



# BABY CHICK CHECKLIST

## **Day One Essentials**

*Have these items ready BEFORE your chicks arrive.*

- Brooder box (30+ gallon tote or purpose-built brooder)
  - Secure heat source (radiant heating plate/mounted heat lamp)
  - Thermometer (to monitor brooder temperature)
  - Pine shavings or hemp bedding (2–3 inches deep)
  - Chick starter feed (medicated or non-medicated)
  - Sealed feed storage container
  - Chick waterer (shallow, 1-quart style)
  - Chick feeder (low trough style)
  - Chick-sized grit (if offering treats)
  - Electrolyte + vitamin supplement (essential for shipped chicks)
  - Probiotic supplement (optional, but beneficial)
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## **What You'll Need as Chicks Grow (Plan Ahead)**

*These supplies are not urgent on day one, but should be ready before your chicks transition outdoors:*

- Coop (ordered early to avoid spring delays)
- Layer feed (for transition at 16–18 weeks)
- Oyster shell (offered free-choice once hens begin laying)
- Nest box bedding
- Dummy eggs (to encourage proper laying habits)