

Waterers

Waterer Comparison Chart

Name	Capacity	Suited for	No. of birds	Waterfowl
Abbey Cups	3/4 cup	adults	1	yes
Standard Base	n/a	chicks	10-20	no
Drown Proof Base	n/a	chicks	10-20	no
Plastic Jar	20 oz	chicks	10-20	no
Pop Bottle Bases	n/a	chicks	10-20	no
Thread Lock	1 gal	adults/chicks	12	yes
Twist Lock	1 gal	adults/chicks	12	yes
Classic	0.25 gal	chicks	10	yes
Classic	0.4 gal	chicks	15	yes
Classic	0.8 gal	chicks	30	yes
Classic	1.3 gal	adults/chicks	15-40	yes
Combination	0.8 gal	chicks/adults	10	yes
Combination	1.6 gal	adults	20	yes
Combination	3.2 gal	adults	40	yes
Heated	3 gal	adults	35	yes
Bucket Waterer	3 gal	adults	35	yes
Top Fill Fountain	4 gal	adults	50	yes
Kane, plastic	continuous	adults	over 100	yes
Kane, galvanized	flow	adults	over 100	yes
Quick Clean	3 gal	adults	35	yes
Quick Clean	5 gal	adults	60	yes
Tri-Pod	8 gal	adults	100	yes

**Water consumption is dependent on age and size of the bird as well as heat and humidity.*

Choosing a waterer...

The size is dependent on:

- The size of the birds.
- The number of birds.
- How often you can water them.

Pick a waterer that will provide enough clean water for your birds between your visits to the coop.

If you have a few birds or frequently water, you can manage with a smaller waterer. If you have many birds you need a larger one.

How much water will a bird drink in a day?

A medium size adult chicken will drink about 0.08 gal (just over a cup) on a hot day. Temperature, size, age and amount of salt in the feed will cause this figure to vary.

For chicks use a small waterer with a drown-proof or narrow lipped base.

For waterfowl a wider base is required to allow their wider beaks to fit into the tray.

If you dislike your waterer, try a different design. Some users prefer one style over another.

Waterer tips...

- **Keep the waterer level.** This enables the internal float to work properly—and prevents water running onto the floor and soiling the bedding.
- **Clean them.** Hard water or algae may build up. Rinse waterers with soapy water to reduce possible bacterial growth. Make sure there are no “suds” left after cleaning.
- Birds like to scratch near waterers—which puts filth in the trough. To reduce this, **elevate waterers** so they're as high as the base of a bird's tail.
- **Place waterers** for adult chickens **on cinder blocks** or **Chick Stands** for chicks. This seems to reduce the birds splashing water out onto the soil or bedding.
- Waterfowl tend to make mud holes near their water sources—so periodically **change the waterer's location**.
- When using a waterer outside, **do not place it in the sun.** The sun heats the water and causes increased evaporation.

Feeders

There are many feeders.
Which feeder is best for you?

A feeder should:

- Keep feed dry (if outside).
- Be easy to refill.
- Hold enough feed to keep refills to a minimum.
- Minimize feed waste.

We prefer to use feeders for adult birds that have a grill. Grills or guards prevent birds scratching feed out onto the ground with their beaks.

Keep feeders for adult birds several inches off the ground. This keeps bedding and litter from mixing in with the feed.

You can achieve the same useful separation between bedding and water/feed for chicks with a chick stand.

Feeder Comparison Chart

Name	Capacity	Suited for	No. fed	inside/outside	Grill Option
Gemini 11	.5 lb	chicks	14	inside	yes
Gemini 20	1 lb	chicks	28	inside	yes
Apollo 20	5 lb	adults/chicks	20	inside	yes
Abbey Cups	3/4 cup	adults	1	inside	no
Chick Tray	.5 lb	chicks	14-25	inside	no
Classic	2 lb	adults/chicks	15	inside	no
Classic	3 lb	adults/chicks	12-20	inside	no
Classic	7 lb	adults	28	inside	no
Classic	11 lb	adults	44	inside	no
Saturn 3	3 lb	adults/chicks	12-20	inside	yes
Ascot	6 lb	adults	24	inside/outside	yes
Grit Station	6 lb	adults	X	inside	no
Blenheim	13 lb	adults	46	inside/outside	yes
Saturn 15	15 lb	adults	60	inside	yes
Lancaster	22 lb	adults	88	inside	yes
Eco	26 lb	adults	100	inside/outside	yes
Handy	26 lb	adults	100	inside/outside	yes
Asheville	35 lb	adults	150	inside	yes
King	55 lb	adults	220	inside/outside	yes
Emperor	110 lb	adults	440	outside	no

Note: "No. fed" is determined by capacity multiplied by 4 oz (amount the average chicken eats per day).

Ascot, Lancaster, Eco, Handy and King feeders are available with or without a feed-saving grill.