

COOP & RUN SIZE GUIDE

Know how much space your flock really needs.



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CHICKEN COOP & RUN

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A comfortable coop means healthier, cleaner, and more content chickens. Too little space can lead to stress, feather pecking, and illness, while the right amount of room lets your flock stretch, dust bathe, and rest peacefully.

Use this guide to plan the perfect coop and run size for your flock, with tips for both standard and larger breeds.

COOP SPACE GUIDELINES (INSIDE AREA)

Rule of Thumb: Give each standard-size hen at least **4 sq. ft.** inside the coop, and **2–3 sq. ft**. per bantam.

Flock Size	Standard Breeds	Bantam Breeds
3–4 hens	12–16 sq. ft. (4x4 ft)	6–12 sq. ft. (3x4 ft)
5–6 hens	20–24 sq. ft. (4x6 ft)	10–15 sq. ft.
7–8 hens	28–32 sq. ft. (4x8 ft)	14–20 sq. ft.
10–12 hens	40–48 sq. ft. (6x8 ft)	20–30 sq. ft.

Quick Tips:

- If your winters are long or your flock spends more time indoors, size up! Extra space prevents boredom and pecking.
- Chickens spend most of their indoor time roosting or sheltering from weather, so focus on comfort and airflow.

RUN SPACE GUIDELINES (OUTDOOR AREA)

Rule of Thumb: Chickens love to roam, scratch, and explore. A **minimum of 8-10 square feet per chicken** in the run is ideal, but more is always better, especially for active breeds or limited free-ranging time.

Flock Size	Run Space (Minimum)	Run Space (Ideal)
3–4 hens	30–40 sq. ft.	50–80 sq. ft.
5–6 hens	50–60 sq. ft.	80–100 sq. ft.
7–8 hens	70–80 sq. ft.	100–130 sq. ft.
10–12 hens	100–120 sq. ft.	150–200 sq. ft.

Quick Tip:

- If you can't expand your run, go vertical! Add stumps, ramps, or low roosts for exercise and enrichment.

ROOSTING SPACE

Roosts: Allow 10-12 inches per hen on the roost bar. Use 2x4 lumber with the wide side up for warm feet.



NESTING SPACE

Nesting Boxes: One box for every 3–4 hens is plenty. Boxes should be about 12x12 in. for standard breeds and 10x10 in. for bantams.



QUICK COOP PLANNING CHECKLIST

- ◯ Adequate floor space
- ◯ Dry, draft-free ventilation
- ◯ Easy-to-clean layout
- ◯ Safe roosting height (at least 12” off floor & above nesting boxes)
- ◯ Predator-proof hardware cloth (¼”)
- ◯ Space for feeders & waterers
- ◯ Access door for cleaning

QUICK TIPS

When it comes to coop space, more is always better. Chickens are happier, cleaner, and easier to care for when they aren’t cramped. If you’re ever in doubt, plan for a few extra feet, you’ll thank yourself later (and so will your flock!).