

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 most of the 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, by appointment only.

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.*

Pekin Duck eggs £2.00 each (£12.00 for x 6) £10 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 white eggs per year.

Miniature Silver Appleyard Duck eggs £2.00 each (£12.00 for x 6) £10 unsexed duckling

Silver Appleyards are great for their egg laying ability whilst also being a beautiful breed. Lays around 270 medium sized cream egg per year.

Olive Eggs £1.75 each (£10.50 for x 6) £8 unsexed chick

From an original flock of Cotswold Legbars, we have taken the best looking 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.

Mixed Bantams Eggs £1.75 each (£10.50 for x 6) £8 unsexed chick

We have a small number of very cute bantam hens and cockerels and they are very popular.

Mixed Eggs £1.00 each (£6.00 for x 6) £8 unsexed chick

We keep a large number of bantam and large fowl hens with various cockerels such as Brahas, 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. The resulting hens/cockerels are often unique as they are stunning in appearance.

If you are local, we will always take back any unwanted cockerels (if we are not overrun) and you get stuck!