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Poultry feeds for raising  
healthy flocks at home.

# Chick Tips

## Are you prepared for new baby chicks?

You have committed to the time it takes to raise baby chicks and you are prepared for the work ahead! Congratulations! Here are a few tips to help your chicks get started:

**Heat Source:** Your chicks will need a heat lamp or brooder heater until they are feathered out. Place the heat source to one side of your chicks area (brooder), having an area they can get away from the heat as well. Keep the area around 90 degrees, lowering by 5 degrees each week. Use caution with your heat source to avoid fire. You will need a thermometer to keep an eye on temperature for your young birds.

**Water:** Fresh clean water is needed at all times. Some people like to add a tablespoon of apple cider vinegar to the water for an added boost in keeping the water free of bacteria and algae.

**Bedding:** Use pine shavings or puppy pads as bedding and clean often. A wet, dirty brooder is bad for the chicks lungs.

Some chicks will develop "Pasty Butt". Which is when their poop builds up on their backsides. Not cleaning this away will block them from being able to poop, and they will die. Gently clean it away with warm water and a paper towel.

**"What do I feed my chicks?"** This is a common question from families new to raising chicks for eggs or meat. Starter feed is a protein-dense chicken feed designed to meet the growing requirements of baby chicks. Generally, baby chicks can live comfortably on a diet of starter feed and water for the first 6 weeks of their life before progressing onto grower feed.

Please speak with your Masterfeeds Dealer for more specific feeding information, especially if you are new to raising chicks! You will need *RWA 20% Poultry Starter/Grower crumble* for the first 0-4 weeks for layer birds and 0-8 weeks for broilers. Depending on what you are growing, the next phase of feeding will differ between the birds. Please reference the chart below to get started.

Enjoy the raising of your new birds!

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