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Chicken Breed	Picture	Bird Size lb.	Egg Color and Size	Cold Hardy	Behavior	Brooding/Best Coop Recommendation	Egg Laying
Ameraucana		4-5	blue	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; mostly calm, non-aggressive	occasional brooder Best coop: GGC Chic Mobile for 8-12 birds	good
Ancona		4-6	white	yes	prefers free range; nervous & restless in confinement; flyer; active, flighty, marked wildness, avoids human contact	non-setter Best Ccoop: Large Wood Backyard Chicken Coop Poultry Hen House with Outdoor Run	Excellent
Andalusian		5.5-7	white	no	semi-adaptable to confinement, but prefers free range; active, flighty, noisy, avoids human contact	mostly a non-setter Best Coop: Large Wood Backyard Chicken Coop Poultry Hen House with Outdoor Run	good
Appenzeller			white	no	not very tolerant of close confinement; flyer; active, flighty	can be broody early maturing Best Coop: Walk in chicken coop for 6 to 8	good





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Araucana			blue	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; calm, non-aggressive	good, or frequent, brooder Best Coop: EZ-fit 3 x 4 Chicken Coop	good
Aseel		5-5 3/4	cream	yes	bears confinement better than most other game breeds; extremely fierce & pugnacious, but docile & easily handled when away from other cocks; because of aggressiveness, not recommended for a mixed flock	occasional brooder Best Coop: Walk in chicken coop for 6 to 8	excellent
Australorp or Black Australorp		6.5-8.5	brown	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; calm, docile; more easily handled	mixed brooding Best Coop: Walk in chicken coop for 6 to 8	good
Barnevelder			dark brown		well adaptable to confinement or free range; calm, docile	mixed brooding Best Coop: 67" Farmhouse Wooden Chicken Coop with Display Top, Run Area and Nesting Box	excellent





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Belgian D'Anver, or Antwerp Belgian, Barbu d'Anvers			white	no	active, flyer; hens calm, cocks can be aggressive	broody Best Coop: Large Wood Backyard Chicken Coop Poultry Hen House with Outdoor Run	fair
Brahma		9.5-12	brown	yes	adaptable to confinement or free range; mostly gentle; more easily handled.	broody Best Coop: 67" Farmhouse Wooden Chicken Coop with Display Top, Run Area and Nesting Box	good
Buckeye		6.5-9	brown	yes	adaptable to confinement, very adaptable to free range; calm, docile; can be curious; more easily handled.	broody Best Coop: 67" Farmhouse Wooden Chicken Coop with Display Top, Run Area and Nesting Box	good
Buff Sablepoot/ Botted Bantam			white or tinted in color	yes	adaptable to confinement or free range; mostly gentle; more easily handled.	good, or frequent, brooder Best Coop: 144" Large Backyard Hen House Chicken Coop w/ Long Run	Excellent





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Campine		4-6	white	no	economical eater; semi-adaptable to confinement, but prefers free range; flyer; alert, lively; can be curious; some are rather wild, others can be quite tolerant of humans	non setter Best Coop: 144" Large Backyard Hen House Chicken Coop w/ Long Run	good
Catalana		6-8	white	no	less tolerant of close confinement; active, vigorous, avoids human contact	non setter Best Coop: 144" Large Backyard Hen House Chicken Coop w/ Long Run	good
Chantecler		6.5-8.5	brown	yes	bears confinement well; calm, docile, although there are reports of skittishness.	broody Best Coop: Amish Chicken Mansion for 12-18	excellent
Crevecoeur			white	no	suited for close (and dry) confinement; active; can be aggressive	non setter Best Coop: Amish Chicken Mansion for 12-18	good





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Delaware		6.5-8.5	brown	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; calm, docile	broody Best Coop: Amish Chicken Mansion for 12-18	excellent
Dominique or Dominiker		5-7	brown	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; calm mostly, but more flighty than other dual purpose breeds	broody Best Coop: 67" Farmhouse Wooden Chicken Coop with Display Top, Run Area and Nesting Box	good
Dorking		7-9	white	yes	adaptable to confinement or free range; calm; docile; stately or awkward; fattens easily; more easily handled	very broody Best Coop: 67" Farmhouse Wooden Chicken Coop with Display Top, Run Area and Nesting Box	poor
Faverolles		6.5-8	cream	yes	bears confinement well; alert; calm; very docile; genteel; prone to bullying by others, so may not do well in a mixed flock	occasional brooding Best Coop: Large Wood Backyard Chicken Coop Poultry Hen House with Outdoor Run	good

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Holland or American Holland		6.5-8.5	white	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; calm, good tempered	broody Best Coop: Large Wood Backyard Chicken Coop Poultry Hen House with Outdoor Run	good
Jaerhon or Norwegian Jaerhon or Norske Jærhøne			white	yes	adaptable to confinement, but prefers free range; active, flighty	non setter Best Coop: Large Wood Backyard Chicken Coop Poultry Hen House with Outdoor Run	excellent
Java	 <p style="text-align: center;">BLACK JAVA FEMALE</p>	7.5-9.5	brown	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; calm	broody Best Coop: Chicken Coop Poultry Hen House w/Run - Green	good
Jersey Giant		10-13	brown	yes	because of size, not an economical eater; adaptable to confinement or free range; calm, gentle, more easily handled.	occassional brooder Best Coop: Chicken Coop Poultry Hen House w/Run - Green	excellent

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La Fleche		6.5-8	white	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; active, flighty, avoids human contact	non setter Best Coop: Chicken Coop Poultry Hen House w/Run - Green	excellent
Langshan		7.5-9.5	brown	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; active for their size; graceful; not as calm or docile as other large breeds	occasional brooder Best Coop: Large Wood Backyard Chicken Coop Poultry Hen House with Outdoor Run	good
Leghorn		4.5-6	white	no	economical eater; better adaptable to confinement than some Mediterranean; enjoys free range; flyer; flighty; spritely, noisy, nervous, usually avoids human contact.	non setter Best Coop: Large Wood Backyard Chicken Coop Poultry Hen House with Outdoor Run	excellent
Malay		7-9	brown	no	needs to be active; intolerant of close confinement; among the most aggressive, but more placid than most game birds; because of aggressiveness, not recommended for a mixed flock	broody Best Coop: 96" Wooden Backyard Hen House Chicken Coop Tractor	good

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Marans			dark brown	no	varies widely by individual and strain.	brooder Best Coop: 96" Wooden Backyard Hen House Chicken Coop Tractor	excellent
Minorca		7.5-9	white	no	adaptable to confinement, but prefers free range; restlessly active, flighty, avoids human contact	non setter Best Coop: 96" Wooden Backyard Hen House Chicken Coop Tractor	excellent
Naked Neck or Transylvanian Naked Neck or Turken			light brown	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; active; calm, docile; more easily handled	broody Best Coop: Amish Chicken Mansion for 12-18	excellent
New Hampshire or New Hampshire Red		6.5-8.5	light brown	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; calm; can be docile or aggressive; can be curious	occasional brooder Best Coop: Amish Chicken Mansion for 12-18	excellent

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Orpington		8-10	brown	yes	adaptable to free range; very adaptable to confinement; docile; more easily handled; can be bullied	frequent, brooder Best Coop: 144" Large Backyard Hen House Chicken Coop w/ Long Run	excellent
Plymouth Rock		7.5-9.5	brown	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; calm, docile; more easily handled	broody Best Coop: 144" Large Backyard Hen House Chicken Coop w/ Long Run	excellent
Rhode Island		6.5-8.5	brown	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; active, calm & fairly docile, can be aggressive (cocks are especially notorious)	non setter Best Coop: 144" Large Backyard Hen House Chicken Coop w/ Long Run	excellent
Spanish, White-Faced Black Spanish, Spanish White Ear, or Clownface			white	no	adaptable to confinement, but prefers free range; flighty, haughty, noisy, avoids human contact	non setter Best Coop: The Garden Coop	excellent

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Sumatra			white	no	needs to be active; intolerant of close confinement; pugnacious; because of aggressiveness, not recommended for a mixed flock	broody Best Coop: 96" Wooden Backyard Hen House Chicken Coop Tractor	good
Sussex		7-9	light brown	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; calm; gentle; active; can be curious; more easily handled	broody Best Coop: 96" Wooden Backyard Hen House Chicken Coop Tractor	good
Welsmer or Welsummer			dark brown	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; lively, but more docile than flighty.	mixed broody Best Coop: 96" Wooden Backyard Hen House Chicken Coop Tractor	excellent
Wyandotte		6.5-8.5	brown	yes	well adaptable to confinement or free range; calm.	occasional brooder Best Coop: 96" Wooden Backyard Hen House Chicken Coop Tractor	excellent