sanitize- and clean all the equipment and feeders from your last brood.

Unite- the flock after a period of quarantining the new birds to help prevent disease.

Natural- grains of the highest quality are selected for Purina's® SunFresh™ products. These products will ensure your chick has a "Great Start!"

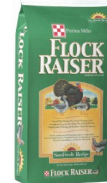
Free range- flocks enjoy pecking at Purina's® Flock Block™

Register- your chick at betteranimals.com/newchick and earn SunFresh™ coupons!!

Enclosures- should be an appropriate size. Chicks need about 0.8 sq. ft. per bird until 6 weeks. Increase the size 1.0-2.0 sq. ft. from 6-20 weeks. Laying birds need about 3.0 sq. ft. per bird and if you have larger birds (turkeys and geese) 4.0-5.0 sq. ft. per bird.

Safety- is the best way to protect your flock from predators. Make sure their fence is secure and tall enough to keep the flock contained. Also if you choose to free range your flock; at dusk make sure everyone makes it back into the coop.

Have fun with your flock!!



Chick Days Are Here!

Specials on these Purina poultry feeds during the month of April:

Start & Grow med/non \$11.00	Flock Raiser med/non \$11.00
Layena Pellets \$10.00	Country Acres Layer \$8.50
Flock Block \$8.50	Duck Grower \$11.00

\$\$ Try our homemade mill Layer mix and save even more \$\$
MFI Acculay Layer Mix \$8.00

Also in stock: Feeders, drinkers, heat lamps & bulbs, vitamins & electrolytes

NEW THIS YEAR: LIVE BABY CHICKS IN THE OFFICE!!

Beginning **April 15th** we will have brown pullet and broiler pullet chicks in the office for sale. What a great way to try out raising chicks with just a few birds; or bring your kids to visit and hold the baby chicks...and they can take home a free toy chick!

If you'd like to purchase some live chicks, please call ahead to be sure we still have some available—not sure how quickly they will 'fly' out of here!

Day-old chicks are available year-round, with a delivery truck coming directly to Marathon Feed every other Thursday beginning April 1st. We can order many different varieties including broilers, leghorns, and browns, or even the exotics like Sumatras, Polish, and Americanas.

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