



COTURNIX QUAIL

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

Coturnix Quail are great backyard birds! With their small body size they can easily be set up in a pen on your deck, in your garage, or in the back yard. Females are fantastic egg layers that lay as many eggs as a productive chicken. Quail eggs are known for being healthy and packed with flavor. All you need is a serrated knife to open them.

These are great birds to start for a beginner as they are easy to raise and don't take up a lot of space. To get great egg production or even breed them birds yourself you can follow the below recommendation for day length.

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	10 hours
Week 6	12 hours
Week 7	13 hours
Week 8	14 hours
Week 9	15 hours
Week 10	16 hours
Week 10 and older	You may go up to 17 hours of light but no more is recommended due to stress on the birds.

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

28% Gamebird or Turkey Starter with Amprolium

Feed 0- 4 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)

19-21% Breeder or Grower/Maintenance

Feed after 4-5 weeks of age

Use a regular crumble or mini pellet

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 – 2.5 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 2.5 weeks of age

When they have most of their feathering and birds are circling away from the heat light, you may remove heat lamp. Keep room temperature around 70-75 degrees Fahrenheit. You may begin to drop temperature 1-2 degrees daily to reach temperature of where birds will be placed permanently.

Egg Production and Breeding

Female coturnix quail will begin laying eggs at 6-8 weeks of age. To promote egg laying the bird must have ample day length. Follow the chart below to get to proper lighting schedule. If you want the birds to breed it is recommended to run them 5 females to 1 male.

Meat Production

Males are great for meat production or breeding. They are ready to process at 8 weeks of age.

Square Inches per Bird

Females Only: 46 sq in per bird

Breeding: 64 sq in per bird