



Meat Bird Feed Schedule

This is an estimate on the amount of feed you will need to raise your broilers or free-range chickens. *Please note that the estimate is based on a mix of cockerels and pullets. Remember your pullets will eat less feed and be a smaller bird than your cockerels.

Cornish Cross

FEED CONSUMPTION CHART – MEAT BIRDS					
Age	Feed Type	One Bird	25 Birds	50 Birds	100 Birds
Week 1	Starter 20% - Per Week	4.2 oz	6.56 lbs.	13.13 lbs.	26.25 lbs.
Week 2	Starter 20% - Per Week	9.2 oz	14.38 lbs.	28.75 lbs.	57.5 lbs.
Week 3	Starter 20% - Per Week	14.0 oz	21.41 lbs.	42.81 lbs.	85.63 lbs.
Week 4	Grower 18% - Per Week	18.8 oz	29.28 lbs.	58.75 lbs.	117.50 lbs.
Week 5	Grower 18% - Per Week	26.1 oz	40.78 lbs.	81.56 lbs.	163.13 lbs.
Week 6	Grower 18% - Per Week	34.5 oz	53.91 lbs.	107.81 lbs.	215.63 lbs.
Week 7	Grower 18% - Per Week	38.5 oz	60.16 lbs.	120.31 lbs.	240.63 lbs.
Week 8	Grower 18% - Per Week	42.6 oz	66.56 lbs.	133.13 lbs.	266.25 lbs.
Week 9	Grower 18% - Per Week	46.5 oz	72.66 lbs.	145.31 lbs.	290.63 lbs.
Week 10	Grower 18% - Per Week	4.0 lbs.	75.00 lbs.	150.00 lbs.	300.00 lbs.
Week 11+	Grower 18% - Per Week	4.0 lbs.	75.00 lbs.	150.00 lbs.	300.00 lbs.

Note: Cornish Cross chickens should be harvested at 7 to 8 weeks.

There are two important things to remember about raising Broilers or Meat Birds.

- 1 Always make sure your flock has plenty of fresh, clean water. This is the cheapest food additive you can provide. Ample water must be provided because, simply put, a chicken cannot digest feed without plenty of water. Without water the birds will eat more and grow less while you invest money in feed that you don't need to provide. You are quite literally throwing money in the toilet.
- 2 After your broilers reach 9 weeks old they will begin to cost you money. They will eat more and grow less. This is true even if your birds are small. Many hope to grow larger bird but the truth is that the cost of the amount of feed that they consume is far greater than the slight amount of weight they will put on.

