



Raising Chickens

Only the Brown Shaver chicks purchased through Dairy Flat School will be eligible for judging on Ag Day. It is recommended you purchase 2 or more chicks to ensure you have 1 to bring to Ag Day.

To rear healthy chickens which will develop into well grown laying hens:

DO

- 1 Keep warm - under a light bulb until feathered
- 2 Clean dry paper every day
- 3 Supply clean water every day –small saucer not too deep
- 4 Feed chick starter crumbles only – available from stock feed suppliers. After six weeks graduate to pellets and greens.
- 5 Note signs of watery green droppings and/or drooping tail and wings, ruffled feathers
Obtain from Vet if required – Coxiprol (against parasites) - can be given in water from one day old.
- 6 Keep in secure cage/house from other household pets.

On Ag Day

Ag Day – judging – **1 chicken per student per cage**
Ag Day presentation - remove water and feed for transportation and until after judging finished.

DO NOT

- 1 **Do not** - Keep chickens in wet cages or boxes
- 2 **Do not** - Feed Weetbix, bread crumbs or cereals
- 3 **Do not** - Feed milk, lettuce or worms.
- 4 **Do not** - Keep in small cages or boxes too long – this stunts their growth.
As they grow the housing needs to get larger.