

Hatchery Information

A few things to consider

- Postal deliveries have been delayed at times which could cause the death of your chicks when shipping.
- Shipping chicks adds some level of stress to the birds.
- It's hard to plan around the weather. We have had entire shipments arrive dead but the hatchery always replaces them.
- There is currently a ban through the United States Postal Service on shipping live animals.
- Consider the breed you are buying. Some mature slower than others so for fancy poultry projects, pullets and exhibition ducks you want to get them as soon as possible.
- The list is in no particular order...just places we have used in the past
- Market Turkeys, Market Ducks and Market Broilers can be ordered with the county through June Seymour. Contact info is seymoju@gmail.com or cell phone 937-935-3038. County birds are purchased through Eagles Nest.
- NPIP papers are required for all Poultry Projects except exhibition ducks and exhibition geese.

Eagles Nest Poultry: 3904 3rd St, Oceola, OH 44860 Phone: 419-562-1993

Advantages- Very reasonable prices, healthy birds, can order small numbers of birds if you pick up your order. It's about a one hour drive. Avoid shipping delays and stress on the birds if you pick them up. Support a small business. Sometimes they can be difficult to get ahold of if they are busy. You can leave a message. They sell chicks, bantam chicks, a large variety of ducks including call ducks, geese, turkeys both meat and heritage and guineas. I can scan the catalog and forward it to you if needed. They will give you an NPIP receipt.

Myer Hatchery: 626 OH-89, Polk, OH 44866 Phone: 888-568-9755

<https://www.meyerhatchery.com/> Catalog and chat available on line.

Advantages- Reasonable prices, healthy birds, can order small numbers of birds if you pick them up. It's about a 2 hour drive. Avoid shipping delays and stress on the birds if you pick them up. Support a local(ish) business. They sell many breeds and types of poultry. One thing I really have enjoyed in the past is going up there on hatch day and waiting for them to fill the "tubs" with their extra chicks. They are priced at about \$2-\$5 and we have gotten some really neat breeds of pullets that sell for about \$20 for a day old. Just kind of fun...but I will admit I sometimes am sucked in by the cuteness of day old chicks. Always call ahead to make sure they will have them and what day and time of day. They will give you an NPIP receipt.

ASE Feed and Supply: 211 South Jefferson Avenue, Plain City, Ohio 43064

Phone: 614-873-4621 **website:** ase@asefeedandsupply.com

ASE has "Chick Days" 2 times in the spring. They have dates and the ordering blank on their website. They purchase the chicks from Eagles Nest. You just order by the deadline, they will call you when the chicks arrive and you just go to Plain City to pick them up. I would aim for the 1st available date if possible. Support 2 small businesses. Ask for the NPIP receipt.

Champion Feed and Supply: 2524 State Rt 37 E, Delaware, OH 43015 Phone: (740) 369-3020

website: <https://championfeedandpet.com/>

This store has Chick Days starting Feb. 24, 2021. They have a schedule of what birds they will be getting on which dates. It will be on their website and it is on their Facebook page. He has nice birds and is very helpful. He will have chicks, bantams, ducks and turkeys. Support a local small business. His prices are reasonable, he will give you an NPIP paper if you ask for one. Explain that you need it for the fair. Feel free to call ahead and ask what chicks he has.

Ridgeway Hatchery: 615 North High Street, LaRue, OH 4332 Phone: 800-323-3825

website: <https://www.ridgewayhatchery.com/>

Advantages- reasonable prices, healthy birds, can order small numbers of birds if you pick up your order. It's about a short drive. Avoid shipping delays and stress on the birds if you pick them up. Support a small business. They sell chicks, ducks, geese, turkeys, guineas, quail and pheasants. I have not personally had birds from this location but many exhibitors at the fair have had them. They also have very reasonably priced hatching eggs that I have purchased. They will give you an NPIP receipt.

Murry McMurray Hatchery: 191 Closz Dr., Webster City, IA 50595 Phone: 800-456-3280

website: <https://www.mcmurrayhatchery.com/index.html>

Advantages-we have gotten very nice birds through this hatchery. The weather has played a factor in the past with shipping this time of year. They have always replaced birds that have been lost. They do have some breeds that are hard to find. They do list all their info on their website. They will include an NPIP paper if you ask for one.

Rural King:

They have several locations. I have not been there yet this year but we have had nice birds from the Marion and the Marysville Stores. Last year their prices varied from store to store because of the different hatcheries they were using. The minimum you can purchase is 6 birds due to state regulations. They can special order birds for you. You have to really work hard to

get an NPIP paper. They have to have one somewhere because they are buying chicks from a certified hatchery. Ask for the manager and explain it to him. He's helpful. Always keep your register receipt. If you see chicks with little feathers on their wings you know they are at least a week old and have lived through the shipping process. They also mark down birds from time to time but you have to check often.

TSC:

They have many locations. They also have specific dates for their chick days so check with the location. We have had nice birds from the Marysville and Bellefontaine Stores. Their prices are pretty consistent from store to store. Very reasonable. No shipping costs. The minimum you can purchase is 6 birds due to state regulations. They can special order birds for you. You have to really work hard to get an NPIP paper. They have to have one somewhere because they are buying chicks from a certified hatchery. Ask for the manager and explain it to him/her. Always keep your register receipt. If you see chicks with little feathers on their wings you know they are at least a week old and have lived through the shipping process. They also mark down birds from time to time but you have to check often.

If I can be of any help I will try.

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