Optimal feeder capacity depends on:

- Number and size of birds.
- How often the feeders are filled.

Pick a feeder that will provide enough feed for the birds between your trips to the coop.

For waterfowl use a feeder with a wide base that fits their bills.

If you have a few birds or refill often, use a smaller feeder.

As bird size and/or flock size increases, so should feeder capacity.

A bird's daily feed intake?

A medium-size chicken will eat about 4 oz of feed daily. This varies by type of feed and age/size of bird.

Feed flow

Feed flow is affected by the fineness of feed, humidity and amount of feed. Very fine feeds, moist air or compacted feed will cause the feed to flow poorly through feeders.

Feeder Comparison Chart

Name	Capacity	Suited for	No. Fed*	Inside/Outside	Grill	Hang?
Abbey Cage Cups	3/4 cup	adults	1	inside	no	no
Chick Tray	.5 lb	chicks	14 - 25	inside	no	no
Gemini 11 & 20	.5 - 1 lb	chicks	14 - 28	inside	yes	no
Classic F2 & F3	2 - 3 lb	adults/chicks	12 - 20	inside	no	no
Apollo 20	5 lb	adults/chicks	20	inside/outside	yes	no
Columbia 12 & 20	.75 - 5 lb	adults/chicks	20	inside/outside	yes	no
Ascot	6 lb	adults	24	inside/outside	yes	yes
Grit Station	6 lb	adults	24	inside	no	no
Metal Trough(s)	5 lb	adults/chicks	24	inside	yes	no
Wise	10 - 20 lb	adults	40 - 80	inside/outside	yes	no
Blenheim	13 lb	adults	52	inside/outside	yes	yes
Saturn 3 & 15	3 - 15 lb	adults/chicks	12 - 60	inside/outside	yes	no/yes
Broiler Trough	20 lb	adults	90	inside/outside	no	no
Spiral, 4 gal bucket	24 lb	adults	96	inside/outside	no	yes
Handy / Eco	26 lb	adults	100	inside/outside	yes	yes/no
Galv Cone Feeders	11 - 44 lb	adults	44 - 176	inside/outside	yes	yes
Treadle Feeders	17 - 66 lb	adults	70 - 264	inside/outside	no	no
King	55 lb	adults	220	inside/outside	yes	no
Kubic	30 - 70 lb	adults	120 - 280	inside/outside	yes	no
Emperor	110 lb	adults	440	outside	opt'l	no
*Note: "No End" is determined by consists multiplied by 4 or (amount of food the average adult chicken part per day)						

*Note: "No. Fed" is determined by capacity multiplied by 4 oz (amount of feed the average adult chicken eats per day). Crumbles, wheat, barley and cracked corn can be used in these feeders. Spiral and Emperor will not work with whole corn.