



**Your complete
feeding and
care guide
for Poultry**



Poultry keeping guide

Poultry keeping is a relatively easy hobby in comparison to managing some animals and is potentially less demanding than domestic pets.

Housing

Poultry houses need to be dry, well ventilated, vermin proof and easy to clean out.

Care

The poultry house should be kept clean and dry, with nest material replaced regularly to ensure birds are comfortable and eggs are clean. Droppings should be removed as frequently as possible, with fresh bedding material introduced as necessary to keep litter dry and friable. Feed and clean water should be replenished daily.

Feeding

A comprehensive feeding regime is imperative if you are keeping birds for eggs, meat production or breeding. A lack of the correct amount of good quality feed can effect egg production, growth or bird health and therefore in most circumstances it is recommended that feed is offered on an ad-lib basis.

Health

You should check your poultry on a regular basis, any changes in the comb, crop, eyes and droppings may indicate health problems.

Healthy poultry can be identified by the following:

- ▶ **Shiny, bright and alert eyes**
- ▶ **Intense coloured red comb and wattles**
- ▶ **Shiny full, smooth plumage**
- ▶ **Leg scales should be smooth, not lifting**
- ▶ **Moist vent, free from crustiness or bleeding**
- ▶ **Free from ticks, parasites and mites**
- ▶ **Curious and actively picking and scratching for feed**

If you have any concerns regarding the health of your birds consult your veterinary surgeon.

Additional information:

If you keep more than 50 poultry of any kind, and of any mix, these must be registered on the Great Britain Poultry Register, this applies even if you only keep the birds for part of the year. Poultry should be registered within 1 month of arrival at your premises.

Visit the Government's website for the latest guidance on Avian Influenza (AI).



Did you know?

Intestinal worms are a burden on your chickens.

Worms will interfere with the chickens ability to produce a richly coloured egg yolk and they can carry blackhead disease for which there is no medicinal treatment.

Be proactive, and worm your birds regularly.

Talk to your vet today about a suitable worming programme for your birds.

The various stages at which you should feed your birds are as follows:

Age of birds	Product	Feed intake
Replacement Laying Birds		
Day old - 6 weeks	Chick Crumbs ACS*	Ad lib / approx 1kg / bird
6 - 16 weeks	Rearer Pellets ACS*	Ad lib / approx 5kg / bird
From 16 weeks	Layers Pellets / Mash	Ad lib or 1kg / bird / week
	Mixed Poultry Corn	As an afternoon scratch or treat

From 16 weeks can also include **Farmgate Super Omega Mash** and **Farmgate Natural Layers Pellets**.

Typical consumption levels will vary according to type of bird being fed.

Our natural approach to a vibrant yolk colour in our Farmgate Layers diets is from yolk enhancers formulated from natural ingredients using yellow colourant extracted from marigold flowers, onto which we add red pigment extracted from red pepper as a result, egg yolks will be rich in colour throughout the year.

About the Farmgate range

The Farmgate range has been specifically designed to meet the demands of the smallholder market, but with the security of coming from the largest animal feeds manufacturer in Europe.

We pride ourselves on delivering:

- ▶ **Nutritional excellence**
- ▶ **Well-balanced ingredients**
- ▶ **Quality assured**
- ▶ **Exceptional customer service**

Our philosophy on quality assurance and requirement to conform to exceptional standards is underpinned by our nutritional and bio-security responsibilities.

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All our Farmgate products are formulated using only the highest quality raw materials, with feed safety a main priority.

We ensure:

- ▶ **Integrated bio-security processes**
- ▶ **Rigorously tested raw materials**
- ▶ **Nutritional and physical quality testing of finished products**
- ▶ **Full traceability**
- ▶ **Extensive auditing procedures**

The Farmgate Feeds range comes in different physical forms for both indoor and outdoor environments and various feeding regimes for poultry, pig, cattle, sheep and goats.





The Farmgate Poultry range:

Chick Crumbs ACS*

Farmgate Rearer ACS* Pellet

Layers Pellets and Mash

Super Omega Mash

Natural Layers Pellets

Poultry Breeder Pellets

Mixed Poultry Corn

Duck & Goose Mix

*Grab a copy of the product
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or visit the website >*



* Diets marked ACS include an anticoccidial feed additive as an aid to the prevention of coccidiosis in growing poultry.

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