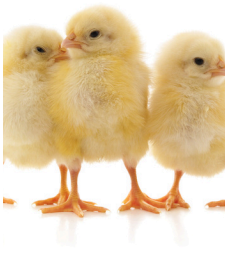
FEED TRANSITION TIMELINE

WHEN (AND HOW) TO SWITCH FROM CHICK STARTER → GROWER → LAYER FEED.



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STARTER FEED

WEEKS 0-6

- Chick Starter Crumble is 18–20% protein.
- High protein for rapid growth and feather development.
- Provides the nutrients baby chicks need for healthy bone and feather growth.
- Use non-medicated or medicated, depending on your flock's needs.

6-18 WEEKS

GROWER FEED

- Grower Feed (pellets or crumble) is 15-17% protein.
- Lower protein supports slower, healthy growth. Keep calcium low.
- Transition gradually by mixing 75% starter + 25% grower for a few days, then 50/50, then full grower feed by week 7.

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STARTER/GROWER FEED

WEEKS 0-16

- Many chicken keepers use a Starter/Grower Feed, which combines both stages into one formula. It's a great all-in-one option. Simply feed it from hatch until around 16–18 weeks, then switch to a Layer Feed once your hens begin laying.
- Chick Starter or Starter/Grower Crumble is 18-20% protein.

16-18 WEEKS AND BEYOND

LAYER FEED

- Layer feed is 16–18% protein.
- Contains added calcium to support strong eggshells.
- Start once hens are near laying age or you see the first eggs.
- Offer free-choice oyster shells on the side, as some hens need more calcium than others.

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