

# Tips for Growing Chicks

- Always keep ample amounts of clean, fresh water before animals at all times.
- Provide a clean, dry pen for baby birds to grow. Change their bedding regularly.
- Bedding should be absorbent and surfaces not slick. A slick surface may allow a bird to slip and may cause leg damage.
- Supplemental heat will be needed for young chicks. Follow instructions and precautions on heat sources. Watch chicks to determine if more or less heat is needed. Chicks can smother by piling up to stay warm or in corners to get away from too much heat. In general, start at 90 degrees and lower the temperature by 5 degrees each week until the chicks are five weeks old (70 degrees)
- Do not overcrowd. Provide fresh air without drafts. This will also help remove moisture.
- Ampolium is approved for chickens. Feed ducks, geese and game birds a non-medicated feed.
- Grit should be available to young birds to assist in maintaining a healthy digestive tract.
- MFA diets are properly balanced. Feeding oyster shells are not necessary.
- Poultry grain or hen scratch is not a complete diet and should be used with a proper supplement.

