

# BOBWHITE QUAIL

Thank you for your order! We hope you enjoy your birds!

## NUTRITIONAL CARE -- **\*\*DO NOT FEED CHICKEN FEED\*\***

### **28% Gamebird or Turkey Starter with Amprolium**

*Feed 0- 8 weeks of age*

Use a Mini crumble - **\*\*observe that particles are small enough (if they are not, use a food processor to grind feed into smaller particles)**

### **22% Gamebird or Turkey Grower**

*Feed 8 – 15 weeks*

Use a regular crumble or mini pellet

### **19% Gamebird or Turkey Finisher/Maintainer**

*Feed after 15 weeks of age*

Use a mini pellet

**Breeding:** Feed 21% Gamebird or Turkey Breeder – Feed should have 4% Calcium, if not supplement free choice calcium.

## RAISING TEMPERATURES -- EGG PRODUCTION IS BEST AT 70 °F

Age	Degrees Fahrenheit
0 - 7 days	95
Week 1-2	95-89
Week 2-3	88-81
Week 3-4	81-77
Week 4-5	77-72
Week 5-6	72-69
Week 6-7	69-64
Week 7-8	64-58
Week 8+	58- outside temp

## PEN SETUP

### **0 – 8 weeks of age**

Raise under brooder or heat lamp. Chicks should have radiant heat of 100°F directly under lamp and 95°F around outside of lamp. Use thermometer or heat gun to check temperature. Keep chicks at 95°F for the first 7 days then drop 1-degree Fahrenheit daily as long as chick behavior is healthy.

### **Over 8 weeks**

When they have most of their feathering, usually around 6-8 weeks, birds can go outside. Make sure no rain is forecasted for at least 3- 4 days and that birds are acclimated to the same temperature outside. Birds should have ample plant cover or shelter and should be in a pen or cage that has a roof. Please provide birds with plenty of hiding spots, food, water, and sunlight.

### **Release Information**

Northern Bobwhite Quail maybe be released at 16 weeks of age at maturity. To increase success rate, release in an area that has plenty of food over winter and cover for the birds. Please contact your local wildlife management for more information.



Northern Bobwhite are a type of quail that is native to the US. Their population has been on the decline for 50 years. They are lively birds to watch, quick to run or fly, and very talkative! The Bobwhite name comes from their whistled *bob-white call* that is loud enough to be heard across any field or in your backyard.

Bobwhite make great backyards birds when they are put in an aviary with available perching and places to hide. If you are interested in breeding it is recommend to have 2 females to every male. They are great egg producers!

## Day Length Chart for Egg production and/or Breeding

Age	Length of Day
Week 1	24 hours
Week 2	17 hours
Week 3	13 hours
Week 4	10 hours
Week 5 - 15	10 hours
Week 16	12 hours
Week 17	13 hours
Week 18	14 hours
Week 19	15 hours - hold
Week 25	16 hours
Week 26 and older	You may go up to 16.5 hours of light but no more is recommended due to stress on the birds.