



*Meet our Girls, Friendly, Placid, Hardy and Productive  
The Best egg layers*



**Amber Link**

Always very popular lays 320 Brown eggs. A friendly bird making a good family hen, loves attention



**Blue Maran**

An attractive bird lays 260 mid brown Eggs. She adds a splash of color to any flock. Placid and quiet.



**Bovans Nera**

Extremely hardy lays 300 brown eggs. One of the first of the flock to make friends.



**Columbian Blacktail**

A good hardy bird laying 300 Brown eggs. Lovely red chestnut color. A great free freindly ranger.



**Cou Cou Maran**

A beautiful bird, lovely markings Lays 260 dark eggs. Another friendly full of character bird.



**Light Sussex**

Has that old fashioned traditional Look, lays 260 creamy eggs. A firm favorite in a mixed flock.



**Lohman Brown.**

A friendly inquisitive hen, laying 320 brown eggs. Very popular. Great with children and very placid.



**Sussex Rock**

A very striking hen, black with silver Feathering, laying 260 creamy eggs. A friendly bird that looks great. Our largest chicken. Popular all round bird



**White Leghorn**

The smallest of our hens, pure White and lays 320 pure white eggs. A great addition to any flock. Great for mixed flock.



**Brown Leghorn**

Beautifully marked traditionally looking hen laying 300 + creamy white eggs . A great looking steady bird



**Speckled Gold**

Gorgeous hardy and friendly girl. A great egg producer laying up to 300 brown eggs. Well suited to garden living. A lovely family bird



## Why Our Chickens?

We are passionate about poultry and have a great deal of experience in all aspects of their husbandry. We can guide you through the mine field of information, having an abundance of knowledge and experience about all the breeds we have at the farm. We offer free simple friendly advice prior to and for the life of your purchase. Having come from a farming family and kept poultry for all his life our business has grown and evolved because of Merv and now our family's love of all things poultry.

- Here at Moon Ridge Farm we keep point of lay chickens all year around. They are kept free range on meadow grass amongst newly planted orchards with traditional housing and shade.
- Our chickens are fed layers pellets with an occasional treat of corn in the evenings and fresh spring water. Only in very inclement weather will our chickens be sold from an indoor area (for our comfort more than the chickens) we want our chickens to be acclimatized to the British weather!!
- All our chickens have been reared together from day old & have followed a comprehensive vaccination program completed during their sixteenth week. They are all sold at Point of Lay (P.O.L.) and can lay between 240 to 320 eggs per year depending on breed. Throughout their rearing time they have lots of human contact and even listen to radio five!!
- The breeds we keep are especially suited to free range systems and back garden environments. Our breeds have been chosen for their temperament, ranging ability, feather and egg quality.
- Our chickens work well as a mixed group allowing you to mix 'n' match creating your own designer flock. We can provide cockerels if you wish.
- We sell everything you will need to get you started with keeping chickens in our poultry shop. All the products we sell are tried and tested by ourselves and are used around the farm. We offer locally made housing and a great range drinkers, feeders and bedding plus lots of other poultry related items
- We are confident that you will be pleased with our hens however if you have any concerns please do contact us and we will do our best to help, advise and if necessary replace.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### ***At what age can I expect my chickens to lay?***

We sell our chickens from 17 weeks onwards. On average they will start to lay Summer time: 18 weeks to 21 weeks And in the winter time: from 19 weeks to 23 weeks.

#### ***Will my chickens need any more vaccinations?***

In a domestic environment the chickens are vaccinated for life. You will need to worm them periodically roughly 3/4 times a year.

#### ***What should I feed my chickens?***

Layers pellets or layers mash is a complete diet. If you wish to give them treats i.e. corn or greens give sparingly at the end of the day. Chickens roughly eat 100/150 gms of food a day. You need to provide mixed grit to aid digestion for the chicken.

#### ***What should I use as bedding?***

We recommend shavings or miscanthus in the house and straw in the nest box, never hay

#### ***What do I do when I get home with my chickens?***

Put them directly into the house if early in the day keep them in house for 2/3 hours and then let them out into the run , best to let them get used to the house and run for at least three days prior letting them free range completely . If later in the day keep them in the house overnight before letting them out

#### ***How do I introduce new chickens to an established group?***

Place new birds in house as above with the old birds outside, when the new birds are already at roost let the older birds into the house. In the morning open the chicken house as normal .If they are completely free range it will be best to keep them in a smaller area for the first 2/3 days for them to settle down. You will just need to keep an eye on your chickens for the first 48 hours while they establish a new pecking order. Place an extra feeder and drinker in the run.

#### ***If I think my Chicken is unwell what should I do?***

Do not hesitate to contact us, we are not qualified vets but between us have lots of poultry experience. Merv having always worked with livestock including all types of poultry, waterfowl etc . . . . Any problems that you may have we have probably come across. If for any reason we cannot help we can always refer you to someone who can.