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**Cinnamon Queen** is one of two modern day production brown egg laying strains from hybrid breeding from Cackle Hatchery® that produce fast body development, fast egg production and rich brown egg shell color. **These strains will start to lay eggs at a younger age than most standard heritage breeds and produce large/extra large brown eggs.**

**Sku 450001 \$3.85 each**



**The Rhode Island Red** is a popular breed for brown egg laying production. They are a **popular chicken choice for backyard chicken flocks because of their egg laying abilities and hardiness.** Rhode Island Red chicks are a good choice for raising baby chickens naturally and raising baby chickens for eggs.

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**White Leghorns** are good layers of white eggs, laying an average of 280 per year and sometimes reaching 300–320. This breed is very athletic, hardy, non-sitter and lay very nice large/X large white eggs. They have a good feed-to-egg conversion ratio. This chicken breed is great for free range chicken farming or organic free range chicken eggs. Leghorns rarely exhibit broodiness and are thus well suited for uninterrupted egg laying

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**Buff Orpington** chickens originated in England, and were recognized by the APA as a pure chicken breed in 1902. These "Golden Chicken Beauties" are a **large, stately chicken with a quiet disposition**. Buff Orpington chickens are one of the best chickens for eggs and for meat. They are white skinned, plump, and juicy for a great dressed out chicken. Many will put their 2 year old chickens in the stew pot and retain the 1 year old hens for laying eggs.

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**The Delaware** is a dual purpose chicken with a single comb and a layer of brown eggs. Plumage is nearly white with black feathers around the neck and tail and the bird is a rapid grower. Origin comes from a hatchery man crossing Rock-Reds and occasionally a white colored chick would be in a tray considered to be an "off color" a "sport." These white chicks grew very fast and big and, after of years of breeding the white offspring, they eventually became consistent with their color and color patterns and became a standard breed.

**Sku 450003 \$4.00 each**



**Cuckoo Marans** is a dual purpose bird and is known for its deep chocolate brown eggs though some eggs may have some speckled dark pigments in the egg shell. The brown egg color can vary in darkness as the hens go through their laying cycles. Vitamin K and calcium can have some limited help with keeping the dark brown egg shell color. **They are a fast growing bird and a very rare breed in the US.**

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**Easter Egger** chickens offer a wide variety of feather colors, patterns and feather combinations of colors with a full beard under the beak and high egg production of colorful egg shells. The color of their egg shells vary from pale blue chicken eggs to dark blue to various shades of green and a few light brownish/pink eggs.

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**The Salmon Faverolle** is a good dual purpose chicken being both a good layer and a large size bird. They have a calm and docile personality which makes them a favorite chicken for backyards. Their characteristics include beard or muff, 5 toes and feathered shanks. They are not the strongest chicks we offer and can get dehydrated quickly during shipping. So be sure to have your brooder ready and all warmed up and baby them on arrival. They lay a light brown/peachy egg shell color. Don't build roosting poles that are too high for them and always beware that they have that 5<sup>th</sup> toe that can be damaged easily if it gets caught by the wire fencing.

**Sku 450003 \$4.00 each**



**Buck Eye** is a dual purpose chicken that lays brown eggs. They are unique in that they are the only breed of chickens created entirely by a woman. Buckeye's body shape is unique: slanted, short but broad back, very meaty thighs, powerful wings and breast. **They are a very active and noted for their vigilant pursuit of mice, some compare them to cats due to this ability.** They have little fear of humans and are super friendly.

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**Silkie Bantam**, an assortment of colors of the miniature Silkie breed. You can expect these chickens to be very broody, and they make excellent pets due to their tame nature. If you have another breed that is not broody, a Silkie Bantam hen can raise other chicks. They are small birds with a fluffy appearance and plenty of feathers on their bodies, legs and feet. **Not sexed.**

**Sku 450010 \$4.50 each**



**Polish Assorted** This special can include any of the following Polish color varieties: White Crested Black Polish, Buff Laced Polish, Silver Laced Polish, Golden Laced Polish, White Polish, Splash Polish, or White Crested Blue Polish. Sold as straight run only. **Not sexed.**

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Estimated Arrival - Week of May 2<sup>nd</sup>



**Rouen Ducks** are the basic coloration of the Mallards only larger and do not fly more than 100 feet. They are a French breed that is used both for eggs and meat. A great water fowl for the ranch pond, **they make good backyard ducks and are good for insect control. The Rouen duck is calm, sociable and very entertaining as a pet.** They also make good show ducks.

**Sku 450013 \$6.00 each**



**The White Pekin Duck** has a fast growth rate making it an **excellent choice for meat. They are entertaining and very active with a good hatching ability.** White Pekin baby ducklings are one of the cutest and most popular ducks for pets.

**Sku 450013 \$6.00 each**



**The Indian Runner Duck** is a favorite breed of many people. It is a lightweight duck which matures at about 4 -4 1/2 lbs for the drake and 3 1/2 - 4 lbs for the hen duck. The noted feature is a long and sleek body with an upright carriage. They are **a very good egg laying variety** with the Fawn and White Runner being the most popular color of duck. They are native to Malaysia and this duck does not waddle, they run. **They have a strong flock instinct and startle easily.**

**Sku 450021 \$6.75 each**

*See Blue Swedish Duck on next page*

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**The Blue Swedish Duck** is among the oldest domesticated ducks and is still a favorite today. With a large size (up to eight pounds), hardiness **adapted to cold climates** and an interesting blueish-gray appearance, the Blue Swedish Duck is easy to raise, care for and keep. Its' unique plumage allows it to blend in and makes it difficult for predators to target. **This breed is also good-natured and calm, making them great family** pets and especially popular among young children.

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Pre Order Turkeys Deadline March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Turkeys are sold Straight Run only**

Estimated arrival date: week of May 6<sup>th</sup>.



**The White Broad Breasted Turkey** is the most common of commercial broad breasted strains of eating Turkeys on the market today. The White Broad Breasted Turkey is also one of the largest of the breeds and generally are not able to reproduce very well. They have a shorter lifespan than the heritage breeds as they are primarily bred for meat production. **They have an excellent feed to meat conversion ratio.**

**Sku 450007 \$7.00 each**



**The Broad Breasted Bronze Turkey** is considered by some to be the largest and heaviest of the turkey variety. The Bronze Broad Breasted turkey is an **excellent turkey to raise for family meat production and has an excellent feed to meat conversion rate.** However, generally the Broad Breasted Bronze turkey does not reproduce very well because of their large size. The Broad Breasted Bronze turkey will have a shorter natural life span than a heritage turkey because of their large size.

**Sku 450011 \$8.45 each**

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Pre Order Meat Birds Deadline March 19<sup>th</sup>. Meat Birds are sold Straight Run only.

Freedom Rangers Estimated Arrival Weeks of April 18<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>

Cornish Rocks Estimated Arrival Weeks of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>



**Freedom Rangers** are perfect for free range environments and are a great alternative to fast-growing Cornish chicks. They grow at a moderate rate reaching 5-6 lbs in 9-12 weeks. This makes for a great broiler without some of the health issues that the fast-growing chicks might encounter. They are active, robust birds, suitable for free range, foraging and pasture environments. They thrive if allowed to free range, scratch and dust bathe in sunlight.

**Sku 450005 \$2.75 each**



**The Cornish Rock** is a cross between the Commercial Cornish chicken and a White Rock chicken. They were developed for the commercial meat chicken market and have been dominating it for the past fifty years. Cornish Game hens can reach 4 1/2 lbs by 6 weeks of age and cockerels 6 lbs by 6 weeks of age. They grow so fast that their legs may give out from their weight and it is not recommended that they be kept for breeding.

**Sku 450005 \$2.75 each**