

Welcome to Sterling Meadows Hatchery



Sterling Meadows Hatchery is a small family owned and operated poultry and gamebird farm , located on the beautiful Kenai Peninsula in Alaska.

Our goal here is to raise the healthiest, happiest birds around. We have small numbers of breeders... usually only 3-4 hens with one rooster, per breed. We are working towards the Standard of Perfection, where it applies, and strive for quality over quantity.

Because we are small, we operate on a waiting-list, first paid - first served basis.

We are sorry, but we are NOT able to ship live birds. Chicks are local pickup only. We do not carry any other poultry supplies.

Our flock is NPIP certified (AK NPIP #1) and a certificate will accompany egg shipments.

Hatching Eggs - Please read:

Whether you're local or out-of-town, hatching eggs can be ordered online with Paypal.

Where we can ship: Hatching eggs can be shipped anywhere in the United States that it is allowed. We are sorry, but international orders cannot be accepted.

Availability: All egg orders are filled in the order that they are paid, and pure eggs are available starting in March through the end of September. We will do our best to accommodate requested dates, but there are no guarantees. Please remember that we are at the mercy of our girls' whims, and can only supply eggs if they are laying them. Unfortunately, no amount of begging, pleading, or playing of Barry White CDs in the coop has had any effect. We are also limited by the number of hens we have, so please keep the posted limits in mind when placing your order.



Confirmation: When we receive your order, we will send a confirmation email with a copy of the paid invoice and the estimated date of availability, so please be sure that your spam-filter is set to allow emails from us. If you do not see a confirmation email, please call us. We try to reply within 24 hours of receipt of the email.

Shipping: We have several years experience with shipping eggs. We have received our fair share of packages, and understand the disappointment that comes with poor packing. With that in mind, we studied the methods used to send eggs to us, and have come up with a very good system... we pretend that the eggs are Grandma's antique fine china, and pack them very carefully in newspaper with lots and lots of padding around them.

We will ship the eggs via USPS Priority Mail, unless Express shipping is requested, and a tracking number will be emailed with confirmation of shipping.

Of course, there are no guarantees that the box will not tangle with a Mack truck en route, or a jubilant fork-lift operator. We can only guarantee that the eggs are fresh, intact, and clean when they leave our hands. We set our own eggs each week, to ensure that the fertility is there. We will not send out eggs where the fertility is suspect. If this does occur, we will contact you to let you know of the delay, and arrangements can be made for a refund or reschedule. We want you to have a good hatching experience... that is our goal. However, due to the numerous circumstances beyond our control, we do not issue refunds or replacements on hatching eggs. If you are not comfortable with this, please reconsider ordering eggs.

If you have any questions prior to placing an order, please don't hesitate to ask... our email is info@sterlingmeadowshatchery.com.

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MILLE FLEUR D'UCCLE

Feather Footed Bantam

In French, "Mille Fleur" translates as "Thousand Flowers". The Mille Fleur pattern consists of a base of warm mahogany feathers, each one marked with a black crescent-moon, and tipped with a glibbous silver spangle.

The birds are known for their mysterious, quirky expressions, and are quite friendly: a true favorite of adults and children alike. They are fair layers of tiny, creamy colored eggs. Their mature coloring takes time to manifest and does not usually appear until after the first adult molt.

Mille Fleur d'Uccles are simply adorable. Their sweet disposition makes them a must for anyone who likes pet bantams; their calm beauty means they are also an indispensable breed for anyone who likes to show.



Hatching eggs: \$6.00 set of 3 (limit 1 set)

SILKIE

Feather Footed Bantam - Splash

Of all the ornamental chicken breeds, the Silkie Bantam is the most popular and most loved. They're the lap dog of the chicken world, complete with hair-like plumage and an incredibly sweet temperament. Silkies were originally bred in China, where they are still kept (and eaten) today. They have black skin and bones and 5 toes instead of the normal 4. In addition, Silkie hens make wonderful mothers and are even known to adopt baby ducks if given the chance! When they are not being excellent mothers, they lay small, creamy colored eggs.

We currently have Splash, White and Black hens with a Splash rooster.



Hatching eggs: \$6.00 set of 3 (limit 1 set)

ORPINGTON

Large Breed - Blue, Black and Splash

Orpingtons are big, friendly dual-purpose birds originally developed in the UK. For many small farms and homesteaders, Orpingtons are the only way to go! They're cold-hardy due to their fluffy plumage. Wonderful mothers, they do go broody. There is not much more charming than seeing a mother Orpington and her fluffy new baby chicks peeking from beneath her wings in a field of clover on a sunny day. Plus, they're gentle and friendly on top of being good layers of large brown eggs.

We currently have two pens of Orpingtons - one pen will produce Blue, Black, or Splash offspring. The other will only produce Blue and Splash offspring.



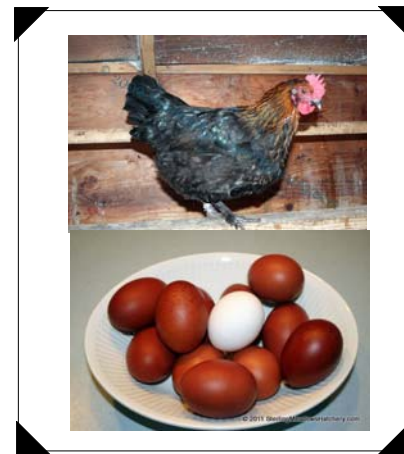
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BLACK COPPER MARANS

The Black Copper Marans are a large, dual-purpose breed from France that lay very dark terracotta or chocolate brown eggs.

We are starting our second year with this breed, and so far have been pleasantly surprised by the egg color. First and foremost we are working towards that French Standard for the birds we have, so we hatch a LOT of chicks each year and only keep the ones that carry the traits we're looking for. Once we get that in place, then we will work on getting the eggs even darker. Our original stock came from Davis/Jeane lines, but as the lines have already been blurred by breedings, we do not make any claims on lines.



Hatching eggs: \$20.00 set of 3 (limit 2 sets)

DORKING

Large fowl - Silver Grey

The Dorking has a rectangular body with very short, five-toed legs. Due to its relatively large comb it generally requires protection in cold weather. Dorkings are also well known for their versatility as a breed for both egg and meat production. It is one of the few breeds with red earlobes that produces a white-shelled egg. The skin color beneath the feathers is white. The standard weight is 9 pounds for a cock, 8 pounds for a cockerel, 7 pounds for a hen, and 6 pounds for a pullet. Furthermore, the breed is very docile.

They are noted for being exceptionally broody at times in entire flocks refusing to lay and preferring to set on eggs to incubate them.

Check website for updates: currently not available



RHODE ISLAND RED

Rhode Island Reds are held in such high esteem that they're the official Rhode Island state bird. They were once hugely popular in America, though they declined right along with the small farmer. Today they're making a comeback due to small flock owners (like us!). They're the do-everything bird: they lay exceptionally well, they're valued for their meat, they're extremely cold hardy, and hardy in general.



Hatching eggs: \$6.00 set of 3 (limit 4 sets)

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BARRED ROCK (PLYMOUTH BARRED ROCK)

Barred Plymouth Rocks or "Barred Rocks," as they're called, are one of the most popular dual-purpose chickens on small farms today. Their heritage is unclear with reports of different crosses, but what is clear is that they're very friendly, great layers of large brown eggs and able to withstand cold weather quite nicely.

Like the Faverolles, this is another breed whose males are often enthusiastically recommended as good roosters for the home flock, as they tend to be calm and kind in comparison to some breeds of roosters. Both roosters and hens are very pretty with feathers decorated in alternating bars of white and black, and set off by their bright, alert eyes!

Though Barred Rocks tolerate confinement, they're most happy when they get to range freely.



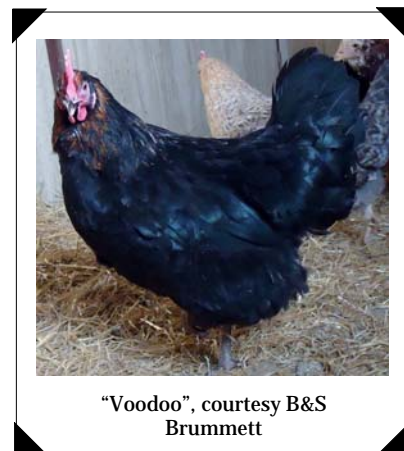
Hatching eggs: \$6.00 set of 3 (limit 4 sets)

SEXLINK

Large fowl - Primarily Black, occasional Reds

"Sex link" chickens are bred specifically so that males and females are different colors when they hatch. Females are egg-laying machines that continue to lay well in the heat and cold, when many others slow down. The males are said to be good "fryers". We love this breed for backyarders because the females are sweet, small and docile, in addition to being super layers!

If you live in an area that only allows hens, this is the breed to get!



"Voodoo", courtesy B&S Brummett

Hatching eggs: \$6.00 set of 3 (limit 4 sets)

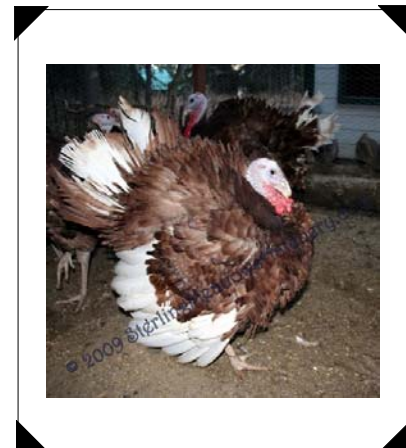
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BOURBON RED TURKEYS

Heritage breed - slow grower

Many people feel that this turkey is one of the most beautiful of all turkey varieties. It has a very dark, rich, chestnut color that is edged in black on many of the feathers. The wing tips and the back one half of the tail are white giving it a very striking appearance. It will not grow as large or as fast as the bronze or white turkeys but is good to eat and will be a wonderful addition to the farm.

Hatching eggs: \$6.00 set of 3 (limit 4 sets)



Bobwhite Quail

The bobwhite quail gets its name from a distinct, whistled "bobwhite" call. This quail is a small, but plump bird that measures 8-11 inches in length and weighs around 6-7 ounces. Like most upland game birds, the bobwhite contains a short but stout beak along with powerful feet and claws.

The body feathers of the bobwhite are reddish-brown in color that are mottled with black and white spots with a tail that is gray. In male bobwhites, the throat is white and a white stripe extends from the bill over the eye to the base of the neck. The region below the eye stripe is colored black and expands under the throat to form a black collar. Female quail lack this black collar and their throats and eye stripes are buff, rather than white. The bobwhite's mottled coloring serves a protective purpose. When the bird is threatened or alarmed, it often "freezes," allowing its camouflage coloring to blend into its surroundings.

Hatching eggs: \$12.00 set of 25 (limit 1 set)



COTURNIX (JAPANESE) QUAIL

The Japanese Quail, *Coturnix japonica*, is a species of quail found in East Asia. They dwell in grasslands and cultivated fields. The plumage of the Japanese Quail is a speckled yellow-brown, with a creamy white strip above the eye. Adults are approximately 20 centimeters in length. The species is abundant across most of its range.

The Japanese quail is used mainly for table and egg production, and is a good dual purpose bird.

Texas A&M (white), Tuxedo, Brown, and Golden (not pictured) **Hatching eggs:** \$12.00 set of 25 (limit 4 sets)

