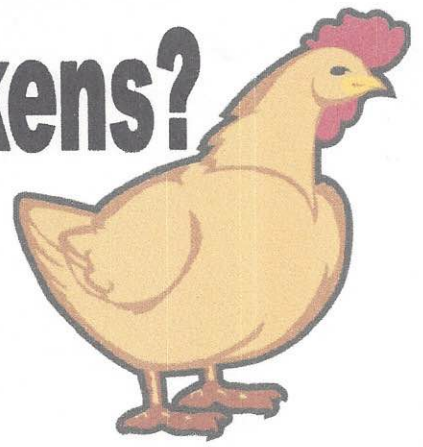


Thinking of keeping Chickens?



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We have sold chickens from Manor Farm since 1933 and will happily advise you and talk you through setting up your chicken coop.

You will need a hut and run, and to choose which variety of chickens you would like (we will show you our available varieties so you can pick). We then supply a starter kit consisting of a feeder, drinker, 25kg bag of layers meal, wood shavings and straw, this is everything you will need to get you started.

We strongly recommend the layers meal for your chickens as this provides all their feeding requirements and to leave it freely available as they like to “nibble” all day long. We also suggest a handful of mixed corn or chicken treats in the afternoon/evening as a bit of added interest and of course left overs always go down well such as rice, pasta, ripe fruit etc. It is also important to have various objects to keep them from getting bored especially if they are to be confined to the run for long periods of time.

We advise that on the day to first get your chickens you keep them in the hut (providing the weather is not too hot) until the next morning and then let them out into the run. Do not let them out of the run for at least 5 days after which you can let them out as you please and they will always go back in as it gets dark in the evening.

Problems and illnesses are few and far between in domestic chickens keeping and the only condition we advise to prevent against is red mite as once they take hold they can be very difficult to clear, the treatment for this involves monthly dusting with red mite powder preferably at dusk. For any other problems that may occur we are happy for you to ring us at any time and we will do all we can to help.

Finally, keeping chickens is very rewarding and many of our customers come back and say they wish they had done it years ago as the chickens dont just provide eggs, they also insist on being part of the family so be warned!