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Follow some simple rules and you'll have happy chooks and lots of eggs

Happy healthy chooks are a delight to manage and will provide you with plenty of tasty nutritious eggs. However you need to spend a little time understanding what you should be doing to keep your chooks happy and healthy.

The first requirement is to provide a proper chicken coop that is well suited to their needs. The chicken coop should be large enough to house the number of birds that you have as overcrowding can cause fighting and disease. We have talked about the size of a chicken coop before.

Not only that but it must be well ventilated. If it is fully enclosed and is prone to dampness then you will have sick chickens. It needs to have openings to allow for the flow of air, and these should be covered with chicken wire to prevent the entry of foxes.

You must ensure that it is waterproof to prevent the entry of dampness.

You also need to clean your chicken coop regularly. There's a range of different materials that you can use as litter, my preference is sawdust however straw works well too. However this will become contaminated with droppings over time and you will need to clean out the litter regularly.

If at any time it appears that any of your birds are sick they should be removed from the flock. You should examine your birds for parasites, this is the subject of a different article.

Any birds with parasites should be treated properly and you should also be treating the chicken coop at the same time as parasites happily live in chicken coops.

To treat the chicken coop my preference is commercially available flea bombs, one is sufficient. Cover all openings so that the wind will not remove the insecticide.

Keep your chooks well away for the day as well.

Follow a few simple basic rules and you will have happy healthy chooks.

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