



BELLARINE SOIL TECH

DAY TO DAY BACKYARD CHICKEN CARE

- 1/ Your chickens should have access to clean fresh drinking water always
- 2/ Your chickens should have access to a good quality Layer Feed of your choosing always (unless you already use our feed, we recommend purchasing at least one bag to wean off)
- 3/ Add a good splash of Apple Cider Vinegar to their water once a week to aid with good internal health, feathering and egg quality making sure they have no access to other water sources during this time.
- 4/ Add ½ a cup of Diatomaceous Earth (DE) to their feed once a month to aid with good internal health and internal parasite control
- 5/ Liberally dust chickens, nesting boxes, dust bath areas, hutch floor/run with DE powder once a month to aid with Lice and Mite control and spray perches with Phenyle spray (available from the cleaning aisle at Bunnings).
- 6/ Once every 3-4 months, temporarily relocate your chickens for a day. Completely clean out the hutch and nesting boxes. Wash all surfaces with warm soapy water and let dry. Spray liberally with Phenyle spray. Reinststate pine shavings, straw and liberally dust with DE and allow chickens to move back in.

For best practice, use pine shavings in nesting boxes and on hutch floor, use straw on the ground of your chicken run. Be sure to provide your chickens with lots of shade in the warmer months. Keep nesting boxes dark and low to the ground and perches up high and secure.



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Please be mindful that once chickens are past approximately 18-24 months of age, laying will become irregular. Shell quality will start to deteriorate and due to a natural moulting process, they will go off the lay, particularly in the cooler months. They will continue to lay once they have regrown all their feathers but at a much-reduced rate.

NOTE: Our Chickens have been vaccinated for the following:

AGE	VACCINATION	METHOD
Day Old	Mareks (MD)	Injection
Day Old	Infectious Bronchitis (IB)	Spray
4 Weeks	Newcastle Disease (NDV)	Water
4 Weeks	Infectious Laryo Tracheitis (ILT)	Water
6 Weeks	Infections Bronchitis (IB)	Water
8 Weeks	Avian Encaphalomyalitis (AE)	Water
10 Weeks	Deworm with Benzicare	Water
12 Weeks	Newcastle Disease (NDV)	Injection
	Egg Drop Syndrome (EDS)	Injection
	Fowl Pox (FP)	Wing Stab
	Infectious Laryo Tracheitis (ILT)	Eye Drop
13 Weeks	Infections Bronchitis (IB)	Water
14 Weeks	Deworm with Benzicare	Water