



The Rhode Island Red

The Rhode Island Red is an American breed of chicken. It is a utility bird, raised for meat and eggs, and also as a show bird. It is a popular choice for backyard flocks because of its egg laying abilities and hardiness.

Primary use: Dual-purpose meat/eggs

Size: Heavy (7-8 lbs.) **Rarity:** Common

Recognized variety: Rose Comb, Single Comb

Temperament: Hardy, easy going, sweet

Egg production (annual): 260

Egg size: Large
Egg color: Brown

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhode Island Red



The Leghorn

The Leghorn is a breed of chicken originating in Tuscany, in central Italy. Birds were first exported to North America in 1828 from the port city of Livorno, on the western coast of Tuscany.

Primary use: Egg layer Size: Small (4-6 lbs.) Rarity: Common

Recognized variety: Single Comb Red, Rose Comb

Buff, More

Temperament: Nervous, flighty **Egg production (annual):** 280

Egg size: Medium
Egg color: White

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leghorn_chicken







The Light Brahma

The Light Brahma is a large breed of chicken developed in the United States from very large birds imported from the Chinese port of Shanghai. The Brahma was the principal meat breed in the US from the 1850s until about 1930. They are attractive with fluffy feathers and also have feathers on their legs and feet. They are friendly, easy to handle and are great mothers. Typically, they are very gentle and tame.

Primary use: Meat

Size: Very Heavy (8 lbs.)

Rarity: Common

Recognized variety: Dark, Buff, Light

Temperament: Calm

Egg production (annual): 150

Egg size: Large **Egg color:** Brown

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brahma chicken



The Ameraucana (Easter Egger)

The Ameraucana is an American breed of domestic chicken developed in the United States in the 1970s. It derives from Araucana chickens brought from Chile and was bred to retain the blue-egg gene but eliminate the lethal alleles of the parent breed.

Primary use: Egg layer

Size: Medium **Rarity:** Rare

Recognized variety: Blue, Brown Red, Buff, Silver, Blue

Wheaten, Wheaten, Black, White

Temperament: Broody

Egg production (annual): 250

Egg size: Medium **Egg color:** Blue



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ameraucana



The



Plymouth Barred Rock

The Plymouth Rock is an American breed of domestic chicken. It was first seen in Massachusetts in the nineteenth century, and for much of the early twentieth

century was the most popular chicken breed in the

United States. Wikipedia

Primary use: Dual-purpose meat/eggs

Size: 6.5 lbs

Rarity: Common

Recognized variety: Black Frizzle, Blue, Partridge, Barred, Buff, Columbian, Silver Penciled, Black, White

Temperament: Calm

Egg production (annual): 280

Egg size: Large

Egg color: Brown, light brown

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plymouth Rock chicken



The Black Australorp

The Australorp is a chicken breed of Australian origin, developed as utility breed with a focus on egg laying. Wikipedia

Primary use: Dual-purpose meat/eggs

Size: 6-8.5 lbs.
Rarity: Common

Recognized variety: Blue, Black, White

Temperament: Docile

Egg production (annual): 250

Egg size: Large **Egg color:** Brown

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australorp







The Buff Orpington

The Orpington is a breed of chicken named after the town of Orpington, Kent, in south-east England, which was made famous in part by this breed. It was bred to be an excellent layer with good meat quality.

Primary use: Dual-purpose meat/eggs

Size: Heavy

Rarity: Common

Recognized variety: Blue, Buff, Black, White

Temperament: Calm

Egg production (annual): 190

Egg size: Large

Egg color: Light brown

 $Source: \underline{https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orpington\ chicken}$



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