

Top 10 Tips for Raising Broilers

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1. Buy your broilers from a reputable supplier.
2. When delivery time and date are established, pick up birds as soon as possible. Avoid letting birds sit at store or feed mill all day.
3. Prepare their new home so there are no drafts. This is very important until birds are fully feathered, approximately 3 weeks of age.
4. Allow birds plenty of space. Provide ample room for birds to feed and take in water. Approximately one waterer and feeder per every 15 to 20 birds
5. Straw bedding is highly recommended. Wood shavings can be very fine and dusty. Young birds may ingest fine shavings and plug their gizzard. The fine dust can also cause respiratory problems in bird 2 to 3 weeks of age.
6. A thermometer is a must. Provide a heat lamp for every 20 birds and keep temperature at bird level at 92 to 95 degrees upon bird arrival. Raise lamps as birds age with discretion. 3 to 4 degrees per week should be considered.
7. It is not necessary, but dipping individual bird's beaks into water upon arrival will help them find the water and get them hydrated quickly.
8. Use a high protein starter 22% is recommended. Approximate intakes will be 4 lb starter per bird and 10 lb grower/finisher per bird at a protein level at 20-21%. A medicated starter to control parasites is not a must but may help get the birds off to a healthy start.
9. Raise feeders and waterers to shoulder height as birds grow. This will eliminate the birds from tanking up on feed or water and using those locations as a place to sleep. It will also make the birds stand to eat and drink and get their muscle prepared to handle the rapid daily gains.
10. REMEMBER: FRESH FEED, FRESH WATER, DRY BEDDING.....HAVE FUN!!



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