

Guide to the best egg-laying breeds

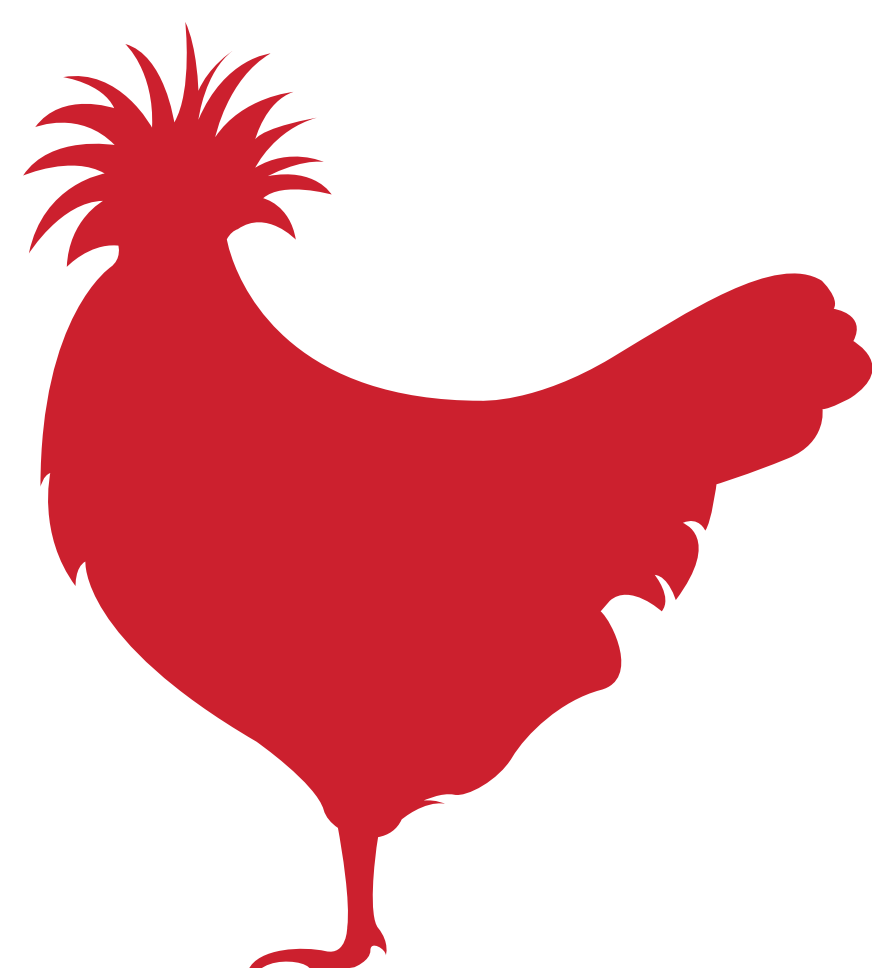
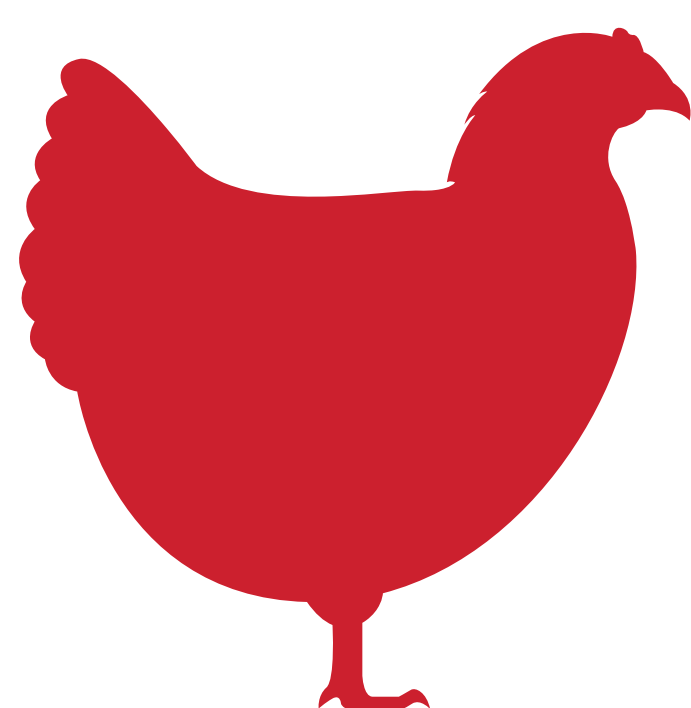


Not all breeds are great egg layers

A great egg layer can produce up to 300 eggs in the first year. Australorps, Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds and Easter Eggers are examples of great egg layers.

Bantams and Silkies are some of the worst egg layers. They may only provide less than 100 eggs in the first year.

Many things can affect the rate of lay of your hens, including but not limited to: breed, housing, weather, management, parasite load and nutrition.



Rate of egg laying by breed per year

excellent: 200-300 eggs

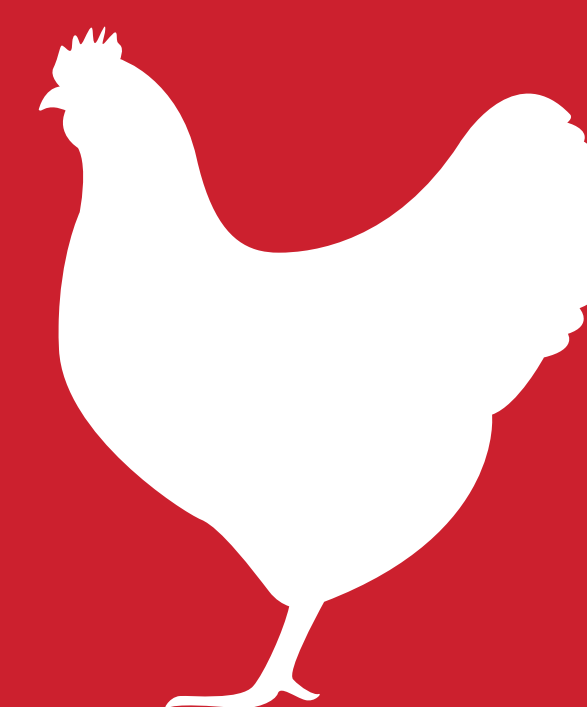
Australorp
Dominique
Easter Egger
Hamburg
Leghorn

Minorca
Plymouth Rock
Rhode Island Red
Sussex

very good: 150-200 eggs

Andalusian
Campine
Catalana
Delaware
Faverolles
Java
Jersey Giant

La Fleche
Lakenvelder
Langshan
Polish
Redcap
Sultan



good: 100-150 eggs

Ancona
Brahma
Buckeye
Buttercup
Chantecler
Cochin
Crevecour
Cubalaya

Dorking
Holland
Icelandic
Modern Game
Old English Game
Rhode Island White
White-Faced Black Spanish
Spitzhauben

fair: 50-100 eggs

Bantam
Cornish
Houdan
Nankin

New Hampshire
Shamo
Silkie
Sumatra

poor: 0-50 eggs

Aseel
Malay
Phoenix

Sebright
Yokohama

The estimated number of eggs per year per breed are to be used as a guideline only. Egg production in hens can be affected by many external and internal factors.