

EVALUATION OF EGG LAYING BREEDS

BREED	TEMPERAMENT	BODY WEIGHT	AGE AT FIRST EGG	ANNUAL PRODUCTION	EGG COLOR	PRICE
Ameraucana	Tolerate all climates; Do well either penned or in coups; Will go broody	4.5-5.5 lb.	25-30 wks	250	Light green, blue or pink	
Australorp, Black	Human-friendly; Tend to bully other chickens; Sometimes an egg eater	5-7 lb.	22-24 wks	250	Brown	
Barnvelder	Hardy and make good forages; Good winter layers; Calm deposition				Dark brown	
Comet, Golden (sex-linked)	One of the best cold hardy free range breeds, tolerate other birds well; make great pets; not particularly broody	5-7.5 lb.	15 wks	250-300	Brown	
Leghorn, White	Often nervous and flighty; Better couped than free range	5 lb	16-17 wks	280	White	
New Hampshire	Cold hardy and go broody; Make excellent mothers; Roosters can be aggressive	6.5 lb.	18-21 wks	200	Brown	
Orpington, Buff	Friendly; Easily handled; Best in confined situation	6-8 lb.	19-24 wks	150-200	Brown	
Plymouth Rock, Barred	Terrific forages; Good free range chickens; Calm and friendly temperament	6.5 lb.	18-22 wks	280	Light brown or peachy	

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Red sex-linked	Gentle and quiet; Relatively docile	5-7.5 lb.	15 wks	250-300	Brown	
Rhode Island Red	Some of the best foragers; hardy; can sometimes become bossy	6.5 lb.	18-24 wks	260	Brown	
Sussex, Speckled	Docile and curious; Often the target of bullies	7-8 lb.	16-20 wks	250-300	Brown	
Welsummer	Friendly; Lay large eggs				Chocolate brown	
Wyandottes	Gentle and calm; Good forages, tend to go broody	6 lb.	18-20 wks	200	Brown	

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