

Hatching Egg Instructions for Shipped Eggs



The day is here, your eggs have arrived!

1. Unpacking the eggs – carefully unpack the eggs remove all wrapping. If there are cracked or broken eggs, discard. No matter how good we pack this could happen unfortunately.
2. Put them big end up and pointy egg down in an egg carton and let them rest for 12-24 hrs. This is for several reasons. They need to temperature acclimate. We recommend storing them in a 60-65degree area. The air sac can detach when shipped.
3. We also suggest after that resting time to put them in the incubator and not turn for a day (24hrs).
4. We don't recommend candling the eggs till day 7-8. The first week is critical for development and candling can compromise growth and development.

Candling Eggs

See our Chart online

What am I looking for? (this is for chickens on the days, but general for all fowl)

in a dark room shine the light through the top of the shell.

If the inside of the egg is clear - that is, free from visible structures or dark areas - the egg is infertile or the embryo died very early. Remove this egg from the incubator.

If a ring of red is visible within the egg, there was an embryo at some point, but it has died. Remove this egg from the incubator.

If you can see blood vessels within the egg, there is a live embryo inside. Blood vessels in chicken eggs are normally observable within 7 to 10 days of an egg's incubation. By 18 days of incubation, the embryo takes up most of the egg and appears as a dark area within the egg. You can sometimes see movement inside the egg.

If you notice broken or leaking eggs, remove them from the incubator as they are not likely to be viable and may contaminate the incubator. After candling, return eggs to the incubator you can check my eggs a second time at 14-18 days.