

# Laying Hen Descriptions

**Barred Rocks**- Another classic backyard layer. Developed in New England in the 1800s, they are a cold-hardy, friendly, docile bird. Black & white barred feather. Dependable layer of large brown eggs

**New Hampshire Reds**- Our new favorite! Developed from a strain of Rhode Island Reds this big, red bird is calm in disposition and matures earlier than some - big dual purpose bird that is a great brown egg layer and can be used for meat. Docile birds, cold hearty. **We recommend this breed over RI Reds for home flocks**

**Cinnamon Queen**-this hybrid between a Silver Laced & New Hampshire Red is known for fast body development and will lay sooner than other breeds. Consumes less feed while producing large brown eggs. Excellent choice for backyard egg production.

**Rhode Island Red** - Originating in Rhode Island this breed is well known for it's large brown egg laying abilities. Medium size bird, rich red feathering – not as friendly

**Buff Orpington**- “Golden Beauties” are a big bodied bird that originated in England. Known for their quiet, friendly disposition, good brown egg layer. Also great for eating due to their size!

**Amerucana** - A KID FAVORITE! The Easter egg chicken! Lays medium size eggs with colored shells varying from pale blue, greens & pinks. Hens have a beard & come in a variety of colors.

**Red Sex Link** –cross between a RI Red and a delaware- females are easily distinguished as they are a different color then the males - females are a red/chestnut color. Superb egg layer for backyards

**Silver Laced Wynadottes** - originated in New York state, cold hardy with small combs. Good layers of large brown eggs. Feathers are a beautiful black with white edging -very pretty bird.

**Light Brahmas**- Big striking bird with feathered shanks(legs). Small comb and heavy plumage make them very cold tolerant. Good layer of really big brown eggs. One of our favorite breeds for backyards as they are calm & friendly. Big white bird with black feathering on head&neck.

**Speckled Sussex** - This bird was hugely popular in England because is such a good layer & meat bird. Easy to handle, curious and friendly, great foragers. Redish-brown with white speckles - develops more speckles with each molt.

**Black Australorps** Jet black feathering with a greenish sheen. Great layers of really big brown eggs – very dependable layers with a gentle demeanor.

**Delaware** Uncommon breed that was developed in Delaware in the 40s – currently listed as a Critical status as a Heritage Chicken Breed. Mostly white plumage with some black mottling. Excellent layer/

**Hanson Grain**  
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*\*Layer chicks are sexed at the hatchery sending us females with 90% success rate*

*\*Chicks are a few days old when they arrive - they will need to be kept under heat lights for a period of time – ask us for more details on their care*