

## Fertile Hatching Eggs / Unsexed Chicks

We provide fertile eggs for people to hatch at home, either under a broody hen or in an incubator. Eggs are available all year round, although the best fertility rates occur between February and October. Hatching eggs at home is a fantastic experience and lots of people and Schools buy their fertile eggs from us. Ideally you will come and collect the eggs from us here in Essex, but we do post eggs all around the Country – and as far afield as USA, Portugal, France etc. Although we carefully wrap the eggs, we cannot be held responsible (or send replacements) for those that are damaged in the post (though our experience is that most eggs do arrive safely).

### **A note about broody hens...**

Hens will often go 'broody' around Spring/Summer. This is when they feel the strong desire to hatch eggs and produce chicks. Some breeds go broody more than others and you can often encourage hens to go broody by placing 6-8 golf balls in a straw nest for a week. A broody hen will sit tight in the nest box and stick its feathers up like an angry cat if you try to move it. You should separate a broody hen to hatch away from other hens, a rabbit hutch works well. When the chicks hatch, then feed mum and chicks on chick crumb. Mum will do it all herself! Mum can be removed at 6 weeks.

**Eggs for Sale:** *Please note all eggs subject to availability.*

*Delivery up to 50 miles radius of SS3 Postcode available at 80p per mile available, plus any congestion or toll charge.*

### **Pekin Duck eggs £1.20 each (£7.20 for x 6) £5 unsexed duckling**

From day-old ducklings these are ready for the table in 10/12 weeks or kept longer for larger weights. Alternatively the girls (ducks) can be kept for their eggs, laying 200+ very large eggs per year.

### **Lavender Muscovy Duck eggs £2.00 each (£12.00 for 6) £6 unsexed duckling**

These ducks are easy to sex as the males tend to be 10-15 pounds in size whereas the females are between 6-8 pounds. These ducks don't quack! Instead they make quiet hissing sounds. They lay around 180 large cream, often referred to as "jumbo" sized eggs.

### **White Silkies (small breed) £2.00 each (£12.00 for x 6) £7 unsexed chick**

Everyone loves Silkies, especially children - fluffy with big hairdos they are great mums. People often have at least one Silkie to hatch eggs as they go broody a lot! Not great as egg-layers, they lay a small egg and only around 150 eggs a year.

### **Japanese Bantams (small breed) £1.30 each (£7.80 for x 6) £5 unsexed chick**

They have friendly personalities, and will ride on shoulders and allow themselves to be petted and held. Japanese Bantams are also good foragers, and will feed themselves if they have a large enough area to do so.

**Ixworth £1.35 each (£8.10 for x 6) £5 unsexed chick**

This is a dual purpose bird, which is quick in maturing and also produces a good number of eggs. It is a rare breed. The plumage is always white and the birds possess a pea comb, orange to red eyes, pinky-white legs and beak.

**Buff Orpington £2.00 each (£12.00 for x 6) £5 unsexed chick**

These big buff coloured beautiful birds, are very friendly and have a gentle nature. The Orpingtons are a very popular and pretty bird. They lay about 175 to 200 medium to large light-brown eggs a year.

**Gold Brahma £2.00 each (£12.00 for x 6) £5 unsexed chick**

These beautiful birds are very friendly and have a gentle nature. They are not skittish or scared and are a great bird for families.

**Blue Eggs £1.00 each (£6.00 for x 6) £3 unsexed chick**

From an original flock of Cotswold Legbars, we have taken the best looking blue and green eggs to hatch over a number of generations. Now a very mixed parentage, but more often than not we find the coloured-egg gene passes to the offspring. The resulting hens/cockerels are very attractive and all different.

**Mixed Eggs 90p each (£5.40 for x 6) £2.75 unsexed chick**

We keep a large number of bantam and large fowl hens with various cockerels such as Brahmans, Light Sussex etc. The eggs which are laid are very attractive, from light cream, to very dark brown and speckled. We select an assortment of attractive eggs for the mixed packages. Again the resulting hens/cockerels are often unique as they are stunning in appearance. Schools often choose the mixed eggs.

**Naked Necks (dual purpose) £1.00 each (£6.00 for x 6) £2.75 unsexed chick**

The Naked Necks crossed with Ixworth. Both great dual purpose birds (suitable for egg laying and table birds).

**UK Postage and Packing Rates: All eggs sent first class recorded. (Duck eggs - add additional £1.50 to prices, due to weight)**

Up to 6 Eggs £6.95 (Royal Mail Recorded)

7 to 12 Eggs £11.25

13 to 18 Eggs £15.75

**Europe Postage and Packing Rates:**

Up to 6 Eggs £15.25

7 to 12 Eggs £20.20

13 to 18 Hen Eggs (16 duck) £26.00

**Worldwide Postage and Packing Rates - please enquire**

*If you are local, we will always take back any unwanted cockerels if you get stuck!*